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# FOREWORD

You are about to venture into the pages of the most important book ever written: the Holy Bible. God says that His Word is as essential to life as food is to your body. "*Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD*" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

Produced by the Billy Graham Training Center, this edition includes notes adapted from *The Christian Worker's Handbook*—a compilation of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's experience with multiple thousands of spiritual inquirers and new believers throughout more than 50 years of ministry. The *Handbook* addresses common obstacles to understanding the Gospel message and to living out your faith. These helpful topics appear on the pages of the Scripture on which they are based.

Use these notes to explore what the Bible has to say about topics that concern you. Perhaps this is your first time reading God's Word or maybe a friend is struggling to understand matters of God and faith. Regardless of your circumstances, these topics will help guide you in your study.

May God draw you close to Him as you read His Word, and use you to draw others to Himself.

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# HOW TO USE THIS BIBLE

Using this Bible and its helps is easy to do. Its notes cover more than 100 topics related to your life and faith, and each topic will lead you through Bible verses that address it.

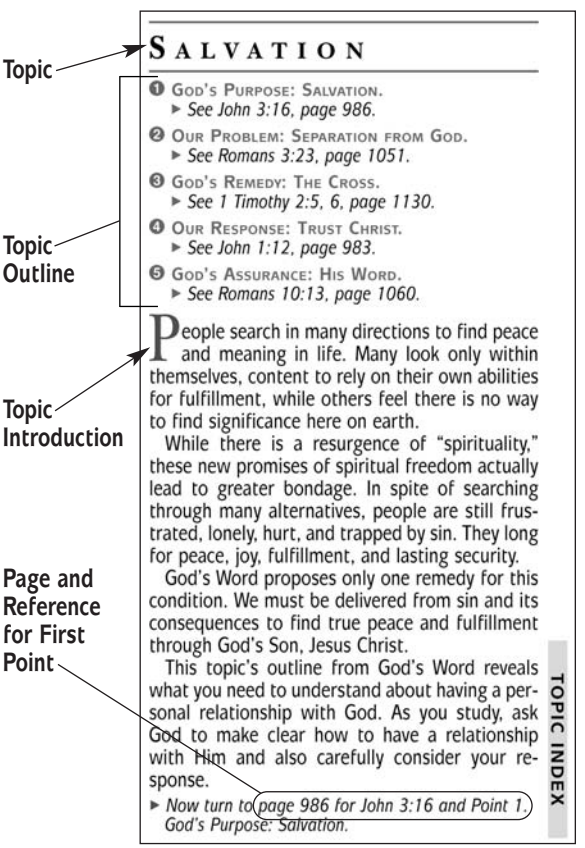
For a complete listing of the topics treated, turn to the Topic List on page xi. Topic introductions begin on page xiii and are presented in alphabetical order.

Once you have chosen a topic and read its introduction, you will see the Bible passage for the first point of your topic listed at the end. Page numbers for the outline points are provided to help you find your way, and the key verses that speak to the topical notes are underlined within the Bible text. You may want to read the verses immediately before or after the selected verses to understand the context of the passage. The page number for the next point and Bible reference in your topic is at the end of each note.

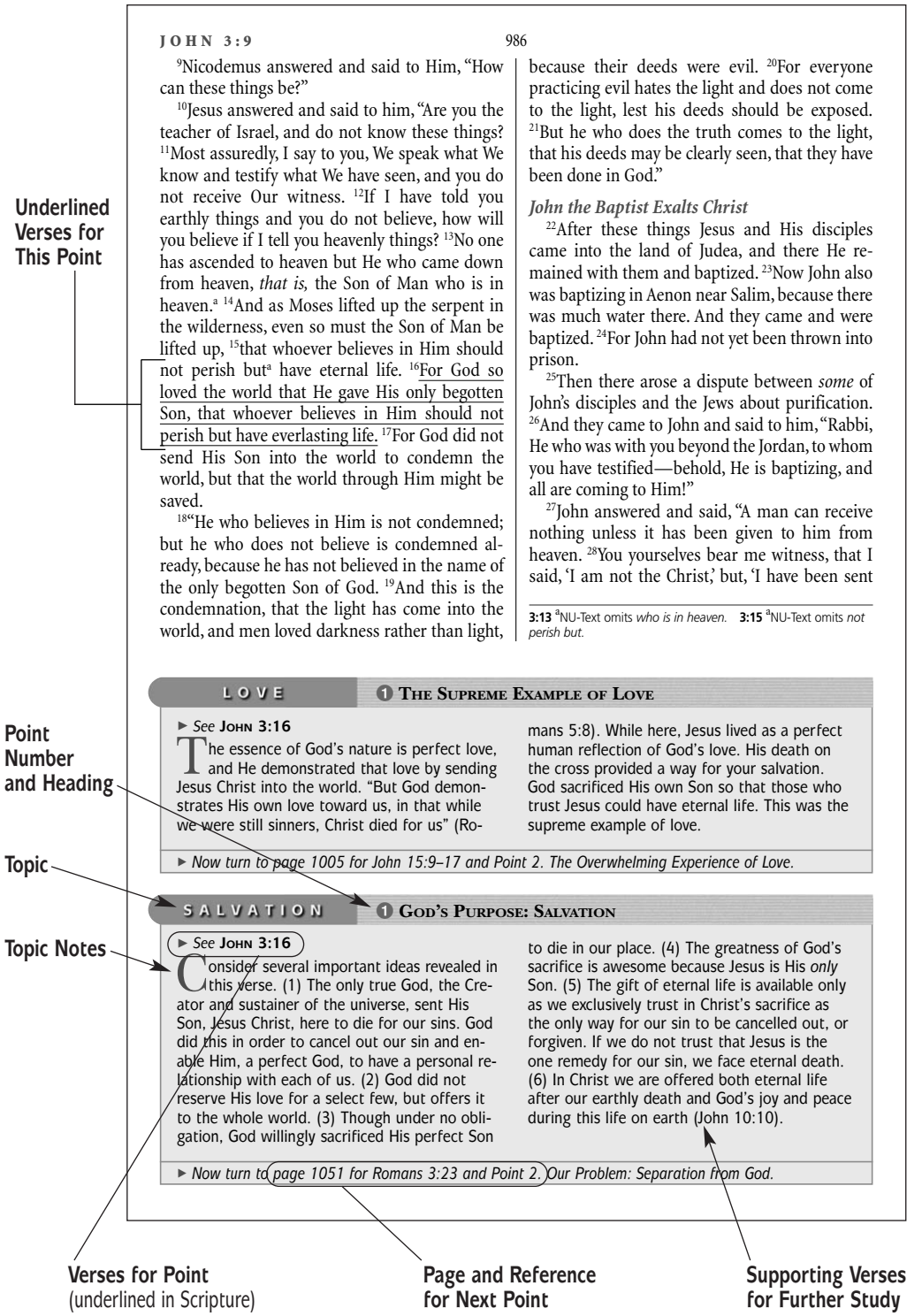
Throughout a set of notes for a topic, you'll often see other Bible references in parentheses. Looking up these supporting verses can give you a greater comprehension of your topic.

The notes in this Bible have been compiled to offer easy access to what the Bible says on many life issues and questions. Spending time with them and with the verses that address them, you will grow in your understanding of God's Word and in the hope it provides for daily living. You'll also discover in this Bible a handy resource for helping others find life answers in God's Word, as well. When a friend has a spiritual question, offer to read through a related topic with him or her in your Bible. Discuss the verses and notes as you read together. Each topic introduction ends with a "See also" section directing you to related topics.

And in the back of the Bible, beginning on page 1201, is a section of answers to frequently asked spiritual questions that may provide still further help and direction.





JOHN 3:9 986

[9]Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

[10]Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? [11]Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. [12]If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? [13]No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is,* the Son of Man who is in heaven.[a] [14]And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15]that whoever believes in Him should not perish but[a] have eternal life. [16]For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [17]For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

[18]"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19]And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [20]For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21]But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

*John the Baptist Exalts Christ*

[22]After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. [23]Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. [24]For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

[25]Then there arose a dispute between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. [26]And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

[27]John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. [28]You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent

**3:13** [a]NU-Text omits *who is in heaven.* **3:15** [a]NU-Text omits *not perish but.*

LOVE — 1 THE SUPREME EXAMPLE OF LOVE

► *See* JOHN 3:16

The essence of God's nature is perfect love, and He demonstrated that love by sending Jesus Christ into the world. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). While here, Jesus lived as a perfect human reflection of God's love. His death on the cross provided a way for your salvation. God sacrificed His own Son so that those who trust Jesus could have eternal life. This was the supreme example of love.

► *Now turn to page 1005 for John 15:9–17 and Point 2. The Overwhelming Experience of Love.*

SALVATION — 1 GOD'S PURPOSE: SALVATION

► *See* JOHN 3:16

Consider several important ideas revealed in this verse. (1) The only true God, the Creator and sustainer of the universe, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, here to die for our sins. God did this in order to cancel out our sin and enable Him, a perfect God, to have a personal relationship with each of us. (2) God did not reserve His love for a select few, but offers it to the whole world. (3) Though under no obligation, God willingly sacrificed His perfect Son to die in our place. (4) The greatness of God's sacrifice is awesome because Jesus is His *only* Son. (5) The gift of eternal life is available only as we exclusively trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way for our sin to be cancelled out, or forgiven. If we do not trust that Jesus is the one remedy for our sin, we face eternal death. (6) In Christ we are offered both eternal life after our earthly death and God's joy and peace during this life on earth (John 10:10).

► *Now turn to page 1051 for Romans 3:23 and Point 2. Our Problem: Separation from God.*

**Underlined Verses for This Point**

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# TOPIC LIST

The following subjects are included in the notes in this Bible. These notes begin on page xiii in alphabetical order by the topic listed below. This list also includes cross-references to help you identify the topic title that addresses your subject.


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## ABORTION


❶ CONSIDERING ABORTION.
▸ *See Psalm 139:13–16, page 564.*

❷ DEALING WITH A PAST ABORTION.
▸ *See Philippians 3:13, 14, page 1115.*


Many sincere Christians differ on whether or not abortion is ever justified, especially in difficult situations, such as rape or incest, or when tests reveal that the unborn child has severe abnormalities. While those on one side of the issue stress a woman's right to choose whether or not to give birth, people on the other side stress the right of the unborn child to be born.

Whether you are struggling with the guilt of a past abortion or are now considering having an abortion, we commend you for looking to God's Word for guidance.

God wants to direct your path. But He first wants to have a relationship with you. The only way to have a relationship with God is through Jesus Christ (see *Salvation*).


▸ *Now turn to page 564 for Psalm 139:13–16 and Point 1. Considering Abortion.*


**See also:** *Fear; Grief; Guilt; Heart; Lordship; Sexuality.*

## ABUNDANT LIFE


❶ GOD OFFERS ABUNDANT LIFE.
▸ *See John 10:10, page 998.*

❷ THROUGH CHRIST'S LORDSHIP.
▸ *See Philippians 2:10, 11, page 1114.*

❸ FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER.
▸ *See Psalm 36:7–9, page 500.*


Jesus tells us that He came to give us life—*abundant* life (John 10:10). The Greek word used here means superior, extraordinary, surpassing, uncommon, more excellent. As we learn to submit to God, we find an abundance of His joy and peace even in the midst of difficult circumstances (see *Suffering*). God promises that He knows our physical needs and will meet them (Matthew 6:25–33), but the richest abundance is found in our spiritual relationship with God.


▸ *Now turn to page 998 for John 10:10 and Point 1. God Offers Abundant Life.*


**See also:** *Faith; Fellowship; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Peace; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Rewards; Victory; Worship.*

## ABUSE VICTIM


❶ COURAGE TO FACE ABUSE.
▸ *See Psalm 34:4, page 498.*

❷ TAKING ACTION.
▸ *See Daniel 2:22, page 806.*


Only a small percentage of domestic abuse cases are ever brought to light—whether abused wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, or children. Physical, sexual, verbal, and emotional abuse may continue for years. Victims of abuse are in every socioeconomic level and in all educational, racial, and age groups. Christians are not immune.

If you are in an abusive situation, we are thankful you are looking to God's Word for help. The first step is to realize God's great love for you and the price He paid for you (see *Salvation*). When you have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit lives in you and gives you power and strength for your life.

If you are a victim of abuse, you may suffer low self-esteem, depression, and a variety of stress-related disorders and illnesses. You may feel trapped and vulnerable and unable to objectively assess your own situations or make decisions. You may cling to the vague hope that change is "just around the corner" with a martyrlike endurance and frustration, often assuming responsibility for your abuser's behavior.

Many abusers, especially parents, do not realize that they are being abusive. Abusers seldom change unless exposed and subjected to legal action. Often this is the only impetus that can help them face the destructive patterns of their lives.


▸ *Now turn to page 498 for Psalm 34:4 and Point 1. Courage to Face Abuse.*


**See also:** *Doubt; Faith; Fear; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Marriage and Family; Proper Perspective; Spiritual Warfare; Trusting God; Worship.*

## ABUSIVE PERSON

❶ RECOGNIZING THE SIN OF ABUSE.
▶ *See Psalm 10:2–11, page 481.*

❷ REPENTING FROM ABUSE.
▶ *See Psalm 10:12–18, page 482.*

❸ DELIVERANCE FROM BEING AN ABUSER.
▶ *See Romans 13:10–14, page 1064.*

Abusive people are found in all socio-economic levels and in all educational, racial, and age groups. Both women and men can be abusers. Abusers have a very low "boiling point" and are conditioned to vent their anger only through abusing someone either physically or verbally. They often have low self-esteem, feel like failures, and relate poorly to people. They try to control the activities of the target of their abuse. They spy on those they seek to control, believing that such behavior promotes the good of the family or the relationship. They are jealous, accusing a mate of being unsupportive or unfaithful. They often offend others without remorse and have no sense of guilt even after admitting the problem.

If you recognize your own behavior as abusive, we commend you for admitting your problem and seeking help in the Word of God. The Bible has answers to all problems, especially those regarding family relationships. If you have never committed your life to Jesus Christ and accepted His salvation, that is the first step. (See *Salvation*.) Without a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, you do not have access to the help and healing that God can give you in your situation.

▶ *Now turn to page 481 for Psalm 10:2–11 and Point 1. Recognizing the Sin of Abuse.*

**See also:** *Anger; Chemical Dependency; Enemies; Envy; Forgiving Others; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Hypocrisy; Incest; Love; Marriage and Family; Obedience; Patience; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Self-Denial; Sin; Temptation; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## ADDICTION

❶ ABOUNDING IN SELF-CONTROL.
▶ *See 2 Peter 1:5–9, page 1170.*

❷ TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND TAKING ACTION.
▶ *See Ezekiel 18:30–32, page 771.*

❸ REAL FREEDOM.
▶ *See John 8:34–36, page 995.*

Addiction is not just a physiological dependence on chemical substances. It is any habitual occupation with or involvement in a behavior or appetite that controls you. Addictions to sex, food, work, gambling, or other things can be debilitating and must be dealt with as any other addiction.

The first step to gaining control over your life is to surrender control of your life to Jesus Christ. You will then have the Holy Spirit living in you to give you strength and victory over sin. That only comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ (see *Salvation*). If you have already invited Christ into your life but feel unsure of where you stand with God today, see *Salvation Assurance*.

We commend you for turning to God's Word for help—no addiction is too big for Him to deal with. He is able to deliver you.

▶ *Now turn to page 1170 for 2 Peter 1:5–9 and Point 1. Abounding in Self-Control.*

**See also:** *Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; Adultery; Anxiety; Cults; Fear; Gambling; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Homosexuality; Honesty; Incest; Loneliness; Lordship; Peace; Pornography; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Satan; Self-Denial; Sexuality; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Suicide; Temptation; Victory; Worldliness; Worship.*

## ADULTERY

❶ HONORING MARRIAGE.
▶ *See Hebrews 13:4, page 1156.*

❷ CAUSES OF ADULTERY.
▶ *See 1 Peter 2:11, page 1164.*

❸ CONSEQUENCES OF ADULTERY.
▶ *See Proverbs 6:26–35, page 576.*

God created us as sexual beings for our good. The sexual relationship between Adam and Eve was given as a means to express their love for each other and for them to procreate. When they sinned, however, the purposes and desires for their sexuality became distorted. God's clear plan was that sexual relationships were to be only between a man and woman, married to each other. God wants us to honor our marriage commitment for life.

Adultery is thought of as a sexual relationship with someone other than your spouse; but most physical or sexual affairs begin as emotional affairs, and unfaithfulness can happen even without a physical relationship. Jesus speaks emphatically about this in Matthew 5:27, 28: "You have heard that it was said to those of old,

'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Many people enter into unfaithful relationships and sexual sin through Internet chat rooms and pornography. Unfaithfulness, however, can happen in far more subtle ways, as well. There are traps even in casual daily activities at work or in the community. When we neglect or compromise our marriage commitments, we open the door to unfaithfulness.

▸ *Now turn to page 1156 for Hebrews 13:4 and Point 1. Honoring Marriage.*

**See also:** *AIDS/HIV; Divorce; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Homosexuality; Loneliness; Love; Marriage Problems; Pornography; Repentance; Self-Denial; Temptation; Victory.*

## Adversity

**See:** *Suffering.*

## AIDS / HIV

❶ **God Is on Your Side.**
▸ *See Lamentations 3:21–26, page 752.*

❷ **Is AIDS God's Judgment on Homosexuals?**
▸ *See Romans 1:18, 27, page 1049.*

❸ **Will God Heal AIDS?**
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 4:17, page 1089.*

❹ **Trusting God in Suffering.**
▸ *See Isaiah 53:5, 6, page 673.*

❺ **Help for Family and Friends.**
▸ *See Matthew 25:43, 45, page 913.*

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in which the body's immune system breaks down, rendering it unable to fight disease. AIDS is contracted in a variety of ways, and those who come down with the virus are in perpetual danger from any number of ordinarily curable diseases.

If you suffer from AIDS or carry HIV, or are close to someone who does, you are probably going through various stages of grief (see *Grief*).

God's love and compassion for you are great. He wants to be your source of strength as you walk through the uncertain days ahead of you. In order to receive all that God has for you, you must first have a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). For more information, see *Salvation*.

▸ *Now turn to page 752 for Lamentations 3:21–26 and Point 1. God Is on Your Side.*

**See also:** *Death; Doubt; Faith; Fear; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Loneliness; Lordship; Obedience; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Self-Denial; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Suffering; Terminal Illness; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## Alcoholism

**See:** *Addiction; Chemical Dependency.*

## Angels

❶ **Angels Protect and Minister to God's People.**
▸ *See Psalm 91:11, 12, page 537.*

❷ **Angels Glorify God.**
▸ *See Revelation 5:11, 12, page 1186.*

❸ **Angels' Characteristics.**
▸ *See Isaiah 6:2, 6, page 625.*

The term *angel* means "messenger" and refers to beings that were created by God as His messengers. Angels are mentioned over 300 times in the Bible. There are "good" angels—God's messengers—and "fallen" angels. The fallen angels, or demons, serve as messengers of Satan and are actively at work in the world (see *Demons*).

*Angels* usually refers to those angels who did not rebel against God—holy or heavenly angels.

▸ *Now turn to page 537 for Psalm 91:11, 12 and Point 1. Angels Protect and Minister to God's People.*

**See also:** *Demons; Heaven; Hell; Satan; Spiritual Warfare.*

## Anger

❶ **Controlling Your Anger Pleases God.**
▸ *See James 1:19, 20, page 1158.*

❷ **Uncontrolled Anger Is Sin.**
▸ *See Proverbs 29:22, page 601.*

❸ **Hope and Power to Overcome.**
▸ *See Romans 15:13, page 1066.*

Anger is a reaction to an unpleasant situation or event. From the Bible, we see that not all anger is sin (Exodus 32:19; Mark 3:5; Mark 11:15–17; Ephesians 4:26, 27). When you lose your temper, act violently, or store up anger so that it develops into bitterness, resentment, or hostility, you have let your anger cause you to sin. In the short term, unresolved anger affects your spiritual growth and your personal relationships with others. Over the long term, it can actually cripple you emotionally and spiritually, or lead to physical illness.

▸ *Now turn to page 1158 for James 1:19, 20 and Point 1. Controlling Your Anger Pleases God.*

**See also:** *Anxiety; Bad Habits; Discipline from God; Enemies; Envy; Faith; Fear; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Hypocrisy; Judgment; Lordship; Obedience; Patience; Peace; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Self-Denial; Sin; Suffering; Temptation; The Tongue; Victory; Will of God; Worldliness.*

## Anxiety

❶ **Understanding Anxiety.**
▸ *See Luke 21:34, page 977.*

❷ **Fear of Death.**
▸ *See Psalm 23:4, page 490.*

❸ **Trusting God.**
▸ *See Isaiah 26:3, page 643.*

❹ **Encouragement in Anxiety.**
▸ *See Psalm 43:5, page 506.*

❺ **Victory Over Anxiety.**
▸ *See Matthew 6:31–34, page 888.*

Anxiety is a feeling of uneasiness or fear, usually about something that has not happened yet. People can be anxious about their future, their health, their families, or their work. Sometimes people struggle with pinpointing the exact cause of anxiety. God's Word tells us that we do not need to be anxious about anything. He offers His peace, which is beyond anything humans can comprehend, to guard our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6, 7).

▸ *Now turn to page 977 for Luke 21:34 and Point 1. Understanding Anxiety.*

**See also:** *Anger; Death; Doubt; Faith; Fear; Financial Difficulty; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Lordship; The Mind; Peace; Prayer; Salvation Assurance; Will of God.*

## Assisted Suicide

❶ **God Controls Life and Death.**
▸ *See Job 14:5, page 455.*

❷ **Trusting God in Suffering.**
▸ *See Romans 11:33, page 1062.*

One of the most difficult things in life is watching a loved one suffer. Medical advances may actually bring confusion—life can be prolonged in situations where people in the past would certainly have died. Assisted suicide, "mercy killing," and "quality of life" have become hotly debated issues. The Bible is very clear, however, about the value of human life.

▸ *Now turn to page 455 for Job 14:5 and Point 1. God Controls Life and Death.*

**See also:** *Death; Guilt; Heaven; Lordship; Proper Perspective; Suffering; Suicide; Terminal Illness; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## Assurance

**See:** *Salvation Assurance.*

## Astrology

**See:** *New Age; Occult.*

## Authority

❶ **Authority of God.**
▸ *See Exodus 15:18, page 62.*

❷ **Authority of Jesus Christ.**
▸ *See John 5:19, page 990.*

❸ **Authority of the Bible.**
▸ *See Luke 24:44–47, page 982.*

❹ **Humankind's Authority Over Nature.**
▸ *See Psalm 8:4–6, page 480.*

❺ **Authority Delegated to People.**
▸ *See Hebrews 13:17, page 1157.*

The biblical concept of authority refers to the rightful power to act, possess, or control. The Bible affirms that ultimately the only One with this rightful power is God, the Creator of all. He, in turn, has given authority to other agents under His direction for specific circumstances. Therefore, our submission to authority in all realms of life is part of our obedience to God.

▸ *Now turn to page 62 for Exodus 15:18 and Point 1. Authority of God.*

**See also:** *Bible; Discipline from God; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Lordship; Marriage and Family; Obedience; Restoration; Trinity; Will of God.*

## Bad Habits


❶ Bad Habits Are Often Sin.
▸ *See Romans 7:18–20, page 1056.*

❷ Change Is Possible.
▸ *See Philippians 4:13, page 1117.*

❸ Support and Accountability from Other Christians.
▸ *See Colossians 1:9–11, page 1118.*


Human beings are creatures of habit. Many of our practices become automatic; we are sometimes unaware that we do certain things or that we do them in a specific way. The term *bad habits* covers a wide range of negative behavior and could be defined as anything that hinders Christian growth or offends others. A few of these behaviors are envy, jealousy, hatred, gossip, lying, criticism of others, selfishness, impatience, arguing, and procrastination. Or we might engage in compulsive behaviors, such as eating, drinking, spending, or working excessively. It is important to understand that, while we may call these bad habits, they are more serious than that; they are often sin.

▸ *Now turn to page 1056 for Romans 7:18–20 and Point 1. Bad Habits Are Often Sin.*

**See also:** *Addiction; Anger; Anxiety; Envy; Fear; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Honesty; Hypocrisy; Obedience; Patience; Repentance; Self-Denial; Sexuality; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Temptation; Victory; Worldliness.*

## Baptism


❶ Jesus Is Baptized.
▸ *See Matthew 3:13, page 883.*

❷ Jesus' Instruction to Baptize.
▸ *See Matthew 28:18–20, page 919.*

❸ The Importance of Baptism.
▸ *See Acts 8:36, 37, page 1025.*


Jesus Christ gave two special commands (or ordinances) for the church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. The act of baptism involves being "washed" with water. There are different methods of baptism practiced by believers—submersion, sprinkling, and pouring. Baptism is an outward sign of a person's commitment to follow Jesus Christ. It is an important act of obedience in the life of a believer.

▸ *Now turn to page 883 for Matthew 3:13 and Point 1. Jesus Is Baptized.*

**See also:** *Church; Faith; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Persecution; Repentance; Restoration; Will of God.*

## Bereavement

**See:** *Grief.*

## The Bible


❶ The Bible Claims to Be the Word of God.
▸ *See 2 Timothy 3:16, 17, page 1137.*

❷ The Bible Is Reliable and Consistent.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 2:14, page 1070.*

❸ The Bible Is Confirmed in the Life of Christ and the Early Church.
▸ *See Matthew 4:4, page 883.*

❹ The Bible Is a Source of Encouragement and Hope.
▸ *See Acts 20:32, page 1039.*

❺ The Bible Is a Great Treasure.
▸ *See Psalm 119:162, page 557.*

❻ The Bible Is Effective for Change.
▸ *See Hebrews 4:12, page 1147.*


While many view the Bible as a book full of wisdom, it is much more than just helpful sayings and advice. The Bible claims to be the Word of God. It is a source of hope and is able to bring about change in people's lives. The Bible's remarkable unity and coherence confirm its authenticity. It reveals a single Author—the Holy Spirit—behind the diversity of its human writers. The Bible is not just a jumble of characters, places, and dates. Both the fact and the message of the Bible are closely and amazingly interconnected to reveal God's Son, Jesus Christ, and His part in human redemption and restoration. The sixty-six books of the Bible fit together as one book with one theme: Jesus Christ.

▸ *Now turn to page 1137 for 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 and Point 1. The Bible Claims to Be the Word of God.*

**See also:** *Church; Faith; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Jesus Christ; Love; Proper Perspective; Prophecy; Will of God.*

## BITTERNESS


1. CAIN'S REVENGE.
   ▶ *See Genesis 4:1–8, page 5.*
2. THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS.
   ▶ *See Hebrews 12:14, 15, page 1155.*
3. LETTING GRUDGES GO.
   ▶ *See Isaiah 38:17, page 656.*


Bitterness is a product of hatred, characterized by cynicism and ill will. Resentment is indignation and ill will over an insult or injury or other wrongdoing, whether intentional or unintentional, real or imagined. Bitterness and resentment often go together, the dual results of unresolved anger (see *Anger*).

Pent-up emotions can be emotionally and physically debilitating, impairing a person's ability to function, sleep, or relate normally to others. Some become so obsessed with an urge for revenge that they may be driven to violence, even murder.

Peace with God and others is not possible outside a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. If you are not a Christian, your attempts to resolve bitterness will probably have no lasting effect. Only by the grace of God can you know the freedom and peace that come from being forgiven and forgiving others. Without God's saving grace, bitterness will continue to grow, spreading its poison to all it touches. Your first step is to admit your sin to God, asking Him to forgive you and make you His child. Then, you will have His power and indwelling Holy Spirit to help you overcome bitterness (see *Salvation*).

▶ *Now turn to page 5 for Genesis 4:1–8 and Point 1. Cain's Revenge.*

**See also:** *Anger; Enemies; Envy; Forgiving Others; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Hypocrisy; Prosperity of the Unrighteous; Repentance; Restoration; Sin; Suffering; Temptation; The Tongue; Trusting God; Victory; Will of God.*

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY


1. THE PROBLEM OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY.
   ▶ *See Psalm 119:76, page 555.*
2. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.
   ▶ *See Galatians 6:7, 8, page 1103.*
3. RECOVERY FROM DEPENDENCY.
   ▶ *See Proverbs 28:13, page 600.*
4. A VICTORIOUS LIFE.
   ▶ *See Matthew 11:28–30, page 894.*


Habitual and excessive use of alcohol, prescription drugs, or "recreational" drugs can often result in addiction to those substances. There are many reasons someone may become dependent on chemicals, including emotional struggles or inadvertent addiction because of a physical condition. Regardless of the reason, someone addicted to drugs or alcohol can find hope and healing through a relationship with God. Successful recovery is typically not an easy process, but God offers comfort and help through even the most difficult circumstances.

If you struggle with an addiction, God wants to be your strength as you face this battle. (If you do not yet have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, see *Salvation*.)

▶ *Now turn to page 555 for Psalm 119:76 and Point 1. The Problem of Chemical Dependency.*

**See also:** *Addiction; Faith; Fear; Guilt; Heart; Honesty; Loneliness; Lordship; Peace; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Self-Denial; Sin; Temptation; Victory; Worldliness; Worship.*

## CHILD ABUSE

**See:** *Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; Bitterness; Depression; Forgiving Others; Homosexuality; Incest; Sexuality; Suffering; Suicide.*

## CHILDREN, SALVATION

**See:** *Witnessing to Children.*

## THE CHURCH


1. WHAT IS THE CHURCH?
   ▶ *See Colossians 1:18, page 1118.*
2. THE ENEMY WANTS TO HINDER THE CHURCH.
   ▶ *See Matthew 13:24–26, page 898.*
3. MISSION OF THE CHURCH.
   ▶ *See Matthew 28:18–20, page 919.*
4. SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH.
   ▶ *See 1 Corinthians 12:27–31, page 1080.*
5. DESTINY OF THE CHURCH.
   ▶ *See Ephesians 5:25–27, page 1109.*

The church is the community of redeemed people of which Jesus is the head (Colossians 1:18). When Jesus came to earth as the Messiah, He ushered in the "Christian" church. Beginning with Christ's life, death, and resurrection, His people would be called "the church." This does not refer to a building, but rather to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Christians usually attend church with a local congregation, but God's complete church includes all believers worldwide. The church is also referred to as the "body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

▸ *Now turn to page 1118 for Colossians 1:18 and Point 1. What Is the Church?*

**See also:** *Faith; False Teaching; God the Father; Heart; Heaven; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Hospitality; Hypocrisy; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Love; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Prophecy; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Satan; Second Coming; Spiritual Warfare; Tithing; Trusting God; Will of God; Witnessing; Worship.*

## Confession

**See:** *Repentance.*

## Covetousness

**See:** *Envy.*

## Cults

❶ Traits of a Cult: Extrabiblical or Special Revelation.
▸ *See Galatians 1:9, page 1098.*

❷ Traits of a Cult: Salvation by Works.
▸ *See Ephesians 2:8, 9, page 1105.*

❸ Traits of a Cult: Denial or Diminishing of Jesus Christ.
▸ *See 1 John 2:22, 23, page 1174.*

❹ If You Realize You Are in a Cult.
▸ *See Mark 13:21–23, page 939.*

❺ Leaving a Cult.
▸ *See 1 John 4:1–3, page 1175.*

A cult is a religious group that teaches doctrines or beliefs that deviate from the broad consensus of orthodox Christian doctrine down through the ages. Cults either distort truth or focus on half-truths. Their doctrinal errors are often camouflaged by the small amount of truth which they do proclaim, making their deception especially dangerous. Cults succeed in deceiving many people.

The apostle Paul warned, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine . . . they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4). Jesus Himself said, "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many" (Mark 13:6). Cults thrive on ignorance and uncertainty. Christians who do not know what they believe or why they believe it are especially vulnerable.

▸ *Now turn to page 1098 for Galatians 1:9 and Point 1. Traits of a Cult: Extrabiblical or Special Revelation.*

**See also:** *Abuse Victim; Church; Doubt; Faith; False Teaching; Forgiving Others; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Obedience; Occult; Peace; Proper Perspective; Prayer; Repentance; Satan; Self-Denial; Spiritual Warfare; Trinity; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## Death

❶ The Origin of Physical Death.
▸ *See Romans 5:12, 14, page 1054.*

❷ Preparation for Physical Death.
▸ *See Psalm 90:12, 14, page 535.*

❸ The Cause of Spiritual Death.
▸ *See Proverbs 5:21–23, page 575.*

❹ Death of the Righteous.
▸ *See John 14:1–3, page 1003.*

Until Jesus Christ returns to earth, everyone will experience physical death (see *Second Coming*). People are often concerned about death and the process of dying. God's Word contains hundreds of references to death. It is a formidable foe: "The last enemy that will be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:26); but also a conquered foe: "Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54). Jesus Christ's death and resurrection have forever changed the meaning of death.

▸ *Now turn to page 1054 for Romans 5:12, 14 and Point 1. The Origin of Physical Death.*

**See also:** *Anxiety; Doubt; Faith; Fear; God's Forgiveness; Heaven; Hell; Judgment; Peace; Proper Perspective; Rewards; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Second Coming; Sin; Suffering; Suicide; Will of God.*

## DEMONS

❶ DEMONS ARE REAL.
▸ *See 1 Timothy 4:1, page 1131.*

❷ DEMONS ARE LIMITED.
▸ *See Mark 1:32, 34, page 922.*

❸ DEMONS ARE DEFEATED.
▸ *See 1 John 3:8, page 1174.*

Some Christians are fearful of the power of Satan and his messengers, demons. But, the Bible assures us that through Christ we have power to defeat any foe. Further, the Bible tells us that Christ's death and resurrection have already provided ultimate victory over Satan (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8). Christians have nothing to fear but need to be wise in dealing with these very real enemies.

▸ *Now turn to page 1131 for 1 Timothy 4:1 and Point 1. Demons Are Real.*

**See also:** *Angels; Hell; Satan; Spiritual Warfare.*

## DEPRESSION

❶ RESULTING FROM SIN.
▸ *See Psalm 32:3–5, page 496.*

❷ RESULTING FROM DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.
▸ *See Psalm 13:1–6, page 483.*

❸ OVERCOMING DEPRESSION.
▸ *See Philippians 4:8, page 1116.*

Depression may be responsible for more pain and distress than any other affliction of humanity. Depression is an emotional condition characterized by feelings of hopelessness, inadequacy, gloom, dejection, and sadness. Depressed people have difficulty in thinking and concentrating and tend toward inactivity. They have a negative self-image, often accompanied by feelings of guilt, shame, and self-criticism.

Some depression is physiological and needs to be treated medically. Other times depression can be triggered by difficult life circumstances. Often depression is the result of unconfessed sin.

If you struggle with depression, the first step is to be certain of your relationship with God. If you have never invited Jesus Christ into your life as Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*. If you have already committed your life to Christ but are not sure of where you stand with God, see *Salvation Assurance.*

▸ *Now turn to page 496 for Psalm 32:3–5 and Point 1. Resulting from Sin.*

**See also:** *Doubt; Forgiving Others; Lordship; The Mind; Peace; Proper Perspective; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## DISCERNMENT

**See:** *Heart; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Obedience; Proper Perspective; Will of God.*

## DISCIPLINE FROM GOD

❶ THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLINE.
▸ *See Job 5:17, page 448.*

❷ GOD DISCIPLINES AS A LOVING FATHER.
▸ *See Proverbs 3:11, 12, page 573.*

God is our perfect and loving heavenly Father who only wants the absolute best for His children. He desires to see us grow spiritually mature, becoming more and more like Jesus Christ. As a good Father, God uses discipline to help us grow. God's discipline instructs us and shapes us into the image of Christ. The Bible teaches clearly that the various challenges or hardships Christians face may at times result from God's choosing to discipline us.

▸ *Now turn to page 448 for Job 5:17 and Point 1. The Purpose of Discipline.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Authority; Bible; Church; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Obedience; Proper Perspective; Restoration; Self-Denial; Suffering; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## DIVORCE

❶ THE CAUSES OF DIVORCE.
▸ *See Matthew 19:8, page 905.*

❷ ALLOWANCES FOR DIVORCE.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 7:12–15, page 1075.*

❸ THE CURE FOR DIVORCE.
▸ *See Philippians 2:3, 4, page 1113.*

God's plan is for a married couple to remain together for life. Because of sin, however, our relationships do not always follow God's perfect plan. Though divorce is more socially acceptable in today's world, God's view of divorce has not changed: " 'For the LORD God of Israel says / That He hates divorce, / For it covers one's garment with violence,' / Says the LORD of hosts. / 'Therefore take heed to your spirit, / That you do not deal treacherously' " (Malachi 2:16).

Divorce leads to feelings of alienation, rejection, bitterness, and confusion. Those who don't follow God's plan for marriage find out that di-

vorce is a shattering experience, and its wounds heal slowly.

▸ *Now turn to page 905 for Matthew 19:8 and Point 1. The Causes of Divorce.*

**See also:** *Bitterness; Depression; Faith; Judgment; Loneliness; Lordship; Love; Marriage and Family; Marriage Problems; Repentance; Sexuality; Spiritual Warfare; Trusting God; Will of God; Witnessing to Spouse.*

## Doubt

❶ **Faith Produces a Right Relationship to God.**
▸ *See Galatians 3:26, page 1100.*

❷ **Faith Triumphs Over Life's Adversities.**
▸ *See 1 Peter 1:5–9, page 1163.*

❸ **Faith Is Nurtured Through God's Word.**
▸ *See Acts 17:11, 12, page 1035.*

Doubt is not unusual, even for a Christian. You may have questions such as, "Is the Bible really true?" when you hear someone attack the authenticity of God's Word. When you feel that God has not answered your prayers, you may wonder, "Is God real? Does He really answer prayer?" When confronted with the reality of your own selfish desires, you may question, "Has God really saved me?" Doubts can throw you off balance and interfere with your life. James, a New Testament writer, mentions the "double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).

The remedy for doubt is faith. Faith is simply and profoundly defined in Hebrews 11:1 as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Every person has faith. The question is: In what do you place your faith? Is it in your own ability? Or is it in God? Faith in anything but God opens the door for doubt.

▸ *Now turn to page 1100 for Galatians 3:26 and Point 1. Faith Produces a Right Relationship to God.*

**See also:** *Faith; Fear; Obedience; Restoration; Salvation Assurance; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## Drug Abuse

**See:** *Addiction; Chemical Dependency.*

## End Times

**See:** *Judgment; Second Coming.*

## Enemies

❶ **Are You at Fault?**
▸ *See Romans 12:18, page 1063.*

❷ **Christ's Standard for Responding to Enemies.**
▸ *See Matthew 5:43–46, page 886.*

An enemy is someone who is against us, who may wish us evil, or who may even try to harm us. Sometimes we do not understand why someone is our enemy. Other times, we contribute to the antagonistic relationship, too. While our inclination may be to respond to enemies in a negative way, or even to retaliate, God's Word instructs us differently.

▸ *Now turn to page 1063 for Romans 12:18 and Point 1. Are You at Fault?*

**See also:** *Envy; Fear; Forgiving Others; Loneliness; Love; Persecution; Rededication; Salvation; Self-Denial; Sin; Suffering; The Tongue.*

## Entertainment

**See:** *Heart; Worldliness.*

## Envy

❶ **Placing Yourself in Proper Perspective to God and Others.**
▸ *See Mark 12:30, 31, page 937.*

❷ **Paul's Perspective: Being Content.**
▸ *See 1 Timothy 6:6, 7, page 1133.*

When we are discontented with our circumstances or possessions, we can envy those of others. God's Word is clear that envy is a sin and can lead to other sins, such as anger, bitterness, and resentment. Envy has also been the root cause of violence and murder (Genesis 4:3–8). At its core, envy shows that we are not satisfied with God's provisions for us. By envying, we say that we know better than God what we should have or what our lives should be like.

Envy and jealous ambition motivated Satan to rebel against God: "For you have said in your heart: / 'I will ascend into heaven, / I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; / I will also sit on the mount of the congregation / On the farthest sides of the north; / I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, / I will be like the Most High' " (Isaiah 14:13, 14). God's Word can help

us to understand envy and to guard against its effect on our lives.

▸ *Now turn to page 937 for Mark 12:30, 31 and Point 1. Placing Yourself in Proper Perspective to God and Others.*

**See also:** *Anger; Doubt; Enemies; Faith; Fear; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Hypocrisy; Peace; Proper Perspective; Sin; Temptation; Will of God; Worship.*

## Evangelism

**See:** *Witnessing* topics.

## Faith

❶ **Faith Defined.**
▸ *See Hebrews 11:1, page 1153.*

❷ **Faith Developed.**
▸ *See Matthew 13:31, 32, page 898.*

❸ **Faith Through Trials.**
▸ *See Deuteronomy 8:2–16, page 163.*

❹ **Faith Demonstrated in the Invisible.**
▸ *See Daniel 3:16–18, page 808.*

❺ **Faith Demonstrated in the Incredible.**
▸ *See 1 Samuel 17:45, 46, page 257.*

❻ **Faith Demonstrated in the Impossible.**
▸ *See Luke 1:37, page 946.*

❼ **Lack of Faith.**
▸ *See Romans 14:23, page 1065.*

Faith is the foundation of salvation and the doorway to peace with God: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1, 2).

When Jesus' disciples were filled with fear out in the middle of a storm, they frantically asked Him for help, saying, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Jesus calmed the storm and then asked His disciples, "How is it that you have no faith?" (Mark 4:35–41).

When you face storms in life, do you have faith that Christ will be there to help you? If you don't have that kind of faith, the Bible is the place to look: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

▸ *Now turn to page 1153 for Hebrews 11:1 and Point 1. Faith Defined.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Discipline from God; Doubt; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Love; Obedience; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Restoration; Rewards; Self-Denial; Sin; Suffering; Temptation; Will of God; Worldliness; Worship.*

## False Teaching

❶ **Abide in the Doctrine of Christ.**
▸ *See 2 John 9, page 1179.*

❷ **Pray for Discernment.**
▸ *See Colossians 2:8, 9, page 1119.*

The underlying motive behind all Satan's tactics is deception. He is crafty and has clever disguises. His deception began in the Garden of Eden and continues to this day. He disguises himself as an "angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). He deceives new believers, as well as theologians and pastors. His lies infiltrate religious institutions of all kinds and the Christian church, too.

▸ *Now turn to page 1179 for 2 John 9 and Point 1. Abide in the Doctrine of Christ.*

**See also:** *Bible; Cults; Jesus Christ; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Proper Perspective; Salvation Assurance; Satan; Second Coming; Trinity.*

## Family

**See:** *Marriage and Family.*

## Fear

❶ **Fear Is the Result of Separation from God.**
▸ *See Genesis 3:9, 10, page 4.*

❷ **Fear Is an Indicator of Distrust.**
▸ *See Deuteronomy 31:8, page 184.*

❸ **What Does It Mean to "Fear God"?**
▸ *See Proverbs 9:10, page 579.*

❹ **Responding to Fear.**
▸ *See Psalm 34:4, page 498.*

All of us have fears of some sort. Some of us fear the future, the unknown, or sickness. We can be afraid of other people, of failure, or of being alone. Regardless of our particular fear, all fear is a result of a lack of trust and dependence on God. When we are focused on God and His

love for us, we are not afraid, no matter what circumstances we face (1 John 4:18).

Fear is our enemy. Billy Graham once remarked, "Jesus said we are not to fear; we are not to be anxious; we are not to fret; we are not to worry. Scripture teaches that this type of fear is sin." Read Jesus' words in the Gospel of John: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (14:27).

Sometimes, a feeling of fear can be a beneficial warning of danger. When you experience that kind of fear, you need to ask God for wisdom to avoid the danger and then trust God's control over the circumstances rather than continuing to be fearful.

▸ *Now turn to page 4 for Genesis 3:9, 10 and Point 1. Fear Is the Result of Separation from God.*

**See also:** *Anxiety; Bible; Death; Doubt; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Judgment; Loneliness; Peace; Persecution; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Salvation Assurance; Satan; Spiritual Warfare; Suffering; Trusting God; Victory; Will of God.*

## Fellowship

❶ Fellowship Begins with God and Extends to Others.
▸ *See John 15:1, 4, page 1005.*

❷ Characteristics of Christian Fellowship.
▸ *See Acts 2:42, page 1017.*

❸ Unconfessed Sin Hinders Fellowship.
▸ *See James 5:16, page 1162.*

❹ Proper Choices for Fellowship.
▸ *See Luke 5:30, 31, page 952.*

Fellowship is an important ingredient for healthy spiritual growth, both for the individual believer and the church body. Fellowship is more than sharing coffee and donuts after a church service—true fellowship involves sacrifice and accountability.

▸ *Now turn to page 1005 for John 15:1, 4 and Point 1. Fellowship Begins with God and Extends to Others.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Church; Faith; Generosity; Heart; Hospitality; Love; Proper Perspective; The Tongue.*

## Financial Difficulty

❶ Causes of Financial Difficulty.
▸ *See 1 Timothy 6:10, page 1133.*

❷ The First Step Toward Financial Freedom.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 10:26, page 1078.*

❸ Biblical Principles for Handling Money.
▸ *See Luke 19:12–26, page 974.*

Everyone deals with financial issues, so understanding how to handle finances in a wise manner is important for a Christian. Whether through poor choices or economic instability, financial problems can lead to tension, family friction, and frustration. Christians are not immune to financial difficulty, and the Bible provides guidance to help you make wise financial choices.

▸ *Now turn to page 1133 for 1 Timothy 6:10 and Point 1. Causes of Financial Difficulty.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Bad Habits; Chemical Dependency; Generosity; Lordship; Marriage and Family; Obedience; Proper Perspective; Prosperity of the Unrighteous; Self-Denial; Tithing; Trusting God.*

## Forgiving Others

❶ God's Forgiveness.
▸ *See Ephesians 4:32, page 1108.*

❷ How to Forgive.
▸ *See Colossians 3:12–14, page 1121.*

Forgiveness is important to all relationships. In fact, unforgiveness can devastate a relationship. Forgiveness brings peace of mind, peace with others, and peace with God, while unforgiveness leads to bitterness, resentment, disharmony, guilt, and strife. Forgiveness leads to growth and blessing. To understand how to forgive others, you first must understand how God forgives you.

▸ *Now turn to page 1108 for Ephesians 4:32 and Point 1. God's Forgiveness.*

**See also:** *Anger; Enemies; Envy; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Honesty; Hypocrisy; Lordship; Love; Marriage and Family; Obedience; Persecution; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Restoration; Self-Denial; Sin; Suffering; Will of God.*

## Gambling

❶ Biblical Ways to Profit.
▸ *See 2 Thessalonians 3:10, page 1128.*

❷ Generosity Is Rewarded.
▸ *See Luke 6:38, page 954.*

❸ Breaking Free from the Love of Money.
▸ *See Ecclesiastes 5:10, page 607.*

People gamble in many different ways. Some forms of gambling seem quite innocent, and sometimes a percentage of the profits is used for a good cause. God's Word, however, indicates that gambling in any form is contrary to His will.

First, gambling or betting puts faith in chance or luck rather than in the care and provision of God. Second, one who gambles seeks to profit from another's loss, which borders on stealing. Third, gambling promotes a greedy spirit that erodes the moral fiber of society. It emphasizes getting rather than giving, selfish interest rather than self-sacrifice.

The experience of the habitual gambler is similar to that of the alcoholic. He or she experiences the delusion of being master of his or her own life, when in truth life is out of control. The gambler denies having a problem even while family ties disintegrate. He or she may end up with enormous debts and steal to cover the gambling losses. The gambler may promise to quit but rarely follows through unless disaster brings an unavoidable confrontation with reality. (See *Addiction*.)

▸ *Now turn to page 1128 for 2 Thessalonians 3:10 and Point 1. Biblical Ways to Profit.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Addiction; Bad Habits; Financial Difficulty; God's Forgiveness; Lordship; Marriage Problems; Prosperity of the Unrighteous; Rewards; Self-Denial; Tithing; Trusting God.*

## Generosity

❶ Jesus Is Our Example.
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 8:9, page 1093.*

❷ The Blessings of Generosity.
▸ *See Proverbs 11:24, 25, page 582.*

❸ A Call to Action.
▸ *See 1 Thessalonians 2:7, 8, page 1123.*

The term *generosity* often evokes images of giving money, but it's more about attitude than a specific kind of gift. For example, you can be generous with your finances; but you can also be generous with your time, your talents, and your home. We can even be generous with less tangible gifts like kind words or comforting hugs. Generosity, the willingness and act of giving or sharing, is an attitude that can shape how we live our lives. The Bible tells us that, as believers, we are to have the mind of Christ—who was generous to the point of giving everything (1 Corinthians 2:16).

▸ *Now turn to page 1093 for 2 Corinthians 8:9 and Point 1. Jesus Is Our Example.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Church; Faith; Fellowship; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Hospitality; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Rewards; Self-Denial; Tithing; Will of God; Worldliness; Worship.*

## God's Forgiveness

❶ All Believers Need God's Forgiveness.
▸ *See 1 John 2:1, page 1173.*

❷ Confession and Repentance.
▸ *See Proverbs 28:13, page 600.*

❸ God's Forgiveness Is Complete and Final.
▸ *See Psalm 103:12, page 543.*

Forgiveness is one of the most beautiful, powerful words in our vocabulary. It is an incredible gift from God. When God forgives you, there is an immediate and complete change in the nature of your relationship with Him. Rather than hostility, there is love and acceptance. Instead of enmity, there is friendship (2 Corinthians 5:19). God's forgiveness wipes away your sin and guilt. "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; / Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). When God forgives, He drops all charges against you. He will not enforce the judgment due to you because of your sins. "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more" (John 8:11).

Those who understand the depths of their own sin—and then receive God's merciful forgiveness—know what an amazing gift His forgiveness really is. In Psalm 51:2, King David expresses his need for forgiveness from sin: "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, / And cleanse me from my sin." He also tells of the joy of being forgiven: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, / Whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1).

God's forgiveness is necessary to enter into a personal relationship with Him. God provided a way for this through Jesus Christ's death on the cross (see *Salvation*). To maintain a close relationship with God, you need to ask daily for forgiveness of your sins (see *Repentance*).

▸ *Now turn to page 1173 for 1 John 2:1 and Point 1. All Believers Need God's Forgiveness.*

**See also:** *Faith; Forgiving Others; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Obedience; Rededication; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Victory.*

## God the Father


❶ The Creator.
▸ *See Isaiah 64:8, page 684.*

❷ Knows His Creation.
▸ *See Luke 12:6, 7, page 964.*

❸ All-Powerful and Sovereign.
▸ *See Job 41:11, page 475.*

❹ Author of Redemption and Love.
▸ *See Galatians 1:3, 4, page 1098.*


God is the infinite, holy, all-knowing (omniscient), all-powerful (omnipotent) Creator of the universe and everything it contains. He is present everywhere simultaneously (omnipresent). The Bible teaches that there is one God revealed in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (see *Trinity*).

God is good and perfect and everything that is good comes from Him. We can rely on Him because He never changes. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

▸ *Now turn to page 684 for Isaiah 64:8 and Point 1. The Creator.*

**See also:** *Discipline from God; Faith; Heaven; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Obedience; Prayer; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Will of God; Worship.*

## Gossip

**See:** *The Tongue.*

## Grief


❶ Grieving Is a Healthy Process.
▸ *See Revelation 21:4, page 1198.*

❷ For the Christian, Death Is Not the End of Life.
▸ *See John 11:25, 26, page 999.*

❸ Comfort in Grief.
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4, page 1086.*


Grief is an intense emotional process caused by personal loss. It involves acute sorrow, deep sadness, suffering, pain, and anguish. You can grieve the death of a loved one, or you can grieve losses brought about by changes or disappointments in your life.

Grief is a difficult, lonely experience. Grief is not predictable—not everyone experiences it in the same way. Also, many times, especially after an overwhelming loss, a person may feel he or she has recovered to some extent only to be visited again by intense grief. There is no time frame for ending a grieving process. In fact, in some cases, aspects of grief will always be present, but in a less intense form.

▸ *Now turn to page 1198 for Revelation 21:4 and Point 1. Grieving Is a Healthy Process.*

**See also:** *Death; Divorce; Faith; Fear; Guilt; Heart; Loneliness; Lordship; Suffering; Will of God.*

## Guidance

**See:** *Will of God.*

## Guilt


❶ The Problem of Sin and Guilt.
▸ *See Romans 7:18, 19, page 1056.*

❷ Human Attempts to Deal with Guilt.
▸ *See Genesis 42:21, page 39.*

❸ God's Remedy for Guilt.
▸ *See Romans 8:1, page 1057.*


The term *guilt* refers to one of two things: true guilt or feeling guilty. True guilt—being guilty of sin—comes as a result of breaking God's law. God offers forgiveness from sin and freedom from guilt through Jesus Christ. When a person is unwilling to submit to God's plan for forgiveness, he or she will suffer the eternal consequences of being guilty.

Guilty feelings may be your response to true guilt when your conscience tells you that you have not obeyed God. Other times, you may feel guilty because you think you have not measured up to your own expectations or the expectations of others. Even Christians who believe God has forgiven them may suffer from this "false guilt."

▸ *Now turn to page 1056 for Romans 7:18, 19 and Point 1. The Problem of Sin and Guilt.*

**See also:** *Bad Habits; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Sin; Temptation.*

## Healing


❶ Illness Can Bring Glory to God.
▸ *See John 9:1–3, page 996.*

❷ Pray for Healing.
▸ *See James 5:14–16, page 1162.*

❸ GOD'S PREROGATIVE.
▸ *See Isaiah 55:8, 9, page 674.*

The biblical concept of healing means far more than relief from a set of physical symptoms. It means wholeness of body and spirit. God offers this wholeness in at least three ways: He heals through the new birth (salvation); He heals through confession; and He heals through physical miracles.

When you are a "new creation" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), the Bible says that all things "become new." If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, He offers you this new life (see *Salvation*). Many testify that when they made things right spiritually and began to live in proper perspective and relationship with God, their illnesses were taken away.

A second healing is through confession. Many Christians live miserable, weakened, and often sickly lives because of disobedience and unconfessed sin. Such people can become completely well if they will deal with their sin. The psalmist spoke of God as the One "Who forgives all your iniquities, / Who heals all your diseases, / Who redeems your life from destruction, / Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Psalm 103:3, 4). (See *Repentance; Restoration.*)

The third kind of healing is God miraculously healing people of diseases. There are many examples in the Bible, and present-day evidence, as well, of God healing physically.

▸ *Now turn to page 996 for John 9:1–3 and Point 1. Illness Can Bring Glory to God.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Anger; Anxiety; Bitterness; Death; Faith; Fear; Heart; Judgment; Lordship; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Sin; Suffering; Terminal Illness; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## THE HEART

❶ GOD SEES BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES.
▸ *See 1 Chronicles 28:9, page 377.*
❷ GOD REVEALS THE HEART'S TRUE CONDITION.
▸ *See Mark 7:21, 22, page 930.*
❸ GOD'S PLAN FOR A SINFUL HEART.
▸ *See Psalm 24:3, 4, page 491.*
❹ KEEPING THE HEART PURE.
▸ *See Proverbs 3:5, 6, page 573.*

When the Bible speaks about the heart, it refers to more than a source of strength and physical life. Metaphorically, the heart refers to a person's inner spiritual life. It encompasses your understanding, feelings, and will. It signifies the core of your personality. Therefore, God's people are instructed, in Deuteronomy 6:5, to "love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Jesus affirms this as the greatest commandment in all of the Law (Matthew 22:35–38).

▸ *Now turn to page 377 for 1 Chronicles 28:9 and Point 1. God Sees Beyond Outward Appearances.*

**See also:** *Faith; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Honesty; Lordship; Love; Obedience; Patience; Peace; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Rewards; Self-Denial; Suffering; Worship.*

## HEAVEN

❶ HEAVEN IS A PLACE.
▸ *See Psalm 33:13–15, page 497.*
❷ HEAVEN HAS BEEN PREPARED BY GOD.
▸ *See Hebrews 11:10, page 1154.*
❸ HEAVEN'S INHABITANTS.
▸ *See Luke 15:10, page 968.*
❹ HEAVEN'S ACTIVITIES.
▸ *See Revelation 7:9–12, page 1188.*
❺ GOD'S ASSURANCES.
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 5:6–8, page 1089.*
❻ HEAVEN'S ACCESS.
▸ *See Philippians 3:20, page 1116.*

Heaven is an actual place prepared by God. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the angels, and people who have been redeemed through the blood of Christ will spend eternity in heaven. Heaven's reality is a great hope to us on earth—the assurance that this world is not our final home and that there is a better world to come.

▸ *Now turn to page 497 for Psalm 33:13–15 and Point 1. Heaven Is a Place.*

**See also:** *Angels; Church; Faith; God the Father; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Hell; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Lordship; Love; Praise and Thanksgiving; Prayer; Rewards; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Second Coming; Sin; Trinity; Witnessing to Children; Worship.*

## HELL

❶ HELL IS A PLACE.
▸ *See Matthew 25:46, page 914.*

❷ Hell's Inhabitants.
▸ *See Revelation 20:10, 15, page 1197.*

❸ Hell's Environment.
▸ *See Matthew 8:12, page 890.*

❹ Everlasting Hell.
▸ *See Luke 16:24–26, page 970.*

❺ Hell Can Be Avoided.
▸ *See 2 Peter 3:9, page 1171.*

Hell is a terrifyingly real destination for those who do not accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Many people are unaware of hell's true nature and purpose—it is not Satan's kingdom where he will reign over demons and all who are bad. Nor does the Bible say that hell is some sort of fellowship of sinners where life will continue as it was on earth. Through His Word, God tells us what hell is like and how to avoid being there for eternity.

▸ *Now turn to page 914 for Matthew 25:46 and Point 1. Hell Is a Place.*

**See also:** *Death; Demons; Enemies; Fear; God the Father; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Heaven; Hypocrisy; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Rewards; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Satan; Second Coming; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Trusting God; Witnessing to Children.*

## Holiness

**See:** *Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling.*

## Holy Spirit, Fruit

❶ What Is the Fruit of the Holy Spirit?
▸ *See Galatians 5:22, 23, page 1102.*

❷ Surrendering to the Holy Spirit.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 2:9–16, page 1070.*

❸ Producing Fruit.
▸ *See Titus 3:4–7, page 1140.*

The Bible speaks of believers being "filled" with the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit means that a Christian demonstrates the *fruit* of the Spirit in his or her life (Matthew 7:16).

▸ *Now turn to page 1102 for Galatians 5:22, 23 and Point 1. What Is the Fruit of the Holy Spirit?*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Love; Patience; Peace.*

## Holy Spirit, Gifts

❶ The Origin of the Gifts.
▸ *See Ephesians 4:11–16, page 1107.*

❷ What Are the Gifts?
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28, page 1079.*

❸ The Purpose of the Gifts.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 14:12, page 1082.*

❹ The Application of the Gifts.
▸ *See Ephesians 4:22–32, page 1107.*

When you accept God's offer of salvation and enter into a personal relationship with Him, the Holy Spirit comes to live within you. Your body becomes His temple (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). The Holy Spirit becomes the guarantee of your future inheritance in heaven (Ephesians 1:13, 14).

The Bible also teaches that the Holy Spirit gives Christians special abilities (1 Corinthians 12:11). These gifts are helpful for presenting the gospel and for encouraging other believers.

If you are a committed Christian, you will want all that God has in store for your life. First Corinthians 12:31 tells us to "earnestly desire" the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You need to humbly accept whatever gifts God gives you, trusting the sovereign Holy Spirit. Having a particular spiritual gift does not make any one believer or group of believers any more holy or spiritually mature than others. The Bible emphasizes that each believer is an important part of the "body of Christ"—the church—and God wants us to be unified: "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (verse 26).

▸ *Now turn to page 1107 for Ephesians 4:11–16 and Point 1. The Origin of the Gifts.*

**See also:** *Church; Fellowship; Healing; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Prophecy.*

## Holy Spirit, Indwelling

❶ The Holy Spirit Is a Person.
▸ *See 1 John 5:7, page 1177.*

❷ The Work of the Holy Spirit.
▸ *See John 16:7–11, page 1006.*

❸ The Indwelling Holy Spirit.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 3:16, page 1071.*

❹ Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
▸ *See Acts 13:52, page 1031.*

The Holy Spirit is God. He is first mentioned in Genesis 1:2: "The earth was without

form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." He is the Third Person of the Trinity—one God manifested in three distinct persons (see *Trinity*).

Shortly before His crucifixion, Jesus told the disciples about the Holy Spirit: "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:16, 17). A comprehensive knowledge of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit is essential to Christian maturity.

▸ *Now turn to page 1177 for 1 John 5:7 and Point 1. The Holy Spirit Is a Person.*

**See also:** *Authority; Church; Faith; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Heaven; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Obedience; Peace; Prayer; Repentance; Restoration; Trinity.*

## HOMOSEXUALITY

❶ HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT GOD'S DESIGN.
▸ *See 1 Timothy 1:9–11, page 1129.*

❷ THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO DELIVER.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, page 1073.*

❸ TEMPTATION CAN BE OVERCOME.
▸ *See Hebrews 2:18, page 1145.*

❹ A RENEWED MIND.
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5, page 1094.*

Homosexuality is greatly misunderstood. Not all homosexuals are effeminate men or masculine women, although there are some who do manifest such characteristics. AIDS, HIV, same-sex marriages, adoption by homosexuals—all of these add to the complexity of a discussion on homosexuality.

In spite of increasing gay rights and a more open defense of homosexuality in our culture, millions of homosexuals still live double lives due to societal pressure and intolerance. Fear of discovery can become an obsession, and a heavy load of guilt may be carried by those who realize the moral implications of the practice.

The Bible is clear that homosexual behavior is sin; it is also clear that those who struggle with homosexual behavior can find forgiveness, healing, and restoration through a relationship with Jesus Christ. If you have homosexual feelings, we commend you for coming to God's Word for insight into your issues. It is important to clarify that tendencies and temptation are not sin. Sin occurs when you yield to temptation and do that which God has commanded not to do. You cannot stop Satan from tempting you; but, with God's help, you can keep from giving in and living in sin. This is true for homosexuality and for all sin.

The Bible has a great message of hope for homosexuals. Many people who have struggled with homosexuality have been transformed through the power of the gospel. God does not promise that you will never be tempted again in the areas of transformation in your life. He does promise that whenever you are tempted, He will provide a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13).

▸ *Now turn to page 1129 for 1 Timothy 1:9–11 and Point 1. Homosexuality Is Not God's Design.*

**See also:** *Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; Adultery; AIDS/HIV; Chemical Dependency; Divorce; Faith; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Loneliness; Love; Marriage and Family; Marriage Problems; Pornography; Remarriage; Self-Denial; Sin; Temptation; Victory.*

## HONESTY

❶ THE BIBLICAL STANDARD OF HONESTY.
▸ *See Exodus 34:6, page 80.*

❷ HOW TO KNOW THE TRUTH.
▸ *See John 16:13, page 1007.*

❸ HONESTY IN YOUR LIFESTYLE.
▸ *See Proverbs 11:3, page 581.*

❹ HONESTY IN TRANSACTIONS.
▸ *See Deuteronomy 25:13–16, page 177.*

❺ HONESTY IN SPEECH.
▸ *See Proverbs 8:6–8, page 578.*

Honesty is a way of life, a standard that demands we are truthful and not deceptive in anything we say or do. God established the standard of honesty, communicates it through the Bible, and gives the consequences of dishonesty. Honesty is not subject to the changing culture and the times—Christians are to follow God's mandate to live honest lives.

▸ *Now turn to page 80 for Exodus 34:6 and Point 1. The Biblical Standard of Honesty.*

**See also:** *Bad Habits; False Teaching; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Hypocrisy; The Mind; The Tongue.*

## HOSPITALITY


❶ THE PRACTICE OF HOSPITALITY.
▶ *See 1 Peter 4:8, 9, page 1167.*

❷ HOSPITALITY IS PART OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.
▶ *See 3 John 5–8, page 1180.*

❸ HOSPITALITY TOWARD STRANGERS.
▶ *See Luke 14:12–14, page 967.*

❹ HOSPITALITY CHARACTERIZES CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP.
▶ *See 1 Timothy 3:2, page 1131.*


The word *hospitality* often evokes images of entertaining company for a special event. We may envision fancy decorations, a spotless house, and elegant food. True hospitality, however, is not focused on the external environment. Biblical hospitality means to entertain guests in a caring and generous way—often people in need. Many Christians do not think of hospitality as having spiritual significance, but in God's economy, hospitality is much more than just entertaining.

Hospitality is a necessary gift. It has a vital place in the family of God and in the world around us.

▶ *Now turn to page 1167 and 1 Peter 4:8, 9 for Point 1. The Practice of Hospitality.*

**See also:** *Church; Fellowship; Generosity; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Lordship; Obedience.*

## HYPOCRISY


❶ PRETENDING TO BE WHAT YOU ARE NOT.
▶ *See Matthew 6:2, 5, 16, page 886.*

❷ A WARNING AGAINST JUDGING OTHERS.
▶ *See Matthew 7:5, page 888.*


A hypocrite is someone who feigns virtue, or pretends to be good or religious; someone who deliberately and habitually professes to be good, knowing he or she is not. A hypocrite is like an actor, a person playing a part.

In the first three books of the New Testament—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—Jesus calls the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites. This group of religious leaders was more concerned with outward appearances than with inward integrity. In the New Testament letters, or Epistles, that Paul wrote, he often uses the word *hypocrite* to describe those who teach false doctrines that lead others astray. "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2).

But what about those who are genuinely trying to live a Christian life? If a Christian fails, is he or she a hypocrite?

▶ *Now turn to page 886 for Matthew 6:2, 5, 16 and Point 1. Pretending to Be What You Are Not.*

**See also:** *Bad Habits; Bitterness; Enemies; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Wayward Christians; Worldliness.*

## INCEST


❶ THE BIBLE FORBIDS INCESTUOUS RELATIONSHIPS.
▶ *See Leviticus 18:6, page 104.*

❷ INCEST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.
▶ *See 2 Samuel 13:11–14, page 281.*

❸ INCEST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.
▶ *See 1 Corinthians 5:1, page 1072.*

❹ HELP FOR AN ABUSED PERSON.
▶ *See Matthew 11:28, 29, page 895.*


God offers hope and healing from the terrible damage caused by incest, both for the survivor of such abuse and for the perpetrator who wants help out of his or her patterns of destructive behavior and sin.

Victims of incest can be male or female, and abusers can be fathers, mothers, siblings, or anyone so closely related that they would be forbidden by law to marry. Often the victim will be intimidated by family members not to press charges or testify against the offender because of the shame if the "family secret" becomes known. Because it takes place within the family and often young people do not feel safe from family repercussions, incest is one of the least reported crimes.

Incest is a very destructive form of abuse, causing not only bodily injury to the child, but also devastating emotional, psychological, and spiritual scars. Sexually abused children may experience low self-esteem, depression, self-destructive thoughts, shame, confusion, and helplessness. Many run away from home and may become involved in drugs, alcohol, or further destructive sexual behavior, such as prostitution or homosexuality. Abused children often struggle in school, have difficulty as adults with relationships, and may even attempt suicide. Eventually, both the abuser and the survivor will need counseling for this issue. (For more infor-

mation addressing the issues of the abuser, see *Abusive Person*).

▸ *Now turn to page 104 for Leviticus 18:6 and Point 1. The Bible Forbids Incestuous Relationships.*

**See also:** *Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; AIDS/HIV; Anger; Bitterness; Depression; Enemies; Fear; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Homosexuality; Sexuality; Suicide; Trusting God.*

## JEALOUSY

**See:** *Envy.*

## JESUS CHRIST

❶ JESUS CHRIST IS GOD.
▸ *See John 1:2, 3, page 983.*

❷ JESUS CHRIST BECAME A MAN.
▸ *See Luke 2:10–12, page 948.*

❸ JESUS CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED THE WORK OF HIS FATHER.
▸ *See John 5:17–21, page 989.*

❹ RESULTS OF JESUS' REDEMPTIVE WORK.
▸ *See Ephesians 1:19–23, page 1105.*

❺ CONSUMMATION OF JESUS' WORK.
▸ *See Acts 1:11, page 1014.*

Jesus has been called the greatest religious leader who ever lived, the most influential person ever—no one can compare to Him.

But describing Jesus Christ merely on the basis of His exemplary life and superior moral teaching gives an incomplete picture. Understanding Jesus Christ is based on who He claimed to be and what He accomplished during His brief mission on earth.

The Person and work of Jesus Christ is the predominant theme of the Bible. He is God. He became a human being, died by crucifixion, and was buried. He rose again from the dead. He is the only and the all-sufficient Savior of the world. One day He will return to this earth. To remove these facts from the Scriptures is to rob them of all coherent meaning and continuity.

▸ *Now turn to page 983 for John 1:2, 3 and Point 1. Jesus Christ Is God.*

**See also:** *Authority; Baptism; Church; Faith; Fellowship; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Heaven; Hell; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Judgment; Lordship; Love; Prophecy; Rededication; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Second Coming; Sin; Suffering; Trinity; Victory; Will of God; Witnessing to Children; Worship.*

## JUDGMENT

❶ BELIEVERS ARE NOT JUDGED FOR SIN.
▸ *See 1 Peter 2:21–24, page 1165.*

❷ BELIEVERS ARE JUDGED FOR THEIR WORKS.
▸ *See Romans 14:10, page 1065*

❸ JUDGMENT FOR THE NONBELIEVER.
▸ *See Revelation 20:11–15, page 1198.*

God is the supreme Creator and Sustainer of all things, the eternal and sovereign God. Because of our finite ability to comprehend, we often misunderstand His attributes. The righteous and just nature of God is the basis for His judgments, and someday all people will be judged by God. The judgments differ as to subjects, times, places, and results.

▸ *Now turn to page 1165 for 1 Peter 2:21–24 and Point 1. Believers Are Not Judged for Sin.*

**See also:** *Faith; God the Father; Heaven; Hell; Hypocrisy; Jesus Christ; Obedience; Rewards; Satan; Sin.*

## LONELINESS

❶ ALIENATION FROM GOD.
▸ *See Isaiah 59:2, page 678.*

❷ CREATED FOR COMPANIONSHIP.
▸ *See Genesis 2:18, page 3.*

❸ THE ORIGIN OF LONELINESS.
▸ *See Genesis 3:7, 8, page 3.*

❹ EFFECTS OF LONELINESS.
▸ *See Ecclesiastes 4:8–12, page 606.*

❺ GOD'S ANSWER FOR LONELINESS.
▸ *See Psalm 40:1–5, page 504.*

Almost everyone has experienced the pain of loneliness at some point. Loneliness does not always have to do with the size of our families or the number of people we interact with every day. Even successful people with many friends can feel an unexplained loneliness and emptiness in their lives. But God offers hope for lonely people: "A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, / Is God in His holy habitation. / God sets the solitary in families" (Psalm 68:5, 6).

God is not only our Father—He is our Creator. His plan is for us to be in relationship with Him and with other people.

▸ *Now turn to page 678 for Isaiah 59:2 and Point 1. Alienation from God.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Church; Fellowship; Forgiving Others; Grief; Hospitality; Suffering; Suicide; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## LORDSHIP


❶ LORDSHIP DEFINED.
▶ *See Romans 10:9, page 1060.*

❷ FULLNESS OF LIFE.
▶ *See Psalm 16:11, page 485.*

❸ TRUSTING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE.
▶ *See Isaiah 55:8, 9, page 675.*

❹ THE FRUITS OF LORDSHIP.
▶ *See Luke 6:46–49, page 955.*

❺ FOLLOWING OUR LORD'S EXAMPLE.
▶ *See John 13:12–17, page 1002.*


A lord is someone with authority as a master or an owner. When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, He becomes the Master of your life. The Bible uses the word *redeem* in reference to what Jesus' death did for you. *Redeem* means "to buy." As your Redeemer, Jesus purchased your life through His death. Since an owner has authority over what he or she owns, Jesus has authority over a Christian's life.

▶ *Now turn to page 1060 for Romans 10:9 and Point 1. Lordship Defined.*

**See also:** *Discipline from God; Faith; Jesus Christ; Will of God.*

## LOVE


❶ THE SUPREME EXAMPLE OF LOVE.
▶ *See John 3:16, page 986.*

❷ THE OVERWHELMING EXPERIENCE OF LOVE.
▶ *See John 15:9–17, page 1005.*

❸ THE CHALLENGING ESSENTIALS OF LOVE.
▶ *See 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, page 1081.*

❹ THE REQUIRED EVIDENCE OF LOVE.
▶ *See 1 John 3:16–18, page 1175.*


When Jesus Christ came to earth, he brought a new understanding of the word *love*. The New Testament writers chose a little-used Greek word for love, *agape,* to express what God wanted to reveal about Himself in Christ and how He wanted Christians to relate to each other (1 John 3:16). *Agape* is a selfless, unconditional, often self-sacrificing love.

This new love was given its fullest expression at the Cross. Those redeemed by Christ's death would be able to reach out to God and to each other in a dimension never before understood or experienced. *Agape* would now be the "more excellent way" of living (1 Corinthians 12:31).

This new kind of love quickly became the identifying characteristic of the early church. Jesus had said: "A new commandment I give to you . . . as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34, 35).

But as the years passed, much of the true force of *agape* faded. The church of today is in the position of having to rediscover its meaning. *Agape* is not mere sentiment; love that is dormant is powerless. True *agape* love actively loves God, even as He loves us; it is unconstrained, loving brothers, sisters, neighbors, and the world for which Christ died (1 John 4:10–12; 2 Corinthians 5:14).

▶ *Now turn to page 986 for John 3:16 and Point 1. The Supreme Example of Love.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life, Church; Enemies; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Marriage and Family; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Witnessing to Children; Witnessing to Spouse; Worship.*

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY


❶ MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY ARE ESTABLISHED BY GOD.
▶ *See Genesis 2:24, page 3.*

❷ THE ROLES OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES.
▶ *See Ephesians 5:22–25, page 1109.*

❸ THE ROLES OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN.
▶ *See Proverbs 22:6, page 593.*

❹ GOD PROVIDES THE RESOURCES FAMILIES NEED.
▶ *See Psalm 86:5, page 532.*

❺ THE WORD OF GOD PROVIDES GUIDANCE.
▶ *See Joshua 1:8, page 190.*

❻ FELLOWSHIP OFFERS SUPPORT.
▶ *See Hebrews 10:24, 25, page 1152.*

❼ GREAT REWARDS FOR A GOD-ORDERED FAMILY.
▶ *See Proverbs 15:16, 17, page 586.*


Marriage and family are perfectly designed gifts from God. But, because of sin and its effect on the world, we are both unable and unwilling to follow God's perfect plan. The Bible offers many truths concerning the responsibilities and rewards for Christians to understand their role in marriage and the family.

Marriage is a serious, lifelong commitment that requires maturity along with steady cultivation and nourishment. Successful marriages and families are built on the solid foundation of a relationship with Jesus Christ and dependence upon God.

▸ *Now turn to page 3 for Genesis 2:24 and Point 1. Marriage and the Family Are Established by God.*

**See also:** *Fellowship; Forgiving Others; Loneliness; Marriage, Anticipating; Marriage Problems; Patience; Remarriage; Sexuality; Witnessing to Children; Witnessing to Spouse.*

## Marriage, Anticipating

1. **The Most Important Commitment.**
   ▸ *See 2 Chronicles 16:9, page 392.*
2. **Patience and Trust.**
   ▸ *See Lamentations 3:25, 26, page 753.*
3. **Unequally Yoked.**
   ▸ *See 2 Corinthians 6:14, page 1091.*
4. **A Christ-Centered Home.**
   ▸ *See Proverbs 24:3, 4, page 595.*

Marriage is a life-long exclusive covenant between a man and a woman, the most serious commitment a couple will make in its lifetime. But many enter into it with a lack of maturity and knowledge. We commend you for looking to God's Word for wisdom before getting married. "And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him' " (Genesis 2:18). "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, / And obtains favor from the Lord" (Proverbs 18:22).

▸ *Now turn to page 392 for 2 Chronicles 16:9 and Point 1. The Most Important Commitment.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Authority; Bible; Faith; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Love; Marriage Problems; Obedience; Patience; Repentance; Self-Denial; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## Marriage Problems

1. **Love and Respect.**
   ▸ *See 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, page 1081.*
2. **Genuine Commitment.**
   ▸ *See Matthew 19:4–6, page 905.*
3. **Time and Effort.**
   ▸ *See Ephesians 5:33, page 1110.*
4. **The Problem of Pride.**
   ▸ *See Proverbs 13:10, page 584.*
5. **Don't Be a Fool.**
   ▸ *See Proverbs 12:15, page 583.*

When two lives are bonded together in a long-term intimate relationship, there are bound to be problems. The foundation for a strong marriage is for both spouses to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. God's Word compares the union of husband and wife to the eternal relationship between Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:22, 23). If you do not have a relationship with Christ, see *Salvation*.

▸ *Now turn to page 1081 for 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 and Point 1. Love and Respect.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; Adultery; Anger; Bitterness; Divorce; Financial Difficulty; Forgiving Others; Love; Marriage and Family; Patience; Repentance; Self-Denial; Sexuality; Trusting God; Victory; Will of God; Witnessing to Spouse.*

## Marriage, Salvation of Spouse

**See:** *Witnessing to Spouse.*

## Mercy Killing

**See:** *Assisted Suicide.*

## The Mind

1. **God Knows Your Mind.**
   ▸ *See Psalm 139:1, 2, page 564.*
2. **God Renews Your Mind.**
   ▸ *See Proverbs 16:3, page 587.*
3. **God Gives Peace of Mind.**
   ▸ *See Isaiah 26:3, page 643.*

What a person thinks is of utmost importance: "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). The mind is a spiritual battleground. God wants our thoughts on Him; Satan wants them elsewhere.

Words or phrases relating to the mind, thoughts, understanding, or the heart occur frequently in God's Word. The Bible describes the unbelieving mind as "enmity against God" (Romans 8:7), blinded by Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4), and morally defiled (Mark 7:20–23). Even Christians should guard against developing "an evil heart of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:12).

▸ *Now turn to page 564 for Psalm 139:1, 2 and Point 1. God Knows Your Mind.*

**See also:** *Anger; Anxiety; Bad Habits; Bitterness; Doubt; Envy; Fear; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Hypocrisy; Lordship; Obedience; Peace; Pornography; Praise and Thanksgiving; Prayer; Sexuality; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Suicide; Temptation; Trusting God.*

## Morality

**See:** *Bad Habits; Heart; Sexuality; Sin; Worldliness.*

## New Age Movement

1. **Truth or Relativism?**
   ▸ *See John 8:42–47, page 995.*
2. **A Person or a Force?**
   ▸ *See Isaiah 40:21–23, page 658.*
3. **Creator or Creation?**
   ▸ *See Romans 1:18–25, page 1050.*
4. **Eternal Life or Reincarnation?**
   ▸ *See Hebrews 9:24–28, page 1151.*
5. **Become Like God or Become God?**
   ▸ *See 2 Corinthians 3:17, 18, page 1088.*

The New Age Movement is not a single organization but a spiritual, political, and social network brought together through common interests in pagan beliefs. Though Eastern religions are especially favored by this movement, all religions are accepted as equal except for Christianity, which teaches only one way to God through Jesus Christ.

In their search for spiritual fulfillment, participants may become involved in such pursuits as extrasensory perception, telepathy, clairvoyance, astral projection, psychokinesis, channeling, astrology, psychic healing, transcendental meditation, and yoga.

The New Age Movement is not new; it is merely the current expression of an age-old sinful desire to be a god while rejecting the true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3). The apostle John gave good advice about how to know what to believe: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God" (1 John 4:1–3). The New Age Movement denies that Jesus Christ is God.

▸ *Now turn to page 995 for John 8:42–47 and Point 1. Truth or Relativism?*

**See also:** *Angels; Cults; Demons; Heaven; Hell; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Occult; Salvation; Satan.*

## Obedience

1. **The Priority of Obedience.**
   ▸ *See 1 Samuel 15:22, page 253.*
2. **Christ Is Our Example in Obedience.**
   ▸ *See John 4:34, page 988.*
3. **Obedience Requires Full Commitment.**
   ▸ *See Joshua 24:14, 15, page 211.*
4. **Obedience Requires Discipline.**
   ▸ *See 2 Corinthians 10:5, page 1094.*
5. **God's Word Is Essential for Obedience.**
   ▸ *See Psalm 1:1–3, page 477.*

Each Christian is responsible to determine God's will for his or her life and then follow it, but we do not always seek God's will or obey it. It is often easier for us simply to go our own way, rather than taking time to discover God's will for our lives or obeying what we already know to be His will.

While the specific details of each person's life are not laid out in the Bible, we do know much about how to please God with the way we act, think, and speak. God's will is that we obey according to what we know now; and as our relationship with Him deepens, He will continue to reveal even more to us.

▸ *Now turn to page 253 for 1 Samuel 15:22 and Point 1. The Priority of Obedience.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Bad Habits; Discipline from God; God's Forgiveness; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Judgment; Lordship; Temptation; Victory; Will of God.*

## The Occult

1. **Condemned by God.**
   ▸ *See Deuteronomy 18:10–12, page 172.*
2. **Punished by God.**
   ▸ *See 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14, page 362.*
3. **Deliverance by God.**
   ▸ *See Psalm 91:14, 15, page 537.*

*Occult* originally meant "hidden or concealed" but now more commonly refers to the ac-

tions or influence of the supernatural, evil spirit-world. There is a wide range of mystical phenomena and religious practices generally identified with the occult, including: fortune-telling; extrasensory perception (ESP); telepathy; clairvoyance; automatic writing; Ouija boards and other games with magical or demonic spiritual orientation; astrology (horoscopes); tea-leaf reading; tarot cards; palmistry; mind control; yoga; transcendental meditation; sorcery or witchcraft; telekinesis; levitation; astral projection; spiritism or spiritualism; séances; Satanism; animal and human sacrifices; animism; and more. The Bible clearly condemns involvement in such things.

▸ *Now turn to page 172 for Deuteronomy 18:10–12 and Point 1. Condemned by God.*

**See also:** *Cults; Demons; Fear; Grief; Heaven; Loneliness; Satan; Spiritual Warfare; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## Original Sin

**See:** *Death; Sin.*

## Pain

**See:** *Suffering.*

## Panic

**See:** *Anxiety.*

## Patience

❶ **We Are Commanded to Be Patient.**
▸ *See 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 15, page 1126.*

❷ **Patience Can Be Nurtured.**
▸ *See Colossians 3:9, 10, page 1121.*

❸ **Patience Is a Fruit of the Spirit.**
▸ *See 1 Timothy 1:16, page 1129.*

❹ **Patience Is Often the Result of Testing.**
▸ *See Job 23:10, page 462.*

Patience is an admirable quality that few people, including Christians, seem to possess. According to God's Word, our lives should be characterized by patience, for it is important in developing the mature, stable character that God wants to produce in His people.

Patience is the ability to absorb strain and stress without complaint and to be unwavering in spite of obstacles, delays, or failures. It involves the recognition that many things in life are beyond our control. To be patient is to accept this fact without allowing ourselves to be diverted from our course or discouraged from the achievement of our goals. God allows difficulties, inconveniences, trials, and even suffering to come our way for a specific purpose. When we learn to see that these trials work to our advantage in achieving beneficial, character-building results, the stage is set to develop patience. The Holy Spirit will then be able to produce the fruit of patience in our lives. As we have greater patience, it is then easier to submit our will to the sovereignty of God and to acknowledge His superior wisdom and perfect timing.

▸ *Now turn to page 1126 for 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 15 and Point 1. We Are Commanded to Be Patient.*

**See also:** *Anxiety; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Obedience; Rewards; Self-Denial; Suffering.*

## Peace

❶ **Peace with God Is Not Our Natural Legacy.**
▸ *See Isaiah 59:2, page 679.*

❷ **We Can Experience Peace with God.**
▸ *See Romans 5:1, page 1053.*

❸ **Daily Peace from God.**
▸ *See Romans 15:13, page 1066.*

The word *peace* in the Bible often means completeness, soundness, or wholeness. It can also mean a cessation of hostilities. "Peace" is a favorite biblical greeting found at the beginning or end of nearly all the New Testament letters.

The Bible tells us that peace is a gift of Jesus Christ (John 14:27). The purpose of Jesus' coming into the world was to give spiritual peace. The word *peace* is often used to express truths concerning the mission, character, and gospel of Christ. Peace comes from fellowship with God. The Bible says that Jesus Himself is our peace (Ephesians 2:14) and God the Father is "the God of peace" (Hebrews 13:20). Personal peace is possible only through Jesus' death and resurrection. The apostle Paul reminds us that this peace is both for eternity and for life now, since peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

▸ *Now turn to page 679 for Isaiah 59:2 and Point 1. Peace with God Is Not Our Natural Legacy.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Anxiety; Doubt; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Obedience; Prayer; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation Assurance; Suffering; Will of God; Worship.*

## PERSECUTION

1. **PERSECUTION IS PART OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**
   ▸ *See 2 Timothy 3:12, page 1137.*
2. **PERSECUTION IS NOT A SIGN OF GOD'S DISPLEASURE.**
   ▸ *See Philippians 1:29, page 1113.*
3. **GOD ENSURES THAT GOOD COMES FROM SUFFERING.**
   ▸ *See Acts 6:8–15, page 1021.*
4. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**
   ▸ *See Romans 8:35, page 1058.*
5. **THERE IS ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OVER SUFFERING.**
   ▸ *See 2 Corinthians 4:16, 17, page 1089.*

Persecution comes in many forms—the intense physical suffering that martyrs have endured through the ages, or mental and spiritual suffering which, though less obvious, is also hard to endure.

People of God have experienced persecution throughout history. Even Old Testament prophets were persecuted (Matthew 5:12). In the first three centuries of the Christian church, there was sporadic, but often intense, persecution of Christians. Yet often as a result of persecution the church grew. By the end of the third century, a large proportion of the Roman Empire was Christian, despite the efforts of the Roman emperors to stamp it out. Persecution seemed to help believers stand even more firmly in their faith.

Today, persecution continues throughout the world as many are imprisoned because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Not all of us suffer intense physical persecution, but many followers of Jesus endure other forms of persecution such as ridicule, misunderstanding, prejudice, deprivation, or family opposition. Although some Christians pay a high price for their devotion to Christ, the Bible promises the reward will be worth it all. Therefore, Jesus says to rejoice even in persecution (Matthew 5:12).

▸ *Now turn to page 1137 for 2 Timothy 3:12 and Point 1. Persecution Is Part of the Christian Life.*

**See also:** *Discipline from God; Enemies; Faith; Fear; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Obedience; Peace; Proper Perspective; Rewards; Suffering; Victory; Will of God.*

## PORNOGRAPHY

1. **THE DECEPTION OF PORNOGRAPHY.**
   ▸ *See Psalm 101:3, page 541.*
2. **SEXUAL ADDICTION.**
   ▸ *See 2 Timothy 2:21, 22, page 1136.*
3. **BREAKING FREE FROM PORNOGRAPHY.**
   ▸ *See Jeremiah 29:13, page 719.*
4. **RENEWED PURITY.**
   ▸ *See Psalm 51:10–12, page 511.*

Pornography can be described as visual images, writing, or speech that is used for the purpose of arousing lustful sexual desires. It ranges from suggestive photos and writings to the most grotesquely immoral and obscene materials. The Internet has made pornography easily accessible to anyone and it is often imposed upon unsuspecting Web users.

Pornography users may begin to prefer their fantasy to reality, cheating their spouses of intimacy and respect with this form of adultery. (See *Adultery*.) It robs spouses of attention and replaces the spouse's image with that of another. Single people may argue that viewing pornography is not sinful for them since a spouse is not affected; married couples may also argue that if they view pornography together it is not sinful. But the Bible makes it clear that lust has no place in a godly life and dishonors God's gift of our sexuality.

God designed your sexuality for your good, and the parameters He gives for your sexuality are also for your good. Romans 8:13 says, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (See *Sexuality*.)

▸ *Now turn to page 541 for Psalm 101:3 and Point 1. The Deception of Pornography.*

**See also:** *Addiction; Adultery; Homosexuality; Lordship; Mind; Repentance; Salvation; Sexuality; Temptation.*

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

1. **GLORIFYING GOD.**
   ▸ *See Psalm 50:23, page 510.*
2. **JESUS' TEACHINGS.**
   ▸ *See Luke 17:15–19, page 971.*
3. **OBEDIENCE TO GOD.**
   ▸ *See 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, page 1126.*

❹ **A Witness to Others.**
▸ *See 1 Chronicles 16:8–13, 23, 24, page 367.*

The Bible is filled with verses of praise and thanksgiving—nearly all of the psalms contain praise. God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, our Provider, our Savior from sin and hell, our giver of hope, the source of our joy. It is only right that we should praise Him and thank Him for all His blessings! Even if God did nothing for us each day, He would still be worthy of our worship simply because of who He is. The more we come to know God, the more we will stand in awe of Him and praise Him. Throughout eternity, we will be singing songs of praise to Him.

▸ *Now turn to page 510 for Psalm 50:23 and Point 1. Glorifying God.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Peace; Prayer; Suffering; Worship.*

## Prayer

❶ **The Lord's Prayer.**
▸ *See Matthew 6:9–13, page 887.*

❷ **Praying in Jesus' Name.**
▸ *See John 14:13, page 1004.*

❸ **Confidence in Prayer.**
▸ *See Hebrews 4:16, page 1147.*

❹ **Praying for Others.**
▸ *See 1 Timothy 2:1–4, page 1130.*

❺ **Faithfulness in Prayer.**
▸ *See Luke 11:5–9, page 962.*

God loves to hear from us. The Bible not only invites us to pray, but actually commands us to do so. Prayer is listening to and talking to God. It is important to hear what God has to say first; our prayer is in response to what He has spoken to us in His Word.

Some of the most well-known passages in God's Word are prayers that express praise, worship, thanksgiving, confession, and requests. The lives of many great biblical and historical church figures were characterized by prayer. All the recorded revivals of history had their beginnings in prayer. Anything of value within the kingdom of God is initiated in and dependent upon prayer.

Jesus modeled a life of prayer. He rose early in the morning before daylight and went alone and prayed (Mark 1:35). Sometimes when great crowds gathered around Him, He withdrew and prayed (Luke 5:15, 16). At times, He prayed all night rather than sleeping (Luke 6:12). He prayed, "Not My will, but Yours," always deferring to His heavenly Father's wisdom and will (Luke 22:42).

▸ *Now turn to page 887 for Matthew 6:9–13 and Point 1. The Lord's Prayer.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Forgiving Others; Heart; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Obedience; Praise and Thanksgiving; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Restoration; Will of God; Worship.*

## Prodigal Christians

**See:** *Wayward Christians.*

## Proper Perspective

❶ **What Is a Proper Perspective?**
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18, page 1089.*

❷ **The Benefits of a Proper Perspective.**
▸ *See Titus 2:11–13, page 1140.*

❸ **Living in God's Will Offers Proper Perspective.**
▸ *See Psalm 37:4, 5, page 501.*

The world offers its perspective on how to live. But what perspective should the Christian have? The world's perspective is temporary, focused on the here and now. God's perspective is eternal, focused on a much bigger picture of life.

One day, though the Bible does not reveal the exact date or time, Jesus Christ is coming again to take His followers to be in heaven with Him forever. As Christians, we eagerly wait for this exciting event. But what difference do Christ's return and our having an eternal perspective make?

▸ *Now turn to page 1089 for 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18 and Point 1. What Is a Proper Perspective?*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Doubt; Forgiving Others; Heart; Lordship; Obedience; Prayer; Repentance; Self-Denial; Suffering; Will of God; Worship.*

## Prophecy

❶ **Jesus Christ Is Evidence of Fulfilled Prophecy.**
▸ *See Isaiah 7:14, page 627.*

❷ **The "Blessed Hope" Is Jesus Christ's Imminent Return.**
▸ *See Revelation 22:12, page 1200.*

❸ Those Who Trust Christ Have a Secure Future.
▸ *See Hebrews 6:19, 20, page 1148.*

❹ Christians Can Enthusiastically Prepare for Christ's Return.
▸ *See 2 Timothy 4:2–5, page 1137.*

Prophecy is defined as an inspired message of a prophet that is a revelation of God's will, or a prediction of the future inspired by God. God uses prophets to communicate His message—whether one of warning, blessing, doom, victory, or encouragement. Many Old Testament prophecies predicted the coming Messiah, fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. Many New Testament prophecies predict Christ's Second Coming and the future judgment that awaits humankind. Other prophecies call God's people to repent and return to Him.

The apostle Peter declares the Bible's prophets to be divinely inspired: "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:19–21). Prophets, along with evangelists and pastors, have a role of edification in the church (Ephesians 4:11, 12).

▸ *Now turn to page 627 for Isaiah 7:14 and Point 1. Jesus Christ Is Evidence of Fulfilled Prophecy.*

**See also:** *Bible; Faith; Heaven; Hell; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Rewards; Second Coming; Victory; Will of God.*

## Prosperity

**See:** *Abundant Life; Financial Difficulty; Tithing; Trusting God.*

## Prosperity of the Unrighteous

❶ Prosperity Does Not Always Indicate God's Blessing.
▸ *See 1 Samuel 16:7, page 255.*

❷ Do Not Envy the Prosperity of the Unrighteous.
▸ *See Luke 12:15, page 964.*

Some Christians are bothered by observing the apparent prosperity and success of non-Christians while they themselves face hardships. More than 3,000 years ago, a singer-priest of Israel went into God's sanctuary deeply troubled over the apparent prosperity, freedom from care, arrogance, indifference, and power of his unrighteous neighbors: "They are not in trouble as other men. . . . / They have more than heart could wish. . . . / Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, / And washed my hands in innocence. / For all day long I have been plagued, / And chastened every morning" (Psalm 73:5, 7, 13, 14). Asaph was asking the same questions that some Christians ask today: "Why keep my heart pure? It doesn't seem worth it when those who sin prosper." In answer to his questions, the Lord showed Asaph that appearances are often deceiving and that God has truly reserved the best for those who are faithful to Him. The prosperous wicked may have temporary rewards, such as they are, during this lifetime, but they will perish in their unfaithfulness.

▸ *Now turn to page 255 for 1 Samuel 16:7 and Point 1. Prosperity Does Not Always Indicate God's Blessing.*

**See also:** *Anger; Enemies; Envy; Financial Difficulty; Heaven; Hell; Judgment; Rewards; Suffering; Tithing.*

## Purity

**See:** *Heart.*

## Rapture

**See:** *Prophecy; Second Coming.*

## Rededication

❶ Rededication Because of a Lack of Fulfillment in Life.
▸ *See Deuteronomy 4:29, page 158.*

❷ Rededication Because of Unconfessed Sin.
▸ *See Hebrews 9:14, page 1151.*

❸ Rededication to Be More Devoted to God.
▸ *See Romans 6:11–13, page 1054.*

Rededication is a renewing of your relationship with God. Similar to a couple who renews their wedding vows, rededication can help you refresh your relationship with God. Through the Holy Spirit's work in your life, you may become aware of your need to be more fully devoted to God. Your desire to commit every

aspect of your life to God pleases Him, and He rewards it.

If you are convicted of the need for a deeper relationship with God, it is probably the Holy Spirit working in you. Listen to that prompt, and follow through with making a deeper commitment. You will find great joy in serving God wholeheartedly.

This topic's outline explores three motivations that often lead to rededicating one's life to Christ. Consider how these might describe your life—then ask God to speak to your heart, and believe that He will do it.

▸ *Now turn to page 158 for Deuteronomy 4:29 and Point 1. Rededication Because of a Lack of Fulfillment in Life.*

**See also:** *Baptism; Church; Discipline from God; Doubt; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Obedience; Repentance; Salvation Assurance.*

## REMARRIAGE

❶ **REMAINING UNMARRIED.**
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 7:10, 11, page 1074.*

❷ **CONSIDERING REMARRIAGE.**
▸ *See Proverbs 2:3–20, page 572.*

Divorce is a shattering experience; it takes time to sort out issues and to deal with them objectively, but God promises His healing and forgiveness. He will walk with you on your journey.

The Bible is very clear about divorce. In Malachi 2:16, God says that He "hates divorce." While that may sound harsh, remember that God wants the very best for us. Sin wounds, and divorce always has sin somewhere at its core. Divorce means loss, emotional pain, and heartache. Divorce rarely solves problems; rather, it shifts them, and often multiplies them, as well.

While God hates divorce, many Christians believe that the New Testament allows divorce in certain circumstances (see *Divorce*). Many pastors take the view that, since the Bible appears to allow divorce under certain circumstances, remarriage would be an option, as well. Other pastors do not. Both use God's Word as their basis.

The key to making the best decision for your life is in knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior—that relationship is a life foundation you can depend on. If you have not yet made this commitment to Christ, see *Salvation*. When you have this relationship, the Holy Spirit lives within you and gives you guidance.

▸ *Now turn to page 1074 for 1 Corinthians 7:10, 11 and Point 1. Remaining Unmarried.*

**See also:** *Divorce; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Loneliness; Love; Marriage and Family; Marriage, Anticipating; Patience; Sexuality; Temptation; Will of God.*

## REPENTANCE

❶ **OUR PATH TO GOD'S GRACE.**
▸ *See 1 John 1:9, page 1172.*

❷ **OUR SACRIFICE TO GOD.**
▸ *See Psalm 51:17, page 511.*

❸ **OUR REWARD FOR REPENTANCE.**
▸ *See Acts 3:19, page 1018.*

To repent from sin means to turn in the opposite direction, away from our sin—to forsake it and leave it behind. The Holy Spirit is the One who convicts you of your sin (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*), and even the smallest sin interferes with your relationship with God. When you repent, that relationship with God is restored. Because sin hinders your closeness to God, you should repent as soon as you become aware of your sin.

Repentance begins with admitting your sin and agreeing with God about it (Psalm 51:4). True sorrow then can cause you to turn from any specific sinful act and to pray for God's help in resisting temptation. If you are not a Christian and have never begun a relationship with God by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*.

▸ *Now turn to page 1172 for 1 John 1:9 and Point 1. Our Path to God's Grace.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Authority; Depression; Faith; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Hypocrisy; Judgment; Lordship; Obedience; Praise and Thanksgiving; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Restoration; Rewards; Salvation Assurance; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Temptation; Trusting God; Victory; Wayward Christians; Will of God.*

## RESENTMENT

**See:** *Bitterness.*

## RESTORATION


1. RESTORATION TO GOD.
   ▶ *See 2 Corinthians 5:19, page 1090.*
2. THE PROCESS OF RESTORATION.
   ▶ *See Psalm 32:5, page 496.*
3. RESTORING A BELIEVER WHO HAS SINNED.
   ▶ *See Galatians 6:1, page 1103.*
4. WHEN A BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU.
   ▶ *See Matthew 18:15–17, page 904.*
5. WHEN YOU HAVE SINNED.
   ▶ *See Acts 24:16, page 1044.*


God's Word tells us that the most important relationship is the one between God and us. Because of sin, our relationship with God was broken. Through Jesus' sinless life and sacrificial death on the cross, we can be restored to relationship with God.

The biblical concept of restoration also includes mending relationships between people, particularly between Christians. The Bible offers specific, practical advice about how to restore damaged relationships between Christians.

Jesus said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). We must be reconciled both to God and to other Christians to demonstrate that we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

▶ *Now turn to page 1090 for 2 Corinthians 5:19 and Point 1. Restoration to God.*

**See also:** *Anger; Church; Enemies; Envy; Faith; Fellowship; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Love; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Sin; Temptation; The Tongue; Victory; Will of God.*

## REWARDS


1. GOD'S REWARDS.
   ▶ *See Exodus 20:5, 6, page 66.*
2. REWARDS IN THIS LIFE.
   ▶ *See Psalm 37:25, page 501.*
3. JESUS PROMISED REWARDS.
   ▶ *See Mark 9:41, page 933.*
4. REWARDS AFTER LIFE ON EARTH.
   ▶ *See 2 Timothy 4:8, page 1138.*


We are all familiar with rewards, and we usually enjoy receiving them. Sometimes the actual reward you receive depends not only on what you do, but also on the character and mood of the person judging your effort. You might feel you got more or less than what you actually deserve.

God's rewards also reflect His character. Because He is righteous, you can always rely on Him for consistent justice. Jesus said, "And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me" (John 8:16).

Thankfully, if you have trusted God for salvation, you are rescued from receiving what you actually deserve—eternal death in hell. "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, / Nor punished us according to our iniquities" (Psalm 103:10).

▶ *Now turn to page 66 for Exodus 20:5, 6 and Point 1. God's Rewards.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Discipline from God; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Heaven; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Second Coming.*

## SALVATION


1. GOD'S PURPOSE: SALVATION.
   ▶ *See John 3:16, page 986.*
2. OUR PROBLEM: SEPARATION FROM GOD.
   ▶ *See Romans 3:23, page 1051.*
3. GOD'S REMEDY: THE CROSS.
   ▶ *See 1 Timothy 2:5, 6, page 1130.*
4. OUR RESPONSE: TRUST CHRIST.
   ▶ *See John 1:12, page 983.*
5. GOD'S ASSURANCE: HIS WORD.
   ▶ *See Romans 10:13, page 1060.*


People search in many directions to find peace and meaning in life. Many look only within themselves, content to rely on their own abilities for fulfillment, while others feel there is no way to find significance here on earth.

While there is a resurgence of "spirituality," these new promises of spiritual freedom actually lead to greater bondage. In spite of searching through many alternatives, people are still frustrated, lonely, hurt, and trapped by sin. They long for peace, joy, fulfillment, and lasting security.

God's Word proposes only one remedy for this condition. We must be delivered from sin and its consequences to find true peace and fulfillment through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

This topic's outline from God's Word reveals what you need to understand about having a personal relationship with God. As you study, ask God to make clear how to have a relationship with Him and also carefully consider your response.

▶ *Now turn to page 986 for John 3:16 and Point 1. God's Purpose: Salvation.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heaven; Hell; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Love; Peace; Rededication; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation Assurance; Second Coming; Sin; Temptation; Witnessing to Spouse; Witnessing to Children; Worldliness; Worship.*

## Salvation Assurance

❶ **You Can Be Certain of Your Relationship with Christ.**
▸ *See Ephesians 2:8, 9, page 1105.*

❷ **Rely on the Promises of God.**
▸ *See Romans 8:35–39, page 1058.*

❸ **Pursue a Consistent Daily Relationship with God.**
▸ *See Colossians 2:6–10, page 1119.*

The Bible says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). When you belong to Christ, you can be completely confident that you have everlasting life: "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13). Many Christians lack this kind of assurance, and it affects their perspective on life. It is difficult to experience the joy of the Lord if you doubt your eternal salvation. Doubts about your salvation can come from several places.

First, you cannot be assured of salvation if you have never trusted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. To read about how to accept Jesus Christ, see *Salvation*. Second, you may need assurance when you trust your feelings rather than the truth of God's Word. Third, unconfessed sin in your life can interfere with your relationship with God. Confessing your sin keeps you in a close relationship with God and eliminates uncertainty and doubt.

▸ *Now turn to page 1105 for Ephesians 2:8, 9 and Point 1. You Can Be Certain of Your Relationship with Christ.*

**See also:** *Discipline from God; Doubt; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Lordship; Proper Perspective; Salvation; Will of God; Worldliness.*

## Satan

❶ **Who Is Satan and What Is He Like?**
▸ *See Ezekiel 28:12–19, page 783.*

❷ **Where Is Satan's Domain?**
▸ *See Job 1:7, page 444.*

❸ **How Is Satan Overcome?**
▸ *See Ephesians 6:11, page 1110.*

Satan is an enemy of God who seeks to destroy whatever belongs to God. He works to discourage, tempt, and deceive Christians. Satan confuses people about their need for Christ. Satan worship is practiced in many countries of the world, including the United States. Many people are curious about the devil, witchcraft, and the occult; and these are often presented as a legitimate science and a subject for careful study. In other cases, Satan is seen as a mythological figure that is not to be taken seriously. What many people don't realize is that, regardless of the motivation, when they turn to Satan they are pulled in by a strong force of evil.

Satan is a real being, though he is limited in power. He is not God's "evil equivalent" and is no match for God. However, in order for us to be strong against Satan, we need to know who he is and how he works. The outline will help you begin this study. As you read, ask God to help you understand the truth about Satan.

▸ *Now turn to page 783 for Ezekiel 28:12–19 and Point 1. Who Is Satan and What Is He Like?*

**See also:** *Demons; Occult; Salvation; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Temptation.*

## Second Coming

❶ **Jesus Christ Will Return to Earth.**
▸ *See John 14:1–3, page 1004.*

❷ **Only God the Father Knows When Christ Will Return.**
▸ *See Matthew 24:36, page 912.*

❸ **Christ's Return Will Be Personal and Visible.**
▸ *See Acts 1:9–11, page 1014.*

❹ **Jesus' Second Coming Will Be Tragic for Unbelievers.**
▸ *See 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10, page 1127.*

❺ **Jesus' Second Coming Will Be Glorious for Believers.**
▸ *See 1 Thessalonians 4:17, 18, page 1125.*

Jesus Christ's Second Coming is one of the most encouraging truths in the Bible. Jesus came to the earth the first time as a common

baby born in Bethlehem. He lived a perfect life, died for the sins of everyone, was buried, and rose from the dead after three days. Just as Jesus foretold His own death and resurrection, He also proclaimed that one day He would return. The outline will help answer some questions about Jesus' Second Coming.

▸ *Now turn to page 1004 for John 14:1–3 and Point 1. Jesus Christ Will Return to Earth.*

**See also:** *Bible; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heaven; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Restoration; Rewards; Salvation; Victory.*

## Self-Denial

❶ Appropriate Self-Image.
▸ *See Romans 12:3, page 1062.*

❷ Self-Denial Was Demonstrated by Jesus.
▸ *See Mark 14:36, page 941.*

❸ Self-Denial Is Required of Jesus' Disciples.
▸ *See Mark 1:16–18, page 921.*

❹ Self-Denial Is Taught in God's Word.
▸ *See Matthew 16:24, 25, page 902.*

Jesus asks His followers to deny their own wishes in favor of God's plan for their lives. And both the Old and New Testaments teach the spiritual significance of self-denial, as well. Some Christians may take this to mean that self-denial is holy, but that having a positive self-image is sinful. The Bible, however, teaches that these are not mutually exclusive.

▸ *Now turn to page 1062 for Romans 12:3 and Point 1. Appropriate Self-Image.*

**See also:** *Discipline from God; Faith; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Love; Marriage and Family; Obedience; Rewards; Temptation; Will of God; Worldliness.*

## Sexual Abuse

**See:** *Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; Incest; Sexuality.*

## Sexuality

❶ What Is Appropriate Sexuality?
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 6:18–20, page 1074.*

❷ Sexual Sin Has Devastating Consequences.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17, page 1071.*

❸ Sexual Sin Begins in the Mind.
▸ *See Mark 7:21–23, on page 930.*

❹ How to Deal with Sexual Sin.
▸ *See 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8, page 1125.*

God created us as sexual beings, intending husbands and wives to "become one flesh" in order to experience intimate pleasure with one another; to express their deep love for one another; and for the purpose of procreation. Our sexuality is intended for our good; however, sin has distorted it. We are flooded with deceptive messages that say, "If it feels good, do it." But that isn't how God intends us to live, and just because something *feels* good doesn't mean it's God's best for you.

We often think of appropriate behavior as what is accepted as "moral." The problem with this is that socially accepted behavior may or may not be consistent with God's plan for His creation. Christians must look to the Bible as the final authority for both our beliefs and our behavior.

Sexual immorality leaves a devastating legacy that includes divorce, children without complete families, abortion, emotional trauma, sexually transmitted diseases, and much more. God does not want these afflictions in our lives.

▸ *Now turn to page 1074 for 1 Corinthians 6:18–20 and Point 1. What Is Appropriate Sexuality?*

**See also:** *Abuse Victim; Abusive Person; Adultery; AIDS/HIV; Chemical Dependency; Divorce; Faith; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Homosexuality; Loneliness; Love; Marriage and Family; Marriage Problems; Pornography; Remarriage; Self-Denial; Sin; Temptation; Victory.*

## Sickness

**See:** *Healing; Suffering; Terminal Illness.*

## Sin

❶ Sin Is Universal.
▸ *See Romans 3:23, page 1052.*

❷ Sin Is Forbidden.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 15:34, page 1084.*

❸ Sin Is Deceptive.
▸ *See Hebrews 3:13, page 1146.*

❹ Sin's Penalty Is Death.
▸ *See Romans 6:23, page 1055.*

❺ Sin Is Forgiven Through Jesus Christ.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 15:3, page 1083.*

Sin is anything that goes against God, and it is the foundation of many of our problems. While we might try to deny it, if we're honest,

we know that each of us is guilty of sin. We rationalize by blaming our circumstances on God or others. While we easily see the sin of others, we tend to remain blind to our own.

Sin hinders your relationship with God. A key to a close relationship with Him is to regularly confess your sin. God will honor your confession with complete and immediate forgiveness.

▸ *Now turn to page 1052 for Romans 3:23 and Point 1. Sin Is Universal.*

**See also:** *Death; Demons; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Hell; Judgment; Obedience; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Satan; Temptation; Victory; Witnessing to Children; Worldliness.*

## Sorrow

**See:** *Depression; Grief; Suffering.*

## Sovereignty

**See:** *Authority; Lordship; Will of God.*

## Spiritual Warfare

❶ **Confess All Known Sin.**
▸ *See 1 John 1:9, page 1172.*

❷ **Be on Guard Against Satan.**
▸ *See 1 Peter 5:8, page 1168.*

❸ **Submit to God.**
▸ *See James 4:7, 8, page 1160.*

❹ **Live by the Spirit.**
▸ *See Galatians 5:16, page 1102.*

❺ **Put on Your Armor.**
▸ *See Ephesians 6:10–17, page 1110.*

The Bible assures us that Satan and his demons will attack those who have a relationship with God, and God's Word tells us how to be strong against these attacks. Ephesians 6:11, 12 says, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Jesus Christ Himself faced Satan's attack in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11). Jesus was victorious over Satan's temptation and can enable us to resist Satan, as well (Hebrews 4:15, 16). More than that, Christ defeated Satan at the Cross, so all who acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord have been delivered from Satan's power (Colossians 1:13).

Satan is the "accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10); the "enemy" (Matthew 13:39); the "tempter" (Matthew 4:3); and the "great dragon . . . who deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). (See *Satan*.)

As a Christian, you must learn to trust in the finished work of Christ. Satan is a defeated foe: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death" (Revelation 12:11). Jesus Christ became a human so that "through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14).

If you have not made a commitment to Christ and accepted God's offer of salvation, you do not have power over Satan. God wants to give you that power through having a relationship with Him. (See *Salvation*.)

▸ *Now turn to page 1172 for 1 John 1:9 and Point 1. Confess All Known Sin.*

**See also:** *Discipline from God; False Teaching; Fear; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Judgment; Lordship; The Mind; New Age; Occult; Persecution; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Satan; Temptation; Victory.*

## Success

**See:** *Abundant Life; Victory.*

## Suffering

❶ **The Meaning of Suffering.**
▸ *See Job 5:7, page 447.*

❷ **Christ, Our Example in Suffering.**
▸ *See Hebrews 5:8, page 1148.*

❸ **God's Grace for Our Suffering.**
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 12:9, page 1096.*

❹ **Trusting God in Suffering.**
▸ *See Job 13:15, page 454.*

❺ **Becoming Like Jesus.**
▸ *See 1 Peter 4:16, 19, page 1167.*

Sometimes it seems that God is unfair and we have no relief for our pain. Remedies may bring relief for the moment, but often the comfort does not last.

A personal relationship with Jesus Christ offers the hope we so desperately need during our most painful life experiences. If you are unsure of your relationship with God, start there. Consider the information outlined in *Salvation*. Take time to make your commitment to Jesus. Then, with His hope and help, you can find peace and comfort even when suffering.

▸ *Now turn to page 447 for Job 5:7 and Point 1. The Meaning of Suffering.*

**See also:** *Death; Discipline from God; Faith; Grief; Heart; Hell; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Loneliness; Marriage Problems; Patience; Persecution; Restoration; Satan; Spiritual Warfare; Suicide; Terminal Illness; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## SUICIDE

❶ HOPE FOR THE SUICIDAL PERSON.
▸ *See Psalm 90:12–17, page 536.*

❷ ALLOWING GOD TO INTERVENE.
▸ *See Matthew 14:27–32, page 900.*

❸ TEMPTATION TOWARD SUICIDE.
▸ *See Job 6:8–11, page 448.*

❹ GOD OPPOSES SUICIDE.
▸ *See Exodus 20:13, page 66.*

A suicidal person feels that he or she has exhausted all possible options. Life has no meaning, no purpose, no future. The obsessive belief that nothing will ever change for the better leaves him or her feeling helpless, with the conviction that death is the only way out. Such a person is a victim of depression, tortured with feelings of unworthiness, sin, failure, deep guilt, and the need to be punished.

If you are in an immediate crisis and feel you can't go on, stop and make a phone call now to a pastor, a Christian counselor, or a mature Christian whom you trust. Recognize that despair obscures your thinking and perspective—it is not wise to face your crisis alone. God intends for His believers to support one other and carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).

God knows your pain, but He does not want you to end your life. He wants to bring you through your despair to the joy and fullness of life He intends for you. God can use the suffering you are experiencing in your life. He can use it to make you more like Christ (see *Suffering*).

God knows the solution for your problems—there *is* hope. He longs to bear all of your burdens, and He is pleased when you take your troubles to Him and depend on Him. God, the eternal Creator of the universe, specializes in bringing order out of chaos and turning the shattered pieces of your life into something of beauty. Solving your problems is easily within God's capabilities. Matthew 19:26 says, "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.' " God is always able to go deeper than any pit you feel you've fallen into.

▸ *Now turn to page 536 for Psalm 90:12–17 and Point 1. Hope for the Suicidal Person.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Abuse Victim; Addiction; AIDS/HIV; Assisted Suicide; Chemical Dependency; Death; Depression; Divorce; Doubt; Faith; Fear; Financial Difficulty; Forgiving Others; God's Forgiveness; Grief; Guilt; Heart; Heaven; Hell; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Homosexuality; Incest; Jesus Christ; Loneliness; Lordship; Love; The Mind; Peace; Proper Perspective; Rededication; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Sexuality; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Suffering; Temptation; Terminal Illness; Trusting God; Victory; Will of God; Witnessing; Worldliness; Worship.*

## TEMPTATION

❶ TEMPTATION IS COMMON TO ALL CHRISTIANS.
▸ *See 1 Corinthians 10:13, page 1077.*

❷ TEMPTATION IS OF THE DEVIL.
▸ *See Matthew 4:1, page 883.*

❸ GOD DOES NOT TEMPT.
▸ *See James 1:13, page 1158.*

❹ CONFRONTING AND OVERCOMING TEMPTATION.
▸ *See James 4:7, 8, page 1161.*

All people are tempted to sin. Paul describes the Christian as having two natures, the old and the new, which constantly compete for control. As Christians, we need to understand this and learn to stand against sin's magnetism.

▸ *Now turn to page 1077 for 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Point 1. Temptation Is Common to All Christians.*

**See also:** *Anger; Anxiety; Bad Habits; Bible; Doubt; Envy; Faith; Fear; God's Forgiveness; Guilt; Heart; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Homosexuality; Hypocrisy; Lordship; Obedience; Patience; Peace; Prayer; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation Assurance; Satan; Self-Denial; Sexuality; Sin; Suicide; The Tongue; Victory; Will of God; Worldliness; Worship.*

## TERMINAL ILLNESS

❶ GOD'S PRESENCE.
▸ *See Psalm 23:1–6, page 490.*

❷ GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.
▶ *See Job 1:21, page 445.*

❸ GOD'S MERCY.
▶ *See Job 23:2–6, page 462.*

❹ BRINGING GLORY TO GOD.
▶ *See 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10, page 1096.*

Learning that you or a loved one is terminally ill is devastating news—a time when you need hope beyond this life and purpose for making the most of the time remaining. Both of those come only through a relationship with Jesus Christ. To learn how to begin this relationship, see *Salvation.* Or if you are unsure of your salvation, see *Salvation Assurance*.

Dealing with a terminal illness, you have probably gone through some or all of the following feelings:

- Denial ("This can't be happening to me.")
- Anger ("Why me, Lord?")
- Depression ("There's no hope.")
- Bargaining ("Lord, get me out of this and I'll do whatever You say.")
- Acceptance ("May God's will be done.")

These feelings are not experienced once and then forgotten, but may return again and again. They are not abnormal feelings, but are generally characteristic of those facing the "valley of the shadow of death." Jesus experienced bitter suffering and lived His life knowing He would face a brutal death. He can truly understand what you are going through.

▶ *Now turn to page 490 for Psalm 23:1–6 and Point 1. God's Presence.*

**See also:** *AIDS/HIV; Assisted Suicide; Death; Faith; Fear; Grief; Healing; Heaven; Suffering; Trusting God; Will of God.*

## THANKFULNESS

**See:** *Praise and Thanksgiving.*

## TITHING

❶ EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS FROM GOD.
▶ *See 1 Chronicles 29:12–14, page 379.*

❷ GIVING SHOULD BE PROMPTED BY LOVE AND A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.
▶ *See 2 Corinthians 9:6–8, page 1093.*

❸ GOD EXPECTS CHRISTIANS TO SUPPORT HIS WORK.
▶ *See 1 Corinthians 16:2, page 1085.*

❹ GOD PROMISES TO MEET OUR NEEDS.
▶ *See Malachi 3:10, page 876.*

God's Word tells Christians to give tithes and offerings to God. Just as we give gifts to friends and family out of love for them, we show our love for God by such offerings. Tithing is also our acknowledgment to God that He is our provider and that all we have belongs to Him and comes from Him.

The concept of tithing is recorded early in Bible history. Abraham paid tithes to the priest Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:6). The law stated that the Levites, or line of priests, should receive tithes from those in the church (Hebrews 7:5). A tithe is defined as one-tenth of what we have. This amount, however, should not be the extent of our giving, but rather the starting point.

Many people don't tithe because they think they can't afford to. But God's Word offers several principles that can help us give with a cheerful and generous heart.

▶ *Now turn to page 379 for 1 Chronicles 29:12–14 and Point 1. Everything We Have Is from God.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Authority; Church; Faith; Financial Difficulty; Generosity; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Lordship; Obedience; Prosperity of the Unrighteous; Rewards; Self-Denial; Trusting God; Will of God; Worship.*

## THE TONGUE

❶ THE COMPLAINING TONGUE.
▶ *See Job 6:24, page 449.*

❷ THE CRITICAL TONGUE.
▶ *See Psalm 15:1–3, page 484.*

❸ THE LYING TONGUE.
▶ *See Proverbs 26:28, page 598.*

❹ THE CONTROLLED TONGUE.
▶ *See Proverbs 12:18, page 583.*

In the New Testament Book of James, the tongue is compared to a fire from hell that defiles the body (James 3:6). It is also described as an unruly evil, full of deadly poison, which cannot be tamed. A careful study of James 3 will convince any believer of the need to control the tongue. "With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so" (verses 9, 10).

Nothing damages the church more than the untamed tongue. Satan uses this tiny muscle to slander, defame, and ruin the reputation of innocent people. Billy Graham has said, "The devil starts many deliberate lies about God's servants that thousands of Christians grasp, believe, and pass

along in ugly gossip. Pray that God will help you use your tongue to heal rather than hurt people." Under *our* control, the tongue will often hurt and destroy. Under the Spirit's control, however, it can bring truth, edification, healing, and kindness.

▸ *Now turn to page 449 for Job 6:24 and Point 1. The Complaining Tongue.*

**See also:** *Anger; Bad Habits; Church; Doubt; Envy; Faith; Fear; Heart; Honesty; Loneliness; Lordship; Obedience; Self-Denial; Temptation; Victory.*

## The Trinity

❶ Revealed in Creation.
▸ *See Genesis 1:26, page 2.*

❷ Revealed in Redemption.
▸ *See Ephesians 1:3–14, page 1104.*

❸ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
▸ *See 1 John 4:13–15, page 1176.*

Though it does not use the word *Trinity,* the Bible clearly teaches that God is one God revealed in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. First John 5:7 says: "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one." (Jesus is also referred to as "the Word" in John 1:1–5 and 1 John 1:1, 2.) Our human minds have difficulty understanding this mystery, so we must accept it by faith. Believing by faith pleases God. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

The Trinity is a central principle of the Christian faith and is one doctrine, or set of beliefs, that distinguishes Christianity from every other religion.

▸ *Now turn to page 2 for Genesis 1:26 and Point 1. Revealed in Creation.*

**See also:** *Faith; God the Father; Heaven; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Salvation; Will of God.*

## Trusting God

❶ The Character of God.
▸ *See Isaiah 46:9–11, page 666.*

❷ Against Our Nature.
▸ *See Psalm 46:1, page 508.*

❸ Learning to Trust.
▸ *See Jeremiah 17:7, 8, page 707.*

In order to trust God, we must know who He is. You have come to the right place for that; the most accurate source of information about God is His Word, the Bible. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, / And lean not on your own understanding; / In all your ways acknowledge Him, / And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

God provides His presence, strength, hope, and comfort to those who turn to Him with faith through Jesus Christ. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). If you have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*.

▸ *Now turn to page 666 for Isaiah 46:9–11 and Point 1. The Character of God.*

**See also:** *Anger; Anxiety; Bitterness; Depression; Doubt; Fear; God the Father; Heart; Love; Obedience; Salvation; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Suffering.*

## Unfaithfulness

**See:** *Adultery.*

## Unpardonable Sin

❶ The Seriousness of Sin.
▸ *See Luke 18:9–14, page 972.*

❷ Blaspheming the Holy Spirit.
▸ *See Matthew 12:30–32, page 896.*

Sometimes people feel guilty because they have the idea that God cannot possibly forgive them for a particular sin. When someone is guilty of a truly grievous sin—perhaps murder, adultery, incest, abortion—or even something not quite so serious, the person may be concerned that he or she has committed the "unpardonable sin." Over time, a person can develop obsessive guilt, perhaps like King David when he cried out: "My sin is always before me" (Psalm 51:3).

All sin is serious; but with humble confession and repentance, any sin can be dealt with. God, in His sovereignty and grace, can forgive any sin if you ask Him to.

▸ *Now turn to page 972 for Luke 18:9–14 and Point 1. The Seriousness of Sin.*

**See also:** *God's Forgiveness; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Sin.*

## VICTORY


❶ VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST.
▸ *See Revelation 12:9–11, page 1191.*

❷ VICTORY THROUGH GOD'S WORD.
▸ *See Joshua 1:7, 8, page 190.*

❸ VICTORY THROUGH PRAYER.
▸ *See Matthew 26:41, page 916.*

❹ VICTORY THROUGH FAITH.
▸ *See 1 John 5:3, 4, page 1177.*


All Christians are subject to trials and temptations, but we can be victorious over them if we use God's resources. Victory in the Christian life comes through a daily relationship with Jesus Christ, living in the power of the Holy Spirit (see *Salvation*).

To have this daily relationship, we need to saturate ourselves with the Word of God and obey it. This, together with a consistent prayer life and fellowship with other believers, will help us have faith to trust God through difficult circumstances.

▸ *Now turn to page 1191 for Revelation 12:9–11 and Point 1. Victory Through Christ.*

**See also:** *Authority; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Obedience; Peace; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Satan; Second Coming; Sin; Suffering; Temptation; Will of God.*

## WAYWARD CHRISTIANS


❶ JESUS' PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON.
▸ *See Luke 15:11–24, page 969.*

❷ CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LEAD TO WAYWARDNESS.
▸ *See Jeremiah 2:17, 19, page 689.*

❸ OVERCOME BY CARES OF THE WORLD.
▸ *See Mark 4:3–8, 13–20, page 925.*

❹ RETURNING TO FAITH.
▸ *See Hosea 14:4, page 830.*


Throughout the New Testament, Christians are warned to guard against the many forces that war against their souls. To spiritually "fall away" means to lose your close fellowship with the Lord and grow cold and indifferent to spiritual matters.

▸ *Now turn to page 969 for Luke 15:11–24 and Point 1. Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son.*

**See also:** *Bad Habits; Doubt; God's Forgiveness; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Faith; Fellowship; Hypocrisy; Obedience; Repentance; Restoration; Sin; Spiritual Warfare; Temptation; Worldliness.*

## WILL OF GOD


❶ GOD'S WILL FOR NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.
▸ *See Romans 13:1, 2, page 1063.*

❷ GOD'S WILL IS REVEALED THROUGH HIS WORD.
▸ *See Psalm 119:105, page 556.*

❸ LIVING IN GOD'S WILL.
▸ *See Psalm 25:4, 5, 9, 14, page 491.*


God has a specific plan for the life of each Christian. It should be your highest purpose to determine what His will is for you. Your greatest satisfaction and joy in life will come in living out God's will.

In order to know the will of God for your life, you must first know God Himself. You can never know who you are without first knowing *whose* you are. You learn to know God as you submit more and more to His authority in your life, are obedient to His Word, and are led by the Holy Spirit. You experience the joy of being in His will in direct proportion to your knowledge of God and your submission to Him: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, / And lean not on your own understanding; / In all your ways acknowledge Him, / And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

Christians have a holy calling, one that is according to God's purposes rather than our own (2 Timothy 1:9). The Old Testament figure Job said of God, "But He is unique, and who can make Him change? / And whatever His soul desires, that He does. / For He performs what is appointed for me, / And many such things are with Him" (Job 23:13, 14).

God's perspective is higher than ours. Since God exists outside the boundaries of time, He sees down the road, over the hill, and around the turn. As you submit to His authority and are obedient to His Word, you are led by His Spirit and learn to know God's will. This can bring God's peace even in the midst of difficult circumstances as you experience the joy of walking in His will.

▸ *Now turn to page 1063 for Romans 13:1, 2 and Point 1. God's Will for Nations and Individuals.*

**See also:** *Authority; Bible; Discipline from God; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Proper Perspective; Repentance; Restoration; Salvation; Suffering; Trinity; Worship.*

## WITNESSING


❶ WHO ARE CHRIST'S WITNESSES?
▶ *See Mark 5:18–20, page 927.*

❷ WHY WITNESS?
▶ *See Matthew 10:32, 33, page 893.*

❸ PREPARE YOURSELF TO BE A WITNESS.
▶ *See Acts 4:13, page 1019.*

❹ HOW TO WITNESS TO OTHERS.
▶ *See Philemon 4–6, page 1142.*

❺ WITNESSING INCLUDES FOLLOW-UP.
▶ *See Titus 3:8, page 1141.*


The term *witnessing* is commonly used to describe the process of proclaiming the Christian faith to nonbelievers. The term is very appropriate, as Christians tell others of what they have "witnessed," or seen, of God's grace and goodness.

The apostle John saw himself as a witness of the gospel precisely for this reason: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:1–3).

▶ *Now turn to page 927 for Mark 5:18–20 and Point 1. Who Are Christ's Witnesses?*

**See also:** *Church; Holy Spirit, Gifts; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Salvation; Salvation Assurance; Will of God.*

## WITNESSING AT WORK


❶ HONORING GOD IN YOUR WORK.
▶ *See 2 Chronicles 26:4, 5, page 401.*

❷ PREPARING YOURSELF TO WITNESS.
▶ *See Isaiah 6:8, page 625.*

❸ RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.
▶ *See Matthew 10:19, 20, page 892.*


When Jesus called 12 disciples to follow Him and build His church, He did not choose clergy, but people from the workplace. "Work" in its different forms is mentioned more than 800 times in the Bible. Interestingly, the Hebrew word *avoda,* which means "work" or "service," can also be used for "worship." More than 90 percent of Jesus' public appearances recorded in the Bible were in the marketplace. Of the 52 parables He told, 45 had a workplace context. In addition, 39 of the 40 divine interventions recorded in the Book of Acts were in the marketplace.

God cares about our work and our witness to others in our work. Your work is a holy calling and a tool to transform your workplace by accomplishing God's purposes there. We tend to think that certain aspects of our lives—such as Bible reading and prayer—are important to God and other areas—such as work and study—are at best neutral. However, Joseph, Daniel, and Nehemiah are all people who were clearly called to "secular" jobs to serve the Lord.

"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened" (Matthew 13:33). God transforms us and He yearns to use us to transform others around us.

▶ *Now turn to page 401 for 2 Chronicles 26:4, 5 and Point 1. Honoring God in Your Work.*

**See also:** *Hypocrisy; Salvation; The Tongue; Trusting God; Will of God; Witnessing; Worldliness.*

## WITNESSING TO CHILDREN


❶ CHRIST PLACES A HIGH PRIORITY ON MINISTRY TO CHILDREN.
▶ *See Mark 10:14, page 934.*

❷ PARENTS BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN FOR CHRIST.
▶ *See Deuteronomy 6:6, 7, page 161.*

❸ HOW TO LEAD CHILDREN TO FAITH IN CHRIST.
▶ *See Genesis 1:1, page 1.*


Children are very important to God. Because children are often trusting and accepting, they can be open to learning about Jesus. As they learn about Jesus, His life, death, and Resurrection, they also learn to respond to His love. Jesus recognized the unique characteristics of children when He said, "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

▶ *Now turn to page 934 for Mark 10:14 and Point 1. Christ Places a High Priority on Ministry to Children.*

**See also:** *Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heaven; Hell; Holy Spirit, Indwelling; Jesus Christ; Love; Peace; Repentance; Salvation Assurance; Sin; Temptation; Trusting God; Witnessing; Worldliness; Worship.*

## WITNESSING TO SPOUSE


❶ THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BELIEVING MATE.
▸ *See 1 Peter 3:1, 2, page 1165.*

❷ THE LIFESTYLE OF THE BELIEVING MATE.
▸ *See Philippians 1:27, page 1112.*


On a certain occasion, Jesus startled His disciples with a paradox: "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household' " (Matthew 10:34–36).

Ideal biblical marriages are built on the foundation of each spouse having a personal relationship with God (see *Marriage and Family*). Nowhere is the cost of discipleship more evident than in a marriage where one partner is a Christian and the other is not. Life becomes complicated as interests, activities, and goals are at odds. Bringing your mate to Christ should receive the highest priority, but be cautious in how you approach him or her with the gospel. Many marriages end in divorce because of the insensitivity and overzealous evangelizing of the Christian partner.

▸ *Now turn to page 1165 for 1 Peter 3:1, 2 and Point 1. The Responsibility of the Believing Mate.*

**See also:** *Divorce; Faith; Heart; Love; Marriage and Family; Trusting God; Witnessing.*

## WORLDLINESS


❶ WORLDLY MINDED VS. SPIRITUALLY MINDED.
▸ *See Titus 2:11–14, page 1140.*

❷ THE POWER OF WORLDLY ATTRACTION.
▸ *See Mark 4:19, page 925.*

❸ RELATIONSHIPS WITH NONBELIEVERS.
▸ *See 2 Corinthians 6:14–16, page 1091.*

❹ COMBATING WORLDLINESS.
▸ *See 2 Peter 1:2–4, page 1169.*


Even though Christians must live in the world, we are not to be *like* the world. This is difficult when we face temptations and our "adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Christians fight an internal battle between our old, worldly self and our new, godly self. Christians struggle to resist worldly temptations because the enemy of our soul knows how to appeal to our sinful nature. Ultimately, we do not fight against other people or earthly circumstances; rather, we wage a battle against evil spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12). Humanly speaking, we are no match for the Enemy. Unless we have God's supernatural power within us, we will be drawn into the world and live as defeated Christians.

▸ *Now turn to page 1140 for Titus 2:11–14 and Point 1. Worldly Minded vs. Spiritually Minded.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Bad Habits; Fellowship; Heart; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Hypocrisy; Lordship; Obedience; Self-Denial; Sexuality; Sin; Temptation; Will of God.*

## WORSHIP


❶ PURPOSE AND MEANING.
▸ *See Psalm 29:2, page 494.*

❷ WORSHIP IN SPIRIT.
▸ *See John 4:24, page 987.*

❸ ACTS OF WORSHIP.
▸ *See Acts 2:42, page 1017.*

❹ RESULTS OF WORSHIP.
▸ *See Exodus 24:7, page 70.*


Worship is more than a Sunday church service. It is a Christian's highest calling. Worship grows out of our relationship with God and a growing understanding of His character. Worshiping God then motivates us to develop sincere relationships with others. While we are often thankful for what God does, we worship God for more than that. God is worthy of our worship simply because of who He is—the Creator of the Universe and its sustainer and authority.

As you go through the outline, meditate on the glory and majesty of God. Use these Bible verses to help you know God better, and then worship Him because of who He is.

▸ *Now turn to page 494 for Psalm 29:2 and Point 1. Purpose and Meaning.*

**See also:** *Abundant Life; Authority; Church; Faith; God's Forgiveness; Heart; Heaven; Holy Spirit, Fruit; Jesus Christ; Lordship; Love; Prayer; Self-Denial; Trinity; Will of God.*

# PREFACE

## Purpose

In the preface to the 1611 edition, the translators of the Authorized Version, known popularly as the King James Bible, state that it was not their purpose "to make a new translation . . . but to make a good one better." Indebted to the earlier work of William Tyndale and others, they saw their best contribution to consist in revising and enhancing the excellence of the English versions which had sprung from the Reformation of the sixteenth century. In harmony with the purpose of the King James scholars, the translators and editors of the present work have not pursued a goal of innovation. They have perceived the Holy Bible, New King James Version, as a continuation of the labors of the earlier translators, thus unlocking for today's readers the spiritual treasures found especially in the Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures.

## Living Legacy

For nearly four hundred years, and throughout several revisions of its English form, the King James Bible has been deeply revered among the English-speaking peoples of the world. The precision of translation for which it is historically renowned, and its majesty of style, have enabled that monumental version of the Word of God to become the mainspring of the religion, language, and legal foundations of our civilization.

Although the Elizabethan period and our own era share in zeal for technical advance, the former period was more aggressively devoted to classical learning. Along with this awakened concern for the classics came a flourishing companion interest in the Scriptures, an interest that was enlivened by the conviction that the manuscripts were providentially handed down and were a trustworthy record of the inspired Word of God. The King James translators were committed to producing an English Bible that would be a precise translation, and by no means a paraphrase or a broadly approximate rendering. On the one hand, the scholars were almost as familiar with the original languages of the Bible as with their native English. On the other hand, their reverence for the divine Author and His Word assured a translation of the Scriptures in which only a principle of utmost accuracy could be accepted.

In 1786 Catholic scholar Alexander Geddes said of the King James Bible, "If accuracy and strictest attention to the letter of the text be supposed to constitute an excellent version, this is of all versions the most excellent." George Bernard Shaw became a literary legend in our century because of his severe and often humorous criticisms of our most cherished values. Surprisingly, however, Shaw pays the following tribute to the scholars commissioned by King James: "The translation was extraordinarily well done because to the translators what they were translating was not merely a curious collection of ancient books written by different authors in different stages of culture, but the Word of God divinely revealed through His chosen and expressly inspired scribes. In this conviction they carried out their work with boundless reverence and care and achieved a beautifully artistic result." History agrees with these estimates. Therefore, while seeking to unveil the excellent *form* of the traditional English Bible, special care has also been taken in the present edition to preserve the work of *precision* which is the legacy of the 1611 translators.

## Complete Equivalence in Translation

Where new translation has been necessary in the New King James Version, the most complete representation of the original has been rendered by considering the history of usage and etymology of words in their contexts. This principle of complete equivalence seeks to preserve *all* of the information in the text, while presenting it in good literary form. Dynamic equivalence, a recent procedure in Bible translation, commonly results in paraphrasing where a more literal rendering is needed to reflect a specific and vital sense. For example, complete equivalence truly renders the original text in expressions such as "lifted her voice and wept" (Gen. 21:16); "I gave you cleanness of teeth"

(Amos 4:6); "Jesus met them, saying, 'Rejoice!'" (Matt. 28:9); and "'Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?'" (John 2:4). Complete equivalence translates fully, in order to provide an English text that is both accurate and readable.

In keeping with the principle of complete equivalence, it is the policy to translate interjections which are commonly omitted in modern language renderings of the Bible. As an example, the interjection *behold,* in the older King James editions, continues to have a place in English usage, especially in dramatically calling attention to a spectacular scene, or an event of profound importance such as the Immanuel prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. Consequently, *behold* is retained for these occasions in the present edition. However, the Hebrew and Greek originals for this word can be translated variously, depending on the circumstances in the passage. Therefore, in addition to *behold,* words such as *indeed, look, see,* and *surely* are also rendered to convey the appropriate sense suggested by the context in each case.

In faithfulness to God and to our readers, it was deemed appropriate that all participating scholars sign a statement affirming their belief in the verbal and plenary inspiration of Scripture, and in the inerrancy of the original autographs.

## Devotional Quality

The King James scholars readily appreciated the intrinsic beauty of divine revelation. They accordingly disciplined their talents to render well-chosen English words of their time, as well as a graceful, often musical arrangement of language, which has stirred the hearts of Bible readers through the years. The translators, the committees, and the editors of the present edition, while sensitive to the late-twentieth-century English idiom, and while adhering faithfully to the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts, have sought to maintain those lyrical and devotional qualities that are so highly regarded in the Authorized Version. This devotional quality is especially apparent in the poetic and prophetic books, although even the relatively plain style of the Gospels and Epistles cannot strictly be likened, as sometimes suggested, to modern newspaper style. The Koine Greek of the New Testament is influenced by the Hebrew background of the writers, for whom even the gospel narratives were not merely flat utterance, but often song in various degrees of rhythm.

## The Style

Students of the Bible applaud the timeless devotional character of our historic Bible. Yet it is also universally understood that our language, like all living languages, has undergone profound change since 1611. Subsequent revisions of the King James Bible have sought to keep abreast of changes in English speech. The present work is a further step toward this objective. Where obsolescence and other reading difficulties exist, present-day vocabulary, punctuation, and grammar have been carefully integrated. Words representing ancient objects, such as *chariot* and *phylactery,* have no modern substitutes and are therefore retained.

A special feature of the New King James Version is its conformity to the thought flow of the 1611 Bible. The reader discovers that the sequence and selection of words, phrases, and clauses of the new edition, while much clearer, are so close to the traditional that there is remarkable ease in listening to the reading of either edition while following with the other.

In the discipline of translating biblical and other ancient languages, a standard method of transliteration, that is, the English spelling of untranslated words, such as names of persons and places, has never been commonly adopted. In keeping with the design of the present work, the King James spelling of untranslated words is retained, although made uniform throughout. For example, instead of the spellings *Isaiah* and *Elijah* in the Old Testament, and *Esaias* and *Elias* in the New Testament, *Isaiah* and *Elijah* now appear in both Testaments.

King James doctrinal and theological terms, for example, *propitiation, justification,* and *sanctification,* are generally familiar to English-speaking peoples. Such terms have been retained except where the original language indicates need for a more precise translation.

Readers of the Authorized Version will immediately be struck by the absence of several pronouns: *thee, thou,* and *ye* are replaced by the simple *you,* while *your* and *yours* are substituted for *thy* and *thine* as applicable. *Thee, thou, thy,* and *thine* were once forms of address to express a special relationship to human as well as divine persons. These pronouns are no longer part of our language. However, reverence for God in the present work is preserved by capitalizing pronouns, including *You, Your,* and *Yours,* which refer to Him. Additionally, capitalization of these pronouns benefits the reader by clearly distinguishing divine and human persons referred to in a passage. Without such capitalization the distinction is often obscure, because the antecedent of a pronoun is not always clear in the English translation.

In addition to the pronoun usages of the seventeenth century, the *-eth* and *-est* verb endings, so familiar in the earlier King James editions, are now obsolete. Unless a speaker is schooled in these verb endings, there is common difficulty in selecting the correct form to be used with a given subject of the verb in vocal prayer. That is, should we use *love, loveth,* or *lovest? do, doeth, doest,* or *dost? have, hath,* or *hast?* Because these forms are obsolete, contemporary English usage has been substituted for the previous verb endings.

In older editions of the King James Version, the frequency of the connective *and* far exceeded the limits of present English usage. Also, biblical linguists agree that the Hebrew and Greek original words for this conjunction may commonly be translated otherwise, depending on the immediate context. Therefore, instead of *and,* alternatives such as *also, but, however, now, so, then,* and *thus* are accordingly rendered in the present edition, when the original language permits.

The real character of the Authorized Version does not reside in its archaic pronouns or verbs or other grammatical forms of the seventeenth century, but rather in the care taken by its scholars to impart the letter and spirit of the original text in a majestic and reverent style.

## The Format

The format of the New King James Version is designed to enhance the vividness and devotional quality of the Holy Scriptures:

- Subject headings assist the reader to identify topics and transitions in the biblical content.
- Words or phrases in *italics* indicate expressions in the original language which require clarification by additional English words, as also done throughout the history of the King James Bible.
- *Oblique* type in the New Testament indicates a quotation from the Old Testament.
- Prose is divided into paragraphs to indicate the structure of thought.
- Poetry is structured as contemporary verse to reflect the poetic form and beauty of the passage in the original language.
- The covenant name of God was usually translated from the Hebrew as "LORD" or "GOD" (using capital letters as shown) in the King James Old Testament. This tradition is maintained. In the present edition, the name is so capitalized whenever the covenant name is quoted in the New Testament from a passage in the Old Testament.

## The Old Testament Text

The Hebrew Bible has come down to us through the scrupulous care of ancient scribes who copied the original text in successive generations. By the sixth century A.D. the scribes were succeeded by a group known as the Masoretes, who continued to preserve the sacred Scriptures for another five hundred years in a form known as the Masoretic Text. Babylonia, Palestine, and Tiberias were the main centers of Masoretic activity; but by the tenth century A.D. the Masoretes of Tiberias, led by the family of ben Asher, gained the ascendancy. Through subsequent editions, the ben Asher text became in the twelfth century the only recognized form of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Daniel Bomberg printed the first Rabbinic Bible in 1516–17; that work was followed in 1524–25 by a second edition prepared by Jacob ben Chayyim and also published by Bomberg. The text of ben Chayyim was adopted in most subsequent Hebrew Bibles, including those used by the King James translators. The ben Chayyim text was also used for the first two editions of Rudolph Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica* of 1906 and 1912. In 1937 Paul Kahle published a third edition of *Biblia Hebraica.* This edition was based on the oldest dated manuscript of the ben Asher text, the Leningrad Manuscript B19a (A.D. 1008), which Kahle regarded as superior to that used by ben Chayyim.

For the New King James Version the text used was the 1967/1977 Stuttgart edition of the *Biblia Hebraica,* with frequent comparisons being made with the Bomberg edition of 1524–25. The Septuagint (Greek) Version of the Old Testament and the Latin Vulgate also were consulted. In addition to referring to a variety of ancient versions of the Hebrew Scriptures, the New King James Version draws on the resources of relevant manuscripts from the Dead Sea caves. In the few places where the Hebrew was so obscure that the 1611 King James was compelled to follow one of the versions, but where information is now available to resolve the problems, the New King James Version follows the Hebrew text. Significant variations are recorded in the footnotes.

### The New Testament Text

There is more manuscript support for the New Testament than for any other body of ancient literature. Over five thousand Greek, eight thousand Latin, and many more manuscripts in other languages attest the integrity of the New Testament. There is only one basic New Testament used by Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox, by conservatives and liberals. Minor variations in hand copying have appeared through the centuries, before mechanical printing began about A.D. 1450.

Some variations exist in the spelling of Greek words, in word order, and in similar details. These ordinarily do not show up in translation and do not affect the sense of the text in any way.

Other manuscript differences such as omission or inclusion of a word or a clause, and two paragraphs in the Gospels, should not overshadow the overwhelming degree of *agreement* which exists among the ancient records. Bible readers may be assured that the most important differences in English New Testaments of today are due, not to manuscript divergence, but to the way in which translators view the task of translation: How literally should the text be rendered? How does the translator view the matter of biblical inspiration? Does the translator adopt a paraphrase when a literal rendering would be quite clear and more to the point? The New King James Version follows the historic precedent of the Authorized Version in maintaining a literal approach to translation, except where the idiom of the original language cannot be translated directly into our tongue.

The King James New Testament was based on the traditional text of the Greek-speaking churches, first published in 1516, and later called the Textus Receptus or Received Text. Although based on the relatively few available manuscripts, these were representative of many more which existed at the time but only became known later. In the late nineteenth century, B. Westcott and F. Hort taught that this text had been officially edited by the fourth-century church, but a total lack of historical evidence for this event has forced a revision of the theory. It is now widely held that the Byzantine Text that largely supports the Textus Receptus has as much right as the Alexandrian or any other tradition to be weighed in determining the text of the New Testament.

Since the 1880s most contemporary translations of the New Testament have relied upon a relatively few manuscripts discovered chiefly in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Such translations depend primarily on two manuscripts, Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus, because of their greater age. The Greek text obtained by using these sources and the related papyri (our most ancient manuscripts) is known as the Alexandrian Text. However, some scholars have grounds for doubting the faithfulness of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, since they often disagree with one another, and Sinaiticus exhibits excessive omission.

A third viewpoint of New Testament scholarship holds that the best text is based on the consensus of the majority of existing Greek manuscripts. This text is called the Majority Text. Most of these manuscripts are in substantial agreement. Even though many are late, and none is earlier than the fifth century, usually their readings are verified by papyri, ancient versions, quotations from the early church fathers, or a combination of these. The Majority Text is similar to the Textus Receptus, but it corrects those readings which have little or no support in the Greek manuscript tradition.

Today, scholars agree that the science of New Testament textual criticism is in a state of flux. Very few scholars still favor the Textus Receptus as such, and then often for its historical prestige as the text of Luther, Calvin, Tyndale, and the King James Version. For about a century most have followed a Critical Text (so called because it is edited according to specific principles of textual criticism) which depends heavily upon the Alexandrian type of text. More recently many have abandoned this Critical Text (which is quite similar to the one edited by Westcott and Hort) for one that is more eclectic. Finally, a small but growing number of scholars prefer the Majority Text, which is close to the traditional text except in the Revelation.

In light of these facts, and also because the New King James Version is the fifth revision of a historic document translated from specific Greek texts, the editors decided to retain the traditional text in the body of the New Testament and to indicate major Critical and Majority Text variant readings in the footnotes. Although these variations are duly indicated in the footnotes of the present edition, it is most important to emphasize that fully eighty-five percent of the New Testament text is the same in the Textus Receptus, the Alexandrian Text, and the Majority Text.

## Footnotes

Significant explanatory notes, alternate translations, and cross-references, as well as New Testament citations of Old Testament passages, are supplied in the footnotes.

Important textual variants in the Old Testament are identified in a standard form.

The textual notes in the present edition of the New Testament make no evaluation of readings, but do clearly indicate the manuscript sources of readings. They objectively present the facts without such tendentious remarks as "the best manuscripts omit" or "the most reliable manuscripts read." Such notes are value judgments that differ according to varying viewpoints on the text. By giving a clearly defined set of variants the New King James Version benefits readers of all textual persuasions.

Where significant variations occur in the New Testament Greek manuscripts, textual notes are classified as follows:

1. NU-Text
   These variations from the traditional text generally represent the Alexandrian or Egyptian type of text described previously in "The New Testament Text." They are found in the Critical Text published in the twenty-seventh edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament (N) and in the United Bible Societies' fourth edition (U), hence the acronym, "NU-Text."
2. M-Text
   This symbol indicates points of variation in the Majority Text from the traditional text, as also previously discussed in "The New Testament Text." It should be noted that M stands for whatever reading is printed in the published *Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text,* whether supported by overwhelming, strong, or only a divided majority textual tradition.

The textual notes reflect the scholarship of the past 150 years and will assist the reader to observe the variations between the different manuscript traditions of the New Testament. Such information is generally not available in English translations of the New Testament.

# THE
# OLD TESTAMENT

# GENESIS

### *The History of Creation*

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [2]The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was*[a] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

[3]Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. [4]And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

[6]Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." [7]Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. [8]And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

[9]Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so. [10]And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

[11]Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. [12]And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. [13]So the evening and the morning were the third day.

[14]Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; [15]and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. [16]Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also. [17]God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, [18]and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. [19]So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

[20]Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." [21]So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. [22]And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." [23]So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

[24]Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and

**1:2** [a]Words in italic type have been added for clarity. They are not found in the original Hebrew or Aramaic.

**WITNESSING TO CHILDREN**

### ❸ How to Lead Children to Faith in Christ

► *See* **Genesis 1:1**

Explain to the child that God made the world and each person in it. Walk the child through the Bible verses and explanation of the gospel message in the topic *Salvation*.

Invite the child to pray with you to trust Jesus Christ. The following is a suggested prayer to pray with children:

*Dear God, You said that I sinned and need forgiveness. I am sorry for doing wrong things and pleasing myself instead of You. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Lord and save me from my sins. Amen.*

Don't stop there. Encourage the child to read the Bible, to talk to God (pray) daily, and to go to Sunday school and church each week. Offer a beginning Bible study that will help the child understand his or her commitment more fully. Memorize Bible verses together. All these things will help to ensure that "when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. 25And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

26Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[a] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

4This *is* the history[a] of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground; 6but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

7And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

### *Life in God's Garden*

8The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11The name of the first *is* Pishon; it *is* the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. 12And the gold of that land *is* good. Bdellium and the onyx stone *are* there. 13The name of the second river *is* Gihon; it *is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14The name of the third river *is* Hiddekel;[a] it *is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.

15Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

18And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam

**1:26** [a]Syriac reads *all the wild animals of.* **2:4** [a]Hebrew *toledoth,* literally *generations* **2:14** [a]Or *Tigris*

**THE TRINITY** **1 REVEALED IN CREATION**

► *See* **Genesis 1:26**

From the first chapter of the Bible, God reveals Himself to be "plural." In this verse, we see all three personalities of God working together during the creation of the world.

These three personalities are equal in glory and character, and they share the attributes of God revealed in the Old Testament. They are all eternal—meaning that none was created.

► *Now turn to page 1104 for Ephesians 1:3–14 and Point 2. Revealed in Redemption.*

called each living creature, that *was* its name. [20]So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

[21]And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. [22]Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

[23]And Adam said:

"This *is* now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man."

[24]Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

[25]And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

*The Temptation and Fall of Man*

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

[2]And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; [3]but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

[4]Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. [5]For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

[6]So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. [7]Then the eyes of both of them

**LONELINESS** — **2 CREATED FOR COMPANIONSHIP**

► *See* **Genesis 2:18**

God was pleased with His creation of the first man, Adam. God had designed Adam for companionship, so He created Eve. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve experienced the perfect human companionship that God intended. They also knew an unbroken relationship with their Creator, God.

► *Now see below for Genesis 3:7, 8 and Point 3. The Origin of Loneliness.*

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY** — **1 MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY ARE ESTABLISHED BY GOD**

► *See* **GENESIS 2:24**

God created both male and female in His own image (1:27). Here in Chapter 2, the marriage union is described. God's intention for this relationship is oneness, unity, and joy. Because marriage and family have been established by God, consider His plan and purposes for this relationship:

- Marriage involves the exclusive commitment of a man and woman to each other for life (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5–9).
- Marriage is to be a source of mutual love and respect (1 Corinthians 7:3–5).
- Children are a blessing resulting from the marriage relationship (Psalm 127:3–5).
- The family is to be a source of instruction about God and righteous living (Deuteronomy 6:6–9).
- The home is to be established on a spiritual foundation built by God (Psalm 127:1).

► *Now turn to page 1109 for Ephesians 5:22–25 and Point 2. The Roles of Husbands and Wives.*

**LONELINESS** — **3 THE ORIGIN OF LONELINESS**

► *See* **GENESIS 3:7, 8**

Loneliness originated in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. One of the results of their sin was a broken relationship with God. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God as an attempt to cover up their sin. They no longer enjoyed close companionship with God.

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were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

16 To the woman He said:

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire *shall be* for your husband,
And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

"Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat *of* it
All the days of your life.
18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you *are,*
And to dust you shall return."

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has

***LONELINESS: 3. THE ORIGIN OF LONELINESS** (continued)*

Our deepest loneliness is caused by this separation from God, and this also impacts our relationships with others. After Adam and Eve sinned, they had difficulty in their own relationship with each other. Each of them began to blame the other. They were no longer in perfect companionship. Today loneliness continues to result from broken relationships caused by sin.

Thankfully, we can be reconciled to God when we put our faith in Jesus Christ (see *Salvation*). We can, however, still struggle with loneliness while we mature in our relationship with Christ.

► *Now turn to page 606 for Ecclesiastes 4:8–12 and Point 4. Effects of Loneliness.*

**FEAR**

**1 FEAR IS THE RESULT OF SEPARATION FROM GOD**

► *See* **GENESIS 3:9, 10**

Fear is a result of sin. When Adam rebelled against God, he became afraid of the consequences and tried to hide from God. Prior to sin, Adam and Eve had a completely unhindered relationship with God and did not experience any fear. After sin, they felt unprotected and afraid because they were separated from their close daily walk with God.

► *Now turn to page 184 for Deuteronomy 31:8 and Point 2. Fear Is an Indicator of Distrust.*

become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—
[23]therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. [24]So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

### *Cain Murders Abel*

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." [2]Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. [3]And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. [4]Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, [5]but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

[6]So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? [7]If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

[8]Now Cain talked with Abel his brother;[a] and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

[9]Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where *is* Abel your brother?"

He said, "I do not know. *Am* I my brother's keeper?"

[10]And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. [11]So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. [12]When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

[13]And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment *is* greater than I can bear! [14]Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen *that* anyone who finds me will kill me."

[15]And the LORD said to him, "Therefore,[a] whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

### *The Family of Cain*

[16]Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. [17]And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. [18]To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

[19]Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one *was* Adah, and the name of the second *was* Zillah. [20]And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. [21]His brother's name *was* Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. [22]And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain *was* Naamah.

[23]Then Lamech said to his wives:

**4:8** [a]Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate add *"Let us go out to the field."* **4:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Not so.*

**BITTERNESS** **1 CAIN'S REVENGE**

► *See* **GENESIS 4:1–8**

The story of Cain and Abel is a classic case of revenge. Cain was angry because his offering was not accepted while his brother's offering was. It really wasn't a matter between Cain and Abel at all, but between Cain and God, for it was God who had rejected Cain's offering. But Cain became resentful and depressed. Instead of repenting and asking forgiveness of the Lord, he turned on his brother.

Many people have the attitude of Cain. They will tell you how they have been misunderstood, maligned, and mistreated, never realizing the sinful implications behind their own behavior. As the story unfolds, what lies underneath is the sin of resentment and bitterness. God's Word says, "But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth" (Colossians 3:8).

► *Now turn to page 1155 for Hebrews 12:14, 15 and Point 2. The Root of Bitterness.*

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech!
For I have killed a man for wounding me,
Even a young man for hurting me.
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

*A New Son*

25And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." 26And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh.[a] Then *men* began to call on the name of the LORD.

*The Family of Adam*

5 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. 3And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot *a son* in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. 4After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters. 5So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

6Seth lived one hundred and five years, and begot Enosh. 7After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years, and had sons and daughters. 8So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

9Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Cainan.[a] 10After he begot Cainan, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and had sons and daughters. 11So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

12Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. 13After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years, and had sons and daughters. 14So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

15Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared. 16After he begot Jared, Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years, and had sons and daughters. 17So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died.

18Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot Enoch. 19After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 20So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died.

21Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. 22After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 23So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him.

25Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. 26After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. 27So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

28Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. 29And he called his name Noah, saying, "This *one* will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." 30After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. 31So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.

32And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

*The Wickedness and Judgment of Man*

6 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive[a] with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

5Then the LORD[a] saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. 6And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of

**4:26** [a]Greek *Enos* **5:9** [a]Hebrew *Qenan* **6:3** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *abide.* **6:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Vulgate reads *God;* Septuagint reads *LORD God.*

the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." [8]But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

### *Noah Pleases God*

[9]This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. [10]And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[11]The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. [12]So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

### *The Ark Prepared*

[13]And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. [14]Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. [15]And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. [16]You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks.* [17]And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die. [18]But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [19]And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. [20]Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. [21]And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

[22]Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

### *The Great Flood*

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that* you *are* righteous before Me in this generation. [2]You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; [3]also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. [4]For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." [5]And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. [6]Noah *was* six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

[7]So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. [8]Of clean animals, of animals that *are* unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, [9]two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. [10]And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. [11]In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. [12]And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

[13]On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— [14]they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. [15]And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which *is* the breath of life. [16]So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

[17]Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. [18]The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. [19]And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. [20]The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. [21]And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. [22]All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit[a] of life, all that *was* on the dry *land,* died. [23]So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in

**7:22** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate omit *of the spirit.*

the ark remained *alive.* [24]And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

### *Noah's Deliverance*

8 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. [2]The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. [3]And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. [4]Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. [5]And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month,* on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

[6]So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. [7]Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. [8]He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. [9]But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. [10]And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. [11]Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. [12]So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

[13]And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month,* the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. [14]And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

[15]Then God spoke to Noah, saying, [16]"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. [17]Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." [18]So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. [19]Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

### *God's Covenant with Creation*

[20]Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. [21]And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

22 "While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease."

9 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.[a] [2]And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. [3]Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. [4]But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is,* its blood. [5]Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning;* from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed;
For in the image of God
He made man.
7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply;
Bring forth abundantly in the earth
And multiply in it."

[8]Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: [9]"And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants[a] after you, [10]and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every

**9:1** [a]Compare Genesis 1:28 **9:9** [a]Literally *seed*

beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

12And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: 13I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth." 17And God said to Noah, "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth."

### *Noah and His Sons*

18Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *was* the father of Canaan. 19These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

20And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces *were* turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25Then he said:

"Cursed *be* Canaan;
A servant of servants
He shall be to his brethren."

26And he said:

"Blessed *be* the LORD,
The God of Shem,
And may Canaan be his servant.
27 May God enlarge Japheth,
And may he dwell in the tents of Shem;
And may Canaan be his servant."

28And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

### *Nations Descended from Noah*

10 Now this *is* the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

2The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 3The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, Riphath,[a] and Togarmah. 4The sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.[a] 5From these the coastland *peoples* of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

6The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put,[a] and Canaan. 7The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.

8Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." 10And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, 12and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that *is* the principal city).

13Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 14Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim).

15Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; 16the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; 17the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; 18the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. 19And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. 20These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands *and* in their nations.

21And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. 22The sons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. 23The sons of Aram *were* Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.[a]

**10:3** [a]Spelled *Diphath* in 1 Chronicles 1:6 **10:4** [a]Spelled *Rodanim* in Samaritan Pentateuch and 1 Chronicles 1:7 **10:6** [a]Or *Phut* **10:23** [a]Called *Meshech* in Septuagint and 1 Chronicles 1:17

24 Arphaxad begot Salah,[a] and Salah begot Eber.
25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one
*was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided;
and his brother's name *was* Joktan. 26 Joktan begot
Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 28 Obal,[a] Abimael, Sheba,
29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the
sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling place was
from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. 31 These *were* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their
languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

32 These *were* the families of the sons of Noah,
according to their generations, in their nations;
and from these the nations were divided on the
earth after the flood.

### *The Tower of Babel*

11 Now the whole earth had one language
and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as
they journeyed from the east, that they
found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt
there. 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let
us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They
had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a
city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let
us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered
abroad over the face of the whole earth."

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and
the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And
the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and
they all have one language, and this is what they
begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do
will be withheld from them. 7 Come, let Us go
down and there confuse their language, that they
may not understand one another's speech." 8 So
the LORD scattered them abroad from there over
the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel,
because there the LORD confused the language of
all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered
them abroad over the face of all the earth.

### *Shem's Descendants*

10 This *is* the genealogy of Shem: Shem *was* one
hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years
after the flood. 11 After he begot Arphaxad, Shem
lived five hundred years, and begot sons and
daughters.

12 Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot
Salah. 13 After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four
hundred and three years, and begot sons and
daughters.

14 Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. 15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and
three years, and begot sons and daughters.

16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg.
17 After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred
and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

18 Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. 19 After
he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine
years, and begot sons and daughters.

20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug.
21 After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and
seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

22 Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor.
23 After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred
years, and begot sons and daughters.

24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot
Terah. 25 After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one
hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and
daughters.

26 Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot
Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

### *Terah's Descendants*

27 This *is* the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot
Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. 28 And
Haran died before his father Terah in his native
land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 Then Abram and
Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife *was*
Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the
daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the
father of Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no
child.

31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-
law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out
with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the
land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and
dwelt there. 32 So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

### *Promises to Abram*

12 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father's house,
To a land that I will show you.

**10:24** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Vulgate, and Targum; Septuagint reads *Arphaxad begot Cainan, and Cainan begot Salah* (compare Luke 3:35, 36). **10:28** [a]Spelled *Ebal* in 1 Chronicles 1:22

2 I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.
3 I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh.[a] And the Canaanites *were* then in the land.

7Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. 9So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.[a]

### *Abram in Egypt*

10Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine *was* severe in the land. 11And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you *are* a woman of beautiful countenance. 12Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This *is* his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13Please say you *are* my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I[a] may live because of you."

14So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she *was* very beautiful. 15The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house. 16He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

17But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What *is* this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she *was* your wife? 19Why did you say, 'She *is* my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take *her* and go your way." 20So Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

### *Abram Inherits Canaan*

13 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.[a] 2Abram *was* very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. 6Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. 7And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

8So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we *are* brethren. 9*Is* not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If *you take* the left, then I will go to the right; or, if *you go* to the right, then I will go to the left."

10And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. 11Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. 12Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tent even as far as Sodom. 13But the men of Sodom *were* exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

14And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward,

**12:6** [a]Hebrew *Alon Moreh* **12:9** [a]Hebrew *Negev*
**12:13** [a]Literally *my soul* **13:1** [a]Hebrew *Negev*

southward, eastward, and westward; 15for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants[a] forever. 16And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then* your descendants also could be numbered. 17Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

18Then Abram moved *his* tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre,[a] which *are* in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

### *Lot's Captivity and Rescue*

14 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations,[a] 2*that* they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). 3All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). 4Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that *were* with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, 6and the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which *is* by the wilderness. 7Then they turned back and came to En Mishpat (that *is,* Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazezon Tamar.

8And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that *is,* Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim 9against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations,[a] Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. 10Now the Valley of Siddim *was full of* asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; *some* fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains. 11Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre[a] the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they *were* allies with Abram. 14Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained *servants* who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which *is* north of Damascus. 16So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

17And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that *is,* the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him.

### *Abram and Melchizedek*

18Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. 19And he blessed him and said:

"Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
20 And blessed be God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

And he gave him a tithe of all.

21Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

22But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, 23that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'— 24except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."

### *God's Covenant with Abram*

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

2But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?" 3Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

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**13:15** [a]Literally *seed,* and so throughout the book
**13:18** [a]Hebrew *Alon Mamre* **14:1** [a]Hebrew *goyim*
**14:9** [a]Hebrew *goyim* **14:13** [a]Hebrew *Alon Mamre*

4And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

7Then He said to him, "I *am* the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

8And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

9So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. 13Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete."

17And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying:

"To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— 19the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, 20the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

### *Hagar and Ishmael*

**16** Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no *children.* And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing *children.* Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 3Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. 4So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

5Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong *be* upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."

6So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid *is* in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

7Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." 10Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." 11And the Angel of the LORD said to her:

"Behold, you *are* with child,
And you shall bear a son.
You shall call his name Ishmael,
Because the LORD has heard your affliction.
12 He shall be a wild man;
His hand *shall be* against every man,
And every man's hand against him.
And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

13Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" 14Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi;[a] observe, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

15So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

**16:14** [a]Literally *Well of the One Who Lives and Sees Me*

16 Abram *was* eighty-six years old when Hagar
bore Ishmael to Abram.

### *The Sign of the Covenant*

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years
old, the LORD appeared to Abram and
said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk
before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My
covenant between Me and you, and will multiply
you exceedingly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face,
and God talked with him, saying: 4 "As for Me, be-
hold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a
father of many nations. 5 No longer shall your
name be called Abram, but your name shall be
Abraham; for I have made you a father of many
nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and
I will make nations of you, and kings shall come
from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant be-
tween Me and you and your descendants after
you in their generations, for an everlasting cov-
enant, to be God to you and your descendants
after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descen-
dants after you the land in which you are a strang-
er, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting
possession; and I will be their God."

9 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you
shall keep My covenant, you and your descen-
dants after you throughout their generations.
10 This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, be-
tween Me and you and your descendants after
you: Every male child among you shall be cir-
cumcised; 11 and you shall be circumcised in the
flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the
covenant between Me and you. 12 He who is eight
days old among you shall be circumcised, every
male child in your generations, he who is born in
your house or bought with money from any for-
eigner who is not your descendant. 13 He who is
born in your house and he who is bought with
your money must be circumcised, and My cov-
enant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting cov-
enant. 14 And the uncircumcised male child, who
is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that
person shall be cut off from his people; he has
broken My covenant."

15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your
wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah
*shall be* her name. 16 And I will bless her and also
give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she
shall be *a mother of* nations; kings of peoples
shall be from her."

17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed,
and said in his heart, "Shall *a child* be born to a
man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sar-
ah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child?*" 18 And
Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might
live before You!"

19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall
bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac;
I will establish My covenant with him for an ever-
lasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after
him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Be-
hold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruit-
ful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall
beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great
nation. 21 But My covenant I will establish with
Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set
time next year." 22 Then He finished talking with
him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who
were born in his house and all who were bought
with his money, every male among the men of
Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of
their foreskins that very same day, as God had
said to him. 24 Abraham *was* ninety-nine years old
when he was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-
skin. 25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old
when he was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-
skin. 26 That very same day Abraham was circum-
cised, and his son Ishmael; 27 and all the men of
his house, born in the house or bought with
money from a foreigner, were circumcised with
him.

### *The Son of Promise*

18 Then the LORD appeared to him by the
terebinth trees of Mamre,[a] as he was sit-
ting in the tent door in the heat of the
day. 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold,
three men were standing by him; and when he
saw *them,* he ran from the tent door to meet
them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and
said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your
sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4 Please let a
little water be brought, and wash your feet, and
rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will bring a
morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts.
After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have
come to your servant."

They said, "Do as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and
said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine

**18:1** [a] Hebrew *Alon Mamre*

meal; knead *it* and make cakes." 7And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. 8So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9Then they said to him, "Where *is* Sarah your wife?"

So he said, "Here, in the tent."

10And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.) 11Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.[a] 12Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

13And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear *a child,* since I am old?' 14Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

15But Sarah denied *it,* saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid.

And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

### *Abraham Intercedes for Sodom*

16Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. 17And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." 20And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, 21I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

22Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. 23And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? 25Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

27Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: 28Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of* five?"

So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it.*"

29And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?"

So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty."

30Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there."

31And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty."

32Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?"

And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten." 33So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

### *Sodom's Depravity*

19 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them,* he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. 2And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way."

And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square."

3But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4Now before they lay down, the men of the city,

**18:11** [a]Literally *the manner of women had ceased to be with Sarah*

the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. 5And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally.*"

6So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, 7and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! 8See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof."

9And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay *here,* and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. 10But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11And they struck the men who *were* at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary *trying* to find the door.

### *Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed*

12Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take *them* out of this place! 13For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

14So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

15When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." 16And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he[a] said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

18Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! 19Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. 20See now, this city *is* near *enough* to flee to, and it *is* a little one; please let me escape there (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live."

21And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. 22Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there."

Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. 25So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. 28Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. 29And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

### *The Descendants of Lot*

30Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave. 31Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father *is* old, and *there is* no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. 32Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." 33So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in *and* lie with him, that we may

**19:17** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *they.*

preserve the lineage of our father." [35]Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

[36]Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. [37]The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he *is* the father of the Moabites to this day. [38]And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he *is* the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

### *Abraham and Abimelech*

20 And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. [2]Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She *is* my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

[3]But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you *are* a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she *is* a man's wife."

[4]But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also? [5]Did he not say to me, 'She *is* my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He *is* my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this."

[6]And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her. [7]Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore *her,* know that you shall surely die, you and all who *are* yours."

[8]So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were very much afraid. [9]And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done." [10]Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?"

[11]And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife. [12]But indeed *she is* truly my sister. She *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. [13]And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This *is* your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "He *is* my brother."'"

[14]Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave *them* to Abraham; and he restored Sarah his wife to him. [15]And Abimelech said, "See, my land *is* before you; dwell where it pleases you." [16]Then to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand *pieces* of silver; indeed this vindicates you[a] before all who *are* with you and before everybody." Thus she was rebuked.

[17]So Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore *children;* [18]for the LORD had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

### *Isaac Is Born*

21 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. [2]For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. [3]And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. [4]Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. [5]Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. [6]And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, *and* all who hear will laugh with me." [7]She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne *him* a son in his old age."

### *Hagar and Ishmael Depart*

[8]So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.

[9]And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. [10]Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *namely* with Isaac." [11]And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.

[12]But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your

**20:16** [a]Literally *it is a covering of the eyes for you*

seed shall be called. 13Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he *is* your seed."

14So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting *it* on her shoulder, he gave *it* and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. 15And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. 16Then she went and sat down across from *him* at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite *him,* and lifted her voice and wept.

17And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he *is.* 18Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."

19Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. 20So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. 21He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### *A Covenant with Abimelech*

22And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech and Phichol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "God *is* with you in all that you do. 23Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the kindness that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt."

24And Abraham said, "I will swear."

25Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had seized. 26And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, nor had I heard *of it* until today." 27So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant. 28And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29Then Abimelech asked Abraham, "What *is the meaning of* these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?"

30And he said, "You will take *these* seven ewe lambs from my hand, that they may be my witness that I have dug this well." 31Therefore he called that place Beersheba,[a] because the two of them swore an oath there.

32Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba. So Abimelech rose with Phichol, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines. 33Then *Abraham* planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. 34And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines many days.

### *Abraham's Faith Confirmed*

22 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

2Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad[a] and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

So he said, "Here I am."

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**21:31** [a]Literally *Well of the Oath* or *Well of the Seven*
**22:5** [a]Or *young man*

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad,
or do anything to him; for now I know that you
fear God, since you have not withheld your son,
your only *son,* from Me."
13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and
there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by
its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and
offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his
son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place,
The-LORD-Will-Provide;[a] as it is said *to* this day,
"In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."
15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham
a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself
I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done
this thing, and have not withheld your son, your
only *son*— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multi-
plying I will multiply your descendants as the
stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on
the seashore; and your descendants shall possess
the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the na-
tions of the earth shall be blessed, because you
have obeyed My voice." 19 So Abraham returned to
his young men, and they rose and went together
to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

### *The Family of Nahor*

20 Now it came to pass after these things that it
was told Abraham, saying, "Indeed Milcah also
has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21 Huz
his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father
of Aram, 22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and
Bethuel." 23 And Bethuel begot Rebekah.[a] These
eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.
24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also
bore Tebah, Gaham, Thahash, and Maachah.

### *Sarah's Death and Burial*

23 Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-
seven years; *these were* the years of the
life of Sarah. 2 So Sarah died in Kirjath
Arba (that *is,* Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and
Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep
for her.
3 Then Abraham stood up from before his dead,
and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying, 4 "I *am* a
foreigner and a visitor among you. Give me prop-
erty for a burial place among you, that I may bury
my dead out of my sight."
5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, say-
ing to him, 6 "Hear us, my lord: You *are* a mighty
prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of
our burial places. None of us will withhold from
you his burial place, that you may bury your dead."
7 Then Abraham stood up and bowed himself to
the people of the land, the sons of Heth. 8 And he
spoke with them, saying, "If it is your wish that I
bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and meet
with Ephron the son of Zohar for me, 9 that he may
give me the cave of Machpelah which he has,
which *is* at the end of his field. Let him give it to
me at the full price, as property for a burial place
among you."
10 Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of Heth;
and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the
presence of the sons of Heth, all who entered at
the gate of his city, saying, 11 "No, my lord, hear
me: I give you the field and the cave that *is* in it; I
give it to you in the presence of the sons of my
people. I give it to you. Bury your dead!"
12 Then Abraham bowed himself down before
the people of the land; 13 and he spoke to Ephron
in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If
you *will give it,* please hear me. I will give you
money for the field; take *it* from me and I will
bury my dead there."
14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to
him, 15 "My lord, listen to me; the land *is worth* four
hundred shekels of silver. What *is* that between
you and me? So bury your dead." 16 And Abraham
listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out the
silver for Ephron which he had named in the hear-
ing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of
silver, currency of the merchants.
17 So the field of Ephron which *was* in Mach-
pelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field and the
cave which *was* in it, and all the trees that *were* in
the field, which *were* within all the surrounding
borders, were deeded 18 to Abraham as a posses-
sion in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all
who went in at the gate of his city.
19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife
in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before
Mamre (that *is,* Hebron) in the land of Canaan.
20 So the field and the cave that *is* in it were deeded
to Abraham by the sons of Heth as property for a
burial place.

### *A Bride for Isaac*

24 Now Abraham was old, well advanced
in age; and the LORD had blessed Abra-
ham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to
the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all

**22:14** [a]Hebrew *YHWH Yireh* **22:23** [a]Spelled *Rebecca* in Romans 9:10

that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, [3]and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; [4]but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

[5]And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

[6]But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there. [7]The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants[a] I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. [8]And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be released from this oath; only do not take my son back there." [9]So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

[10]Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods *were in* his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. [11]And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw *water.* [12]Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. [13]Behold, *here* I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. [14]Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—*let* her *be the one* You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."

[15]And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. [16]Now the young woman *was* very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up. [17]And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher."

[18]So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink. [19]And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw *water* for your camels also, until they have finished drinking." [20]Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw *water,* and drew for all his camels. [21]And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

[22]So it was, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten *shekels* of gold, [23]and said, "Whose daughter *are* you? Tell me, please, is there room *in* your father's house for us to lodge?"

[24]So she said to him, "I *am* the daughter of Bethuel, Milcah's son, whom she bore to Nahor." [25]Moreover she said to him, "We have both straw and feed enough, and room to lodge."

[26]Then the man bowed down his head and worshiped the LORD. [27]And he said, "Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren." [28]So the young woman ran and told her mother's household these things.

[29]Now Rebekah had a brother whose name *was* Laban, and Laban ran out to the man by the well. [30]So it came to pass, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, saying, "Thus the man spoke to me," that he went to the man. And there he stood by the camels at the well. [31]And he said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels."

[32]Then the man came to the house. And he unloaded the camels, and provided straw and feed for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who *were* with him. [33]*Food* was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told about my errand."

And he said, "Speak on."

[34]So he said, "I *am* Abraham's servant. [35]The LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. [36]And Sarah my mas-

**24:7** [a]Literally *seed*

ter's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him he has given all that he has. 37Now my master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell; 38but you shall go to my father's house and to my family, and take a wife for my son.' 39And I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' 40But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I walk, will send His angel with you and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father's house. 41You will be clear from this oath when you arrive among my family; for if they will not give *her* to you, then you will be released from my oath.'

42"And this day I came to the well and said, 'O LORD God of my master Abraham, if You will now prosper the way in which I go, 43behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass that when the virgin comes out to draw *water,* and I say to her, "Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink," 44and she says to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also,"—*let* her *be* the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45"But before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah, coming out with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well and drew *water.* And I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' 46And she made haste and let her pitcher down from her *shoulder,* and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels a drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels a drink also. 47Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter *are* you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists. 48And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. 49Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

50Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you either bad or good. 51Here *is* Rebekah before you; take *her* and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the LORD has spoken."

52And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he worshiped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth. 53Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave *them* to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

54And he and the men who *were* with him ate and drank and stayed all night. Then they arose in the morning, and he said, "Send me away to my master."

55But her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us *a few* days, at least ten; after that she may go."

56And he said to them, "Do not hinder me, since the LORD has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master."

57So they said, "We will call the young woman and ask her personally." 58Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?"

And she said, "I will go."

59So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. 60And they blessed Rebekah and said to her:

"Our sister, *may* you *become*
*The mother of* thousands of ten thousands;
And may your descendants possess
The gates of those who hate them."

61Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

62Now Isaac came from the way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he dwelt in the South. 63And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted his eyes and looked, and there, the camels *were* coming. 64Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel; 65for she had said to the servant, "Who *is* this man walking in the field to meet us?"

The servant said, "It *is* my master." So she took a veil and covered herself.

66And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death.*

### *Abraham and Keturah*

25 Abraham again took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah. 2And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. 3Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. 4And the sons of

Midian *were* Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.

5And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. 6But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

### *Abraham's Death and Burial*

7This *is* the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years. 8Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full *of years,* and was gathered to his people. 9And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, 10the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife. 11And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.

### *The Families of Ishmael and Isaac*

12Now this *is* the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to Abraham. 13And these *were* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 14Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15Hadar,[a] Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. 16These *were* the sons of Ishmael and these *were* their names, by their towns and their settlements, twelve princes according to their nations. 17These *were* the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people. 18(They dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which *is* east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.

19This *is* the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac. 20Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. 21Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If *all is* well, why *am I like* this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23And the LORD said to her:

"Two nations *are* in your womb,
Two peoples shall be separated from your body;
*One* people shall be stronger than the other,
And the older shall serve the younger."

24So when her days were fulfilled *for her* to give birth, indeed *there were* twins in her womb. 25And the first came out red. *He was* like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.[a] 26Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob.[a] Isaac *was* sixty years old when she bore them.

27So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents. 28And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his* game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

### *Esau Sells His Birthright*

29Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he *was* weary. 30And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red *stew,* for I *am* weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.[a]

31But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

32And Esau said, "Look, I *am* about to die; so what *is* this birthright to me?"

33Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day."

So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

### *Isaac and Abimelech*

26 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

2Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. 3Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

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**25:15** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Hadad.* **25:25** [a]Literally *Hairy*
**25:26** [a]Literally *Supplanter* **25:30** [a]Literally *Red*

6So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. 7And the men of the
place asked about his wife. And he said, "She *is* my
sister"; for he was afraid to say, "*She is* my wife,"
*because he thought,* "lest the men of the place kill
me for Rebekah, because she *is* beautiful to be-
hold." 8Now it came to pass, when he had been
there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Phi-
listines looked through a window, and saw, and
there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah
his wife. 9Then Abimelech called Isaac and said,
"Quite obviously she *is* your wife; so how could
you say, 'She *is* my sister'?"

Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on
account of her.'"

10And Abimelech said, "What *is* this you have
done to us? One of the people might soon have
lain with your wife, and you would have brought
guilt on us." 11So Abimelech charged all *his* peo-
ple, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife
shall surely be put to death."

12Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in
the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD
blessed him. 13The man began to prosper, and
continued prospering until he became very pros-
perous; 14for he had possessions of flocks and
possessions of herds and a great number of ser-
vants. So the Philistines envied him. 15Now the
Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his
father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham
his father, and they had filled them with earth.
16And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us,
for you are much mightier than we."

17Then Isaac departed from there and pitched
his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.
18And Isaac dug again the wells of water which
they had dug in the days of Abraham his father,
for the Philistines had stopped them up after the
death of Abraham. He called them by the names
which his father had called them.

19Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and
found a well of running water there. 20But the
herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herds-
men, saying, "The water *is* ours." So he called the
name of the well Esek,[a] because they quarreled
with him. 21Then they dug another well, and they
quarreled over that *one* also. So he called its name
Sitnah.[a] 22And he moved from there and dug an-
other well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he
called its name Rehoboth,[a] because he said, "For
now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall
be fruitful in the land."

23Then he went up from there to Beersheba.
24And the LORD appeared to him the same night
and said, "I *am* the God of your father Abraham;
do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and
multiply your descendants for My servant Abra-
ham's sake." 25So he built an altar there and called
on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent
there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar
with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the
commander of his army. 27And Isaac said to them,
"Why have you come to me, since you hate me
and have sent me away from you?"

28But they said, "We have certainly seen that the
LORD is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an
oath between us, between you and us; and let us
make a covenant with you, 29that you will do us no
harm, since we have not touched you, and since
we have done nothing to you but good and have
sent you away in peace. You *are* now the blessed of
the LORD.'"

30So he made them a feast, and they ate and
drank. 31Then they arose early in the morning and
swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent
them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32It came to pass the same day that Isaac's ser-
vants came and told him about the well which
they had dug, and said to him, "We have found
water." 33So he called it Shebah.[a] Therefore the
name of the city *is* Beersheba[b] to this day.

34When Esau was forty years old, he took as
wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and
Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35And
they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

### *Isaac Blesses Jacob*

27 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old
and his eyes were so dim that he could
not see, that he called Esau his older son
and said to him, "My son."

And he answered him, "Here I am."

2Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not
know the day of my death. 3Now therefore, please
take your weapons, your quiver and your bow,
and go out to the field and hunt game for me.
4And make me savory food, such as I love, and
bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may
bless you before I die."

5Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke
to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt

**26:20** [a]Literally *Quarrel* **26:21** [a]Literally *Enmity* **26:22** [a]Literally *Spaciousness* **26:33** [a]Literally *Oath* or *Seven* [b]Literally *Well of the Oath* or *Well of the Seven*

game and to bring *it.* 6So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, "Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, 7'Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.' 8Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. 9Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves. 10Then you shall take *it* to your father, that he may eat *it,* and that he may bless you before his death."

11And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth-*skinned* man. 12Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing."

13But his mother said to him, "*Let* your curse *be* on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me." 14And he went and got *them* and brought *them* to his mother, and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. 15Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. 16And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. 17Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18So he went to his father and said, "My father."

And he said, "Here I am. Who *are* you, my son?"

19Jacob said to his father, "I *am* Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me."

20But Isaac said to his son, "How *is it* that you have found *it* so quickly, my son?"

And he said, "Because the LORD your God brought *it* to me."

21Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not." 22So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau." 23And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

24Then he said, "*Are* you really my son Esau?"

He said, "I *am.*"

25He said, "Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you." So he brought *it* near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. 26Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near now and kiss me, my son." 27And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said:

"Surely, the smell of my son
*Is* like the smell of a field
Which the LORD has blessed.
28 Therefore may God give you
Of the dew of heaven,
Of the fatness of the earth,
And plenty of grain and wine.
29 Let peoples serve you,
And nations bow down to you.
Be master over your brethren,
And let your mother's sons bow down to you.
Cursed *be* everyone who curses you,
And blessed *be* those who bless you!"

### *Esau's Lost Hope*

30Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me."

32And his father Isaac said to him, "Who *are* you?"

So he said, "I *am* your son, your firstborn, Esau."

33Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where *is* the one who hunted game and brought *it* to me? I ate all *of it* before you came, and I have blessed him—*and* indeed he shall be blessed."

34When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me—me also, O my father!"

35But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

36And *Esau* said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

37Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Indeed I have made him your master, and all his

brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"

38 And Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

39 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:

"Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth,
And of the dew of heaven from above.
40 By your sword you shall live,
And you shall serve your brother;
And it shall come to pass, when you become restless,
That you shall break his yoke from your neck."

### *Jacob Escapes from Esau*

41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

42 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you *by intending* to kill you. 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. 44 And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away, 45 until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?"

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these *who are* the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

**28** Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 "May God Almighty bless you,
And make you fruitful and multiply you,
That you may be an assembly of peoples;
4 And give you the blessing of Abraham,
To you and your descendants with you,
That you may inherit the land
In which you are a stranger,
Which God gave to Abraham."

5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

### *Esau Marries Mahalath*

6 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, *and that* as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," 7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram. 8 Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. 9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

### *Jacob's Vow at Bethel*

10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder *was* set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I *am* the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I *am* with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know *it.*" 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven!"

18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up

as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19And he called the name of that place Bethel;[a] but the name of that city had been Luz previously. 20Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. 22And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

### *Jacob Meets Rachel*

**29** So Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East. 2And he looked, and saw a well in the field; and behold, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone *was* on the well's mouth. 3Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth.

4And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where *are* you from?"

And they said, "We *are* from Haran."

5Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?"

And they said, "We know him."

6So he said to them, "Is he well?"

And they said, "*He is* well. And look, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep."

7Then he said, "Look, *it is* still high day; *it is* not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed *them.*"

8But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep."

9Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. 10And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. 11Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept. 12And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's relative and that he *was* Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father.

13Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Laban all these things. 14And Laban said to him, "Surely you *are* my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

### *Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel*

15Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you *are* my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *should* your wages *be?*" 16Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel. 17Leah's eyes *were* delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.

18Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."

19And Laban said, "*It is* better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me." 20So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed *only* a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

21Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her." 22And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast. 23Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. 24And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah *as* a maid. 25So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it *was* Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"

26And Laban said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."

28Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also. 29And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid. 30Then *Jacob* also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

### *The Children of Jacob*

31When the LORD saw that Leah *was* unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel *was* barren. 32So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben;[a] for she said, "The LORD has surely

**28:19** [a]Literally *House of God* **29:32** [a]Literally *See, a Son*

looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me." [33]Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I *am* unloved, He has therefore given me this *son* also." And she called his name Simeon.[a] [34]She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi.[a] [35]And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah.[a] Then she stopped bearing.

30 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!"

[2]And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "*Am* I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

[3]So she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear *a child* on my knees, that I also may have children by her." [4]Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her. [5]And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. [6]Then Rachel said, "God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan.[a] [7]And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. [8]Then Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, *and* indeed I have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.[a]

[9]When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as wife. [10]And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son. [11]Then Leah said, "A troop comes!"[a] So she called his name Gad.[b] [12]And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. [13]Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed." So she called his name Asher.[a]

[14]Now Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me *some* of your son's mandrakes."

[15]But she said to her, "*Is it* a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?"

And Rachel said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

[16]When Jacob came out of the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." And he lay with her that night.

[17]And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. [18]Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.[a] [19]Then Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son. [20]And Leah said, "God has endowed me *with* a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun.[a] [21]Afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

[22]Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. [23]And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach." [24]So she called his name Joseph,[a] and said, "The LORD shall add to me another son."

### *Jacob's Agreement with Laban*

[25]And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country. [26]Give *me* my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you."

[27]And Laban said to him, "Please *stay,* if I have found favor in your eyes, *for* I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for your sake." [28]Then he said, "Name me your wages, and I will give *it.*"

[29]So *Jacob* said to him, "You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me. [30]For what you had before I *came was* little, and it has increased to a great amount; the LORD has blessed you since my coming. And now, when shall I also provide for my own house?"

[31]So he said, "What shall I give you?"

And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flocks: [32]Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and the spotted and

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**29:33** [a]Literally *Heard* **29:34** [a]Literally *Attached* **29:35** [a]Literally *Praise* **30:6** [a]Literally *Judge* **30:8** [a]Literally *My Wrestling* **30:11** [a]Following Qere, Syriac, and Targum; Kethib, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *in fortune*. [b]Literally *Troop* or *Fortune* **30:13** [a]Literally *Happy* **30:18** [a]Literally *Wages* **30:20** [a]Literally *Dwelling* **30:24** [a]Literally *He Will Add*

speckled among the goats; and *these* shall be my wages. 33So my righteousness will answer for me in time to come, when the subject of my wages comes before you: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the lambs, will be considered stolen, if *it is* with me."

34And Laban said, "Oh, that it were according to your word!" 35So he removed that day the male goats that were speckled and spotted, all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons. 36Then he put three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37Now Jacob took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them, and exposed the white which *was* in the rods. 38And the rods which he had peeled, he set before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, so that they should conceive when they came to drink. 39So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted. 40Then Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41And it came to pass, whenever the stronger livestock conceived, that Jacob placed the rods before the eyes of the livestock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. 42But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put *them* in; so the feebler were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's. 43Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

### *Jacob Flees from Laban*

31 Now *Jacob* heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth." 2And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and indeed it *was* not *favorable* toward him as before. 3Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you."

4So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field, to his flock, 5and said to them, "I see your father's countenance, that it *is* not *favorable* toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. 6And you know that with all my might I have served your father. 7Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. 8If he said thus: 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: 'The streaked shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked. 9So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given *them* to me.

10"And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks *were* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. 11Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.' 12And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks *are* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. 13I *am* the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar *and* where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.'"

14Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 15Are we not considered strangers by him? For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money. 16For all these riches which God has taken from our father are *really* ours and our children's; now then, whatever God has said to you, do it."

17Then Jacob rose and set his sons and his wives on camels. 18And he carried away all his livestock and all his possessions which he had gained, his acquired livestock which he had gained in Padan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan. 19Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father's. 20And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee. 21So he fled with all that he had. He arose and crossed the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gilead.

### *Laban Pursues Jacob*

22And Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. 23Then he took his brethren with him and pursued him for seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gilead. 24But God had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, "Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad."

25So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had

pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead.

[26]And Laban said to Jacob: "What have you done, that you have stolen away unknown to me, and carried away my daughters like captives *taken* with the sword? [27]Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs, with timbrel and harp? [28]And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have done foolishly in *so* doing. [29]It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.' [30]And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father's house, *but* why did you steal my gods?"

[31]Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.' [32]With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take *it* with you." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

[33]And Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the two maids' tents, but he did not find *them.* Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent. [34]Now Rachel had taken the household idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find *them.* [35]And she said to her father, "Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women *is* with me." And he searched but did not find the household idols.

[36]Then Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban, and Jacob answered and said to Laban: "What *is* my trespass? What *is* my sin, that you have so hotly pursued me? [37]Although you have searched all my things, what part of your household things have you found? Set *it* here before my brethren and your brethren, that they may judge between us both! [38]These twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. [39]That which was torn *by beasts* I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night. [40]*There* I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes. [41]Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. [42]Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked *you* last night."

### *Laban's Covenant with Jacob*

[43]And Laban answered and said to Jacob, "*These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* children *are* my children, and *this* flock *is* my flock; all that you see *is* mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne? [44]Now therefore, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between you and me."

[45]So Jacob took a stone and set it up *as* a pillar. [46]Then Jacob said to his brethren, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap. [47]Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha,[a] but Jacob called it Galeed.[b] [48]And Laban said, "This heap *is* a witness between you and me this day." Therefore its name was called Galeed, [49]also Mizpah,[a] because he said, "May the LORD watch between you and me when we are absent one from another. [50]If you afflict my daughters, or if you take *other* wives besides my daughters, *although* no man *is* with us—see, God *is* witness between you and me!"

[51]Then Laban said to Jacob, "Here is this heap and here is *this* pillar, which I have placed between you and me. [52]This heap *is* a witness, and *this* pillar *is* a witness, that I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. [53]The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father judge between us." And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. [54]Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night on the mountain. [55]And early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his sons and daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

### *Esau Comes to Meet Jacob*

**32** So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. [2]When Jacob saw them, he said, "This *is* God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.[a]

**31:47** [a]Literally, in Aramaic, *Heap of Witness* [b]Literally, in Hebrew, *Heap of Witness* **31:49** [a]Literally *Watch* **32:2** [a]Literally *Double Camp*

3Then Jacob sent messengers before him to
Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of
Edom. 4And he commanded them, saying, "Speak
thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob
says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there
until now. 5I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male
and female servants; and I have sent to tell my
lord, that I may find favor in your sight."'"
6Then the messengers returned to Jacob, say-
ing, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is
coming to meet you, and four hundred men *are*
with him." 7So Jacob was greatly afraid and dis-
tressed; and he divided the people that *were* with
him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into
two companies. 8And he said, "If Esau comes to
the one company and attacks it, then the other
company which is left will escape."
9Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham
and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to
me, 'Return to your country and to your family,
and I will deal well with you': 10I am not worthy of
the least of all the mercies and of all the truth
which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed
over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have be-
come two companies. 11Deliver me, I pray, from
the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau;
for I fear him, lest he come and attack me *and* the
mother with the children. 12For You said, 'I will
surely treat you well, and make your descendants
as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered
for multitude.'"
13So he lodged there that same night, and took
what came to his hand as a present for Esau his
brother: 14two hundred female goats and twenty
male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,
15thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows
and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten
foals. 16Then he delivered *them* to the hand of his
servants, every drove by itself, and said to his ser-
vants, "Pass over before me, and put some dis-
tance between successive droves." 17And he
commanded the first one, saying, "When Esau my
brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom
do you belong, and where are you going? Whose
*are* these in front of you?' 18then you shall say,
'They *are* your servant Jacob's. It *is* a present sent
to my lord Esau; and behold, he also *is* behind
us.'" 19So he commanded the second, the third,
and all who followed the droves, saying, "In this
manner you shall speak to Esau when you find
him; 20and also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob *is*
behind us.'" For he said, "I will appease him with
the present that goes before me, and afterward I
will see his face; perhaps he will accept me." 21So
the present went on over before him, but he him-
self lodged that night in the camp.

### *Wrestling with God*

22And he arose that night and took his two
wives, his two female servants, and his eleven
sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23He
took them, sent them over the brook, and sent
over what he had. 24Then Jacob was left alone; and
a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of
day. 25Now when He saw that He did not prevail
against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and
the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He
wrestled with him. 26And He said, "Let Me go, for
the day breaks."
But he said, "I will not let You go unless You
bless me!"
27So He said to him, "What *is* your name?"
He said, "Jacob."
28And He said, "Your name shall no longer be
called Jacob, but Israel;[a] for you have struggled
with God and with men, and have prevailed."
29Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell *me* Your name,
I pray."
And He said, "Why *is* it *that* you ask about My
name?" And He blessed him there.
30So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel:[a]
"For I have seen God face to face, and my life is
preserved." 31Just as he crossed over Penuel[a] the
sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.
32Therefore to this day the children of Israel do
not eat the muscle that shrank, which *is* on the hip
socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's
hip in the muscle that shrank.

### *Jacob and Esau Meet*

33 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked,
and there, Esau was coming, and with
him were four hundred men. So he di-
vided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the
two maidservants. 2And he put the maidservants
and their children in front, Leah and her children
behind, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3Then he
crossed over before them and bowed himself to
the ground seven times, until he came near to his
brother.
4But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him,
and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they

**32:28** [a]Literally *Prince with God* **32:30** [a]Literally *Face of God*
**32:31** [a]Same as *Peniel,* verse 30

wept. [5]And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who *are* these with you?"

So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." [6]Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down. [7]And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.

[8]Then Esau said, "What *do* you *mean by* all this company which I met?"

And he said, "*These are* to find favor in the sight of my lord."

[9]But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

[10]And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. [11]Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." So he urged him, and he took *it.*

[12]Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you."

[13]But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children *are* weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing *are* with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die. [14]Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."

[15]And Esau said, "Now let me leave with you *some* of the people who *are* with me."

But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." [16]So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. [17]And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.[a]

### *Jacob Comes to Canaan*

[18]Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city. [19]And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. [20]Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.[a]

### *The Dinah Incident*

34 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. [2]And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her. [3]His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman. [4]So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as a wife."

[5]And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came. [6]Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. [7]And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard *it;* and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done. [8]But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. [9]And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves. [10]So you shall dwell with us, and the land shall be before you. Dwell and trade in it, and acquire possessions for yourselves in it."

[11]Then Shechem said to her father and her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. [12]Ask me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give according to what you say to me; but give me the young woman as a wife."

[13]But the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, and spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister. [14]And they said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that *would be* a reproach to us. [15]But on this *condition* we will consent to you: If you will become as we *are,* if every male of you is circumcised, [16]then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us; and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. [17]But if you will not heed us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and be gone."

[18]And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son. [19]So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in

**33:17** [a]Literally *Booths* **33:20** [a]Literally *God, the God of Israel*

Jacob's daughter. He *was* more honorable than all the household of his father.

20And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying: 21"These men *are* at peace with us. Therefore let them dwell in the land and trade in it. For indeed the land *is* large enough for them. Let us take their daughters to us as wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22Only on this *condition* will the men consent to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they *are* circumcised. 23*Will* not their livestock, their property, and every animal of theirs *be* ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will dwell with us." 24And all who went out of the gate of his city heeded Hamor and Shechem his son; every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25Now it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males. 26And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went out. 27The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because their sister had been defiled. 28They took their sheep, their oxen, and their donkeys, what *was* in the city and what *was* in the field, 29and all their wealth. All their little ones and their wives they took captive; and they plundered even all that *was* in the houses.

30Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and since I *am* few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I."

31But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a harlot?"

### *Jacob's Return to Bethel*

35 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

2And Jacob said to his household and to all who *were* with him, "Put away the foreign gods that *are* among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. 3Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone." 4So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which *were* in their hands, and the earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which *was* by Shechem.

5And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. 6So Jacob came to Luz (that *is,* Bethel), which *is* in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who *were* with him. 7And he built an altar there and called the place El Bethel,[a] because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.

8Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called Allon Bachuth.[a]

9Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. 10And God said to him, "Your name *is* Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. 11Also God said to him: "I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. 12The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." 13Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. 14So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. 15And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

### *Death of Rachel*

16Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored *in childbirth,* and she had hard labor. 17Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; you will have this son also." 18And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni;[a] but his father called him Benjamin.[b] 19So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that *is,* Bethlehem). 20And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21Then Israel journeyed and pitched his tent

**35:7** [a]Literally *God of the House of God* **35:8** [a]Literally *Terebinth of Weeping* **35:18** [a]Literally *Son of My Sorrow* [b]Literally *Son of the Right Hand*

beyond the tower of Eder. 22And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard *about it.*

### *Jacob's Twelve Sons*

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: 23the sons of Leah *were* Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun; 24the sons of Rachel *were* Joseph and Benjamin; 25the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant, *were* Dan and Naphtali; 26and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, *were* Gad and Asher. These *were* the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram.

### *Death of Isaac*

27Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kirjath Arba[a] (that *is,* Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt. 28Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years. 29So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, *being* old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

### *The Family of Esau*

**36** Now this *is* the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom. 2Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. 4Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel. 5And Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These *were* the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the persons of his household, his cattle and all his animals, and all his goods which he had gained in the land of Canaan, and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob. 7For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock. 8So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau *is* Edom.

9And this *is* the genealogy of Esau the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir. 10These *were* the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. 11And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho,[a] Gatam, and Kenaz.

12Now Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These *were* the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

13These *were* the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

14These were the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon. And she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.

### *The Chiefs of Edom*

15These *were* the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn *son* of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, 16Chief Korah,[a] Chief Gatam, *and* Chief Amalek. These *were* the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. They *were* the sons of Adah.

17These *were* the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, and Chief Mizzah. These *were* the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These *were* the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

18And these *were* the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah. These *were* the chiefs *who descended* from Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah. 19These *were* the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these *were* their chiefs.

### *The Sons of Seir*

20These *were* the sons of Seir the Horite who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, 21Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam.[a] Lotan's sister *was* Timna.

23These *were* the sons of Shobal: Alvan,[a] Manahath, Ebal, Shepho,[b] and Onam.

24These *were* the sons of Zibeon: both Ajah and Anah. This *was the* Anah who found the water[a] in the wilderness as he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon. 25These *were* the children of Anah: Dishon and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26These *were* the sons of Dishon:[a] Hemdan,[b] Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. 27These *were* the sons of

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**35:27** [a]Literally *Town of Arba* **36:11** [a]Spelled *Zephi* in 1 Chronicles 1:36 **36:16** [a]Samaritan Pentateuch omits *Chief Korah*. **36:22** [a]Spelled *Homam* in 1 Chronicles 1:39 **36:23** [a]Spelled *Alian* in 1 Chronicles 1:40 [b]Spelled *Shephi* in 1 Chronicles 1:40 **36:24** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate (*hot springs*); Septuagint reads *Jamin;* Targum reads *mighty men;* Talmud interprets as *mules.* **36:26** [a]Hebrew *Dishan* [b]Spelled *Hamran* in 1 Chronicles 1:41

Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.[a] [28]These *were* the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

[29]These *were* the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah, [30]Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, and Chief Dishan. These *were* the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

### *The Kings of Edom*

[31]Now these *were* the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel: [32]Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. [33]And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. [34]When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. [35]And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city *was* Avith. [36]When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. [37]And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth-*by*-the-River reigned in his place. [38]When Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. [39]And when Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor died, Hadar[a] reigned in his place; and the name of his city *was* Pau.[b] His wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

### *The Chiefs of Esau*

[40]And these *were* the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families and their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah,[a] Chief Jetheth, [41]Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, [42]Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, [43]Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These *were* the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. Esau *was* the father of the Edomites.

### *Joseph Dreams of Greatness*

37 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. [2]This *is* the history of Jacob.

Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

[3]Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors. [4]But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

[5]Now Joseph had a dream, and he told *it* to his brothers; and they hated him even more. [6]So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: [7]There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

[8]And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

[9]Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

[10]So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" [11]And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter *in mind.*

### *Joseph Sold by His Brothers*

[12]Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. [13]And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding *the flock* in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them."

So he said to him, "Here I am."

[14]Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

[15]Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

[16]So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding *their flocks.*"

[17]And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

[18]Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. [19]Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! [20]Come therefore,

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**36:27** [a]Spelled *Jaakan* in 1 Chronicles 1:42 **36:39** [a]Spelled *Hadad* in Samaritan Pentateuch, Syriac, and 1 Chronicles 1:50 [b]Spelled *Pai* in 1 Chronicles 1:50 **36:40** [a]Spelled *Aliah* in 1 Chronicles 1:51

let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

21But Reuben heard *it,* and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him." 22And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which *is* in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

23So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph *of* his tunic, the tunic of *many* colors that *was* on him. 24Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit *was* empty; *there was* no water in it.

25And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry *them* down to Egypt. 26So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit *is there* if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh." And his brothers listened. 28Then Midianite traders passed by; so *the brothers* pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

29Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he tore his clothes. 30And he returned to his brothers and said, "The lad *is* no *more;* and I, where shall I go?"

31So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. 32Then they sent the tunic of *many* colors, and they brought *it* to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it *is* your son's tunic or not?"

33And he recognized it and said, "*It is* my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." 34Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. 35And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

36Now the Midianites[a] had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh *and* captain of the guard.

### *Judah and Tamar*

38 It came to pass at that time that Judah departed from his brothers, and visited a certain Adullamite whose name *was* Hirah. 2And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name *was* Shua, and he married her and went in to her. 3So she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. 4She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. 5And she conceived yet again and bore a son, and called his name Shelah. He was at Chezib when she bore him.

6Then Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name *was* Tamar. 7But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD killed him. 8And Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother." 9But Onan knew that the heir would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should give an heir to his brother. 10And the thing which he did displeased the LORD; therefore He killed him also.

11Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house till my son Shelah is grown." For he said, "Lest he also die like his brothers." And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

12Now in the process of time the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13And it was told Tamar, saying, "Look, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep." 14So she took off her widow's garments, covered *herself* with a veil and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place which *was* on the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him as a wife. 15When Judah saw her, he thought she *was* a harlot, because she had covered her face. 16Then he turned to her by the way, and said, "Please let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she *was* his daughter-in-law.

So she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

17And he said, "I will send a young goat from the flock."

So she said, "Will you give *me* a pledge till you send *it?*"

18Then he said, "What pledge shall I give you?"

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**37:36** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Medanites.*

So she said, "Your signet and cord, and your staff that *is* in your hand." Then he gave *them* to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him. [19]So she arose and went away, and laid aside her veil and put on the garments of her widowhood.

[20]And Judah sent the young goat by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand, but he did not find her. [21]Then he asked the men of that place, saying, "Where is the harlot who *was* openly by the roadside?"

And they said, "There was no harlot in this *place*."

[22]So he returned to Judah and said, "I cannot find her. Also, the men of the place said there was no harlot in this *place*."

[23]Then Judah said, "Let her take *them* for herself, lest we be shamed; for I sent this young goat and you have not found her."

[24]And it came to pass, about three months after, that Judah was told, saying, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot; furthermore she *is* with child by harlotry."

So Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!"

[25]When she *was* brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man to whom these belong, I *am* with child." And she said, "Please determine whose these *are*—the signet and cord, and staff."

[26]So Judah acknowledged *them* and said, "She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shelah my son." And he never knew her again.

[27]Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins *were* in her womb. [28]And so it was, when she was giving birth, that *the one* put out *his* hand; and the midwife took a scarlet *thread* and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." [29]Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "How did you break through? *This* breach *be* upon you!" Therefore his name was called Perez.[a] [30]Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet *thread* on his hand. And his name was called Zerah.

### *Joseph a Slave in Egypt*

**39** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. [2]The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. [3]And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. [4]So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put under his authority. [5]So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. [6]Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

[7]And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

[8]But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what *is* with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. [9]*There is* no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

[10]So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her *or* to be with her.

[11]But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house *was* inside, [12]that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. [13]And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, [14]that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. [15]And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."

[16]So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. [17]Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; [18]so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."

[19]So it was, when his master heard the words

**38:29** [a]Literally *Breach* or *Breakthrough*

which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused. [20]Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* confined. And he was there in the prison. [21]But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. [22]And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who *were* in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. [23]The keeper of the prison did not look into anything *that was* under *Joseph's* authority,[a] because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made *it* prosper.

### *The Prisoners' Dreams*

**40** It came to pass after these things *that* the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. [2]And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker. [3]So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph *was* confined. [4]And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.

[5]Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who *were* confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night *and* each man's dream with its *own* interpretation. [6]And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they *were* sad. [7]So he asked Pharaoh's officers who *were* with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look *so* sad today?"

[8]And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it."

So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *them* to me, please."

[9]Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my dream a vine *was* before me, [10]and in the vine *were* three branches; it *was* as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. [11]Then Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

[12]And Joseph said to him, "This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days. [13]Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. [14]But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. [15]For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."

[16]When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also *was* in my dream, and there *were* three white baskets on my head. [17]In the uppermost basket *were* all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."

[18]So Joseph answered and said, "This *is* the interpretation of it: The three baskets *are* three days. [19]Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you."

[20]Now it came to pass on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. [21]Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. [22]But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. [23]Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

### *Pharaoh's Dreams*

**41** Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river. [2]Suddenly there came up out of the river seven cows, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow. [3]Then behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ugly and gaunt, and stood by the *other* cows on the bank of the river. [4]And the ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke. [5]He slept and dreamed a second time; and suddenly seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good. [6]Then behold, seven thin heads, blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them. [7]And the seven thin heads devoured the seven plump and full heads. So Pharaoh awoke, and indeed, *it was* a dream. [8]Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but *there was* no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

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**39:23** [a]Literally *his hand*

9Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day. 10When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, *both* me and the chief baker, 11we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his *own* dream. 12Now there *was* a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his *own* dream. 13And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him."

14Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. 15And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and *there is* no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you *that* you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

16So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "*It is* not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

17Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: "Behold, in my dream I stood on the bank of the river. 18Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow. 19Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such ugliness as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt. 20And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows. 21When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they *were* just as ugly as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22Also I saw in my dream, and suddenly seven heads came up on one stalk, full and good. 23Then behold, seven heads, withered, thin, *and* blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them. 24And the thin heads devoured the seven good heads. So I told *this* to the magicians, but *there was* no one who could explain *it* to me."

25Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh *are* one; God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do: 26The seven good cows *are* seven years, and the seven good heads *are* seven years; the dreams *are* one. 27And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them *are* seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine. 28This *is* the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do. 29Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; 30but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. 31So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it *will be* very severe. 32And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33"Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34Let Pharaoh do *this,* and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. 35And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine."

### *Joseph's Rise to Power*

37So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *is* the Spirit of God?"

39Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. 40You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

42Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I *am* Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." 45And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

46Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47Now in the seven plenti-

ful years the ground brought forth abundantly.[48]So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. [49]Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for *it was* immeasurable.

[50]And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. [51]Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh:[a] "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house." [52]And the name of the second he called Ephraim:[a] "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

[53]Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended, [54]and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. [55]So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do." [56]The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses[a] and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. [57]So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy *grain,* because the famine was severe in all lands.

### *Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt*

42 When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" [2]And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die."

[3]So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. [4]But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "Lest some calamity befall him." [5]And the sons of Israel went to buy *grain* among those who journeyed, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

[6]Now Joseph *was* governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with *their* faces to the earth. [7]Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?"

And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

[8]So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. [9]Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You *are* spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"

[10]And they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. [11]We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* honest *men;* your servants are not spies."

[12]But he said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land."

[13]And they said, "Your servants *are* twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the youngest *is* with our father today, and one *is* no more."

[14]But Joseph said to them, "It *is* as I spoke to you, saying, 'You *are* spies!' [15]In this *manner* you shall be tested: By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. [16]Send one of you, and let him bring your brother; and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether *there is* any truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you *are* spies!" [17]So he put them all together in prison three days.

[18]Then Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this and live, *for* I fear God: [19]If you *are* honest *men,* let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house; but you, go and carry grain for the famine of your houses. [20]And bring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and you shall not die."

And they did so. [21]Then they said to one another, "We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother,

**41:51** [a]Literally *Making Forgetful* **41:52** [a]Literally *Fruitfulness*
**41:56** [a]Literally *all that was in them*

**GUILT** — **2 Human Attempts to Deal with Guilt**

▶ *See* **Genesis 42:21**

Joseph's brothers had been so jealous of him that they had conspired to kill him (Genesis 37). When they were thrown into jail in Egypt, they were immediately fearful and assumed God was punishing them for what they had done to Joseph. The guilt of unconfessed sin is a heavy burden to carry.

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for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us."

22And Reuben answered them, saying, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us." 23But they did not know that Joseph understood *them,* for he spoke to them through an interpreter. 24And he turned himself away from them and wept. Then he returned to them again, and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

### *The Brothers Return to Canaan*

25Then Joseph gave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to restore every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. Thus he did for them. 26So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and departed from there. 27But as one *of them* opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack. 28So he said to his brothers, "My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!" Then their hearts failed *them* and they were afraid, saying to one another, "What *is* this *that* God has done to us?"

29Then they went to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan and told him all that had happened to them, saying: 30"The man *who is* lord of the land spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. 31But we said to him, 'We *are* honest *men;* we are not spies. 32We *are* twelve brothers, sons of our father; one *is* no *more,* and the youngest *is* with our father this day in the land of Canaan.' 33Then the man, the lord of the country, said to us, 'By this I will know that you *are* honest *men:* Leave one of your brothers *here* with me, take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone. 34And bring your youngest brother to me; so I shall know that you *are* not spies, but *that* you *are* honest *men.* I will grant your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'"

35Then it happened as they emptied their sacks, that surprisingly each man's bundle of money *was* in his sack; and when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. 36And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me: Joseph is no *more,* Simeon is no *more,* and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me."

37Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him *back* to you; put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you."

38But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave."

### *Joseph's Brothers Return with Benjamin*

43 Now the famine *was* severe in the land. 2And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

3But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.' 4If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. 5But if you will not send *him,* we will not go

**GUILT: 2. HUMAN ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH GUILT** *(continued)*

Adam and Eve provide another example of both guilt and guilty feelings. Their disobedience resulted in guilt since they sinned and broke their relationship with God. Their response was to hide from God (Genesis 3:7, 8).

When God confronted them, they denied their guilt, blaming each other and the serpent. They also tried to cover up their sin. Adam and Eve first had to confess their sin in order for God to help them overcome the guilt associated with it. When you confess your sin, you can also expect to find relief from guilt and guilty feelings.

Some guilt feelings are not related to sin. These are often the result of falling short of self-imposed standards or the expectations of other people. These feelings of guilt are not from God and can result in anxiety, stress, and overall poor health. The apostle Paul tells us to "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7). God offers a remedy for both guilt and guilty feelings.

► *Now turn to page 1057 for Romans 8:1 and Point 3. God's Remedy for Guilt.*

down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.'"

6And Israel said, "Why did you deal *so* wrongfully with me *as* to tell the man whether you had still *another* brother?"

7But they said, "The man asked us pointedly about ourselves and our family, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you *another* brother?' And we told him according to these words. Could we possibly have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?"

8Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you *and* also our little ones. 9I myself will be surety for him; from my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. 10For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time."

11And their father Israel said to them, "If *it must be* so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man—a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. 12Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. 13Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man. 14And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"

15So the men took that present and Benjamin, and they took double money in their hand, and arose and went down to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph. 16When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take *these* men to my home, and slaughter an animal and make ready; for *these* men will dine with me at noon." 17Then the man did as Joseph ordered, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18Now the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may make a case against us and seize us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys."

19When they drew near to the steward of Joseph's house, they talked with him at the door of the house, 20and said, "O sir, we indeed came down the first time to buy food; 21but it happened, when we came to the encampment, that we opened our sacks, and there, *each* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; so we have brought it back in our hand. 22And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks."

23But he said, "Peace *be* with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

24So the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed. 25Then they made the present ready for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they would eat bread there.

26And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth. 27Then he asked them about *their* well-being, and said, "*Is* your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? *Is* he still alive?"

28And they answered, "Your servant our father *is* in good health; he *is* still alive." And they bowed their heads down and prostrated themselves.

29Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "*Is* this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son." 30Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought *somewhere* to weep. And he went into *his* chamber and wept there. 31Then he washed his face and came out; and he restrained himself, and said, "Serve the bread."

32So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that *is* an abomination to the Egyptians. 33And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked in astonishment at one another. 34Then he took servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

### *Joseph's Cup*

**44** And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack. 2Also put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the

sack of the youngest, and his grain money." So he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. 3As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. 4When they had gone out of the city, *and* were not *yet* far off, Joseph said to his steward, "Get up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5*Is* not this *the one* from which my lord drinks, and with which he indeed practices divination? You have done evil in so doing.'"

6So he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words. 7And they said to him, "Why does my lord say these words? Far be it from us that your servants should do such a thing. 8Look, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? 9With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves."

10And he said, "Now also *let* it *be* according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and you shall be blameless." 11Then each man speedily let down his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. 12So he searched. He began with the oldest and left off with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city.

14So Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he *was* still there; and they fell before him on the ground. 15And Joseph said to them, "What deed *is* this you have done? Did you not know that such a man as I can certainly practice divination?"

16Then Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; here we are, my lord's slaves, both we and *he* also with whom the cup was found."

17But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so; the man in whose hand the cup was found, he shall be my slave. And as for you, go up in peace to your father."

### *Judah Intercedes for Benjamin*

18Then Judah came near to him and said: "O my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's hearing, and do not let your anger burn against your servant; for you *are* even like Pharaoh. 19My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?' 20And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child of *his* old age, *who is* young; his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' 21Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.' 22And we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die.' 23But you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.'

24"So it was, when we went up to your servant my father, that we told him the words of my lord. 25And our father said, 'Go back *and* buy us a little food.' 26But we said, 'We cannot go down; if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother *is* with us.' 27Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons; 28and the one went out from me, and I said, "Surely he is torn to pieces"; and I have not seen him since. 29But if you take this one also from me, and calamity befalls him, you shall bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.'

30"Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad *is* not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life, 31it will happen, when he sees that the lad *is* not *with us,* that he will die. So your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave. 32For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him *back* to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father forever.' 33Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34For how shall I go up to my father if the lad *is* not with me, lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father?"

### *Joseph Revealed to His Brothers*

45 Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard *it.*

3Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. 4And Joseph said to his brothers,

"Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. [5]But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. [6]For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. [7]And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. [8]So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

[9]"'Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. [10]You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. [11]There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for *there are* still five years of famine."'

[12]"And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. [13]So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here."

[14]Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. [15]Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

[16]Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well. [17]And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan. [18]Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land. [19]Now you are commanded—do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come. [20]Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.'"

[21]Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them carts, according to the command of Pharaoh, and he gave them provisions for the journey. [22]He gave to all of them, to each man, changes of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver and five changes of garments. [23]And he sent to his father these *things:* ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and food for his father for the journey. [24]So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them, "See that you do not become troubled along the way."

[25]Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. [26]And they told him, saying, "Joseph *is* still alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them. [27]But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. [28]Then Israel said, "*It is* enough. Joseph my son *is* still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

### *Jacob's Journey to Egypt*

**46** So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. [2]Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"

And he said, "Here I am."

[3]So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. [4]I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again;* and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

[5]Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. [6]So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him. [7]His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

[8]Now these *were* the names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben *was* Jacob's firstborn. [9]The sons of Reuben *were* Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. [10]The sons of Simeon *were* Jemuel,[a] Jamin, Ohad, Jachin,[b] Zohar,[c] and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite

**46:10** [a]Spelled *Nemuel* in 1 Chronicles 4:24 [b]Called *Jarib* in 1 Chronicles 4:24 [c]Called *Zerah* in 1 Chronicles 4:24

woman. 11The sons of Levi *were* Gershon, Kohath,
and Merari. 12The sons of Judah *were* Er, Onan,
Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in
the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez were
Hezron and Hamul. 13The sons of Issachar *were*
Tola, Puvah,[a] Job,[b] and Shimron. 14The sons of
Zebulun *were* Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. 15These
*were* the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in
Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the
persons, his sons and his daughters, *were* thirty-
three.

16The sons of Gad *were* Ziphion,[a] Haggi, Shuni,
Ezbon,[b] Eri, Arodi,[c] and Areli. 17The sons of Asher
*were* Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their
sister. And the sons of Beriah *were* Heber and
Malchiel. 18These *were* the sons of Zilpah, whom
Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she
bore to Jacob: sixteen persons.

19The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife, *were* Joseph
and Benjamin. 20And to Joseph in the land of
Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom
Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of
On, bore to him. 21The sons of Benjamin *were*
Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh,
Muppim, Huppim,[a] and Ard. 22These *were* the
sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: fourteen
persons in all.

23The son of Dan *was* Hushim.[a] 24The sons of
Naphtali *were* Jahzeel,[a] Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.[b]
25These *were* the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban
gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to
Jacob: seven persons in all.

26All the persons who went with Jacob to Egypt,
who came from his body, besides Jacob's sons'
wives, *were* sixty-six persons in all. 27And the sons
of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt *were*
two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob
who went to Egypt were seventy.

### *Jacob Settles in Goshen*

28Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to
point out before him *the way* to Goshen. And they
came to the land of Goshen. 29So Joseph made
ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet
his father Israel; and he presented himself to him,
and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good
while.

30And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die,
since I have seen your face, because you *are* still
alive."

31Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his fa-
ther's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh,
and say to him, 'My brothers and those of my fa-
ther's house, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have
come to me. 32And the men *are* shepherds, for
their occupation has been to feed livestock; and
they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all
that they have.' 33So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls
you and says, 'What is your occupation?' 34that
you shall say, 'Your servants' occupation has been
with livestock from our youth even till now, both
we *and* also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the
land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an
abomination to the Egyptians."

47 Then Joseph went and told Pharaoh,
and said, "My father and my brothers,
their flocks and their herds and all that
they possess, have come from the land of Canaan;
and indeed they *are* in the land of Goshen." 2And
he took five men from among his brothers and
presented them to Pharaoh. 3Then Pharaoh said
to his brothers, "What *is* your occupation?"

And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants *are*
shepherds, both we *and* also our fathers." 4And
they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to dwell in
the land, because your servants have no pasture
for their flocks, for the famine *is* severe in the land
of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants
dwell in the land of Goshen."

5Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your
father and your brothers have come to you. 6The
land of Egypt *is* before you. Have your father and
brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them
dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know *any*
competent men among them, then make them
chief herdsmen over my livestock."

7Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and
set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed
Pharaoh. 8Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old *are*
you?"

9And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the
years of my pilgrimage *are* one hundred and
thirty years; few and evil have been the days of
the years of my life, and they have not attained to
the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the
days of their pilgrimage." 10So Jacob blessed
Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

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**46:13** [a]Spelled *Puah* in 1 Chronicles 7:1 [b]Same as *Jashub* in Numbers 26:24 and 1 Chronicles 7:1 **46:16** [a]Spelled *Zephon* in Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, and Numbers 26:15 [b]Called *Ozni* in Numbers 26:16 [c]Spelled *Arod* in Numbers 26:17 **46:21** [a]Called *Hupham* in Numbers 26:39 **46:23** [a]Called *Shuham* in Numbers 26:42 **46:24** [a]Spelled *Jahziel* in 1 Chronicles 7:13 [b]Spelled *Shallum* in 1 Chronicles 7:13

[11]And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. [12]Then Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with bread, according to the number in *their* families.

### *Joseph Deals with the Famine*

[13]Now *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine. [14]And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

[15]So when the money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the money has failed."

[16]Then Joseph said, "Give your livestock, and I will give you *bread* for your livestock, if the money is gone." [17]So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for the horses, the flocks, the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with bread *in exchange* for all their livestock that year.

[18]When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands. [19]Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants of Pharaoh; give *us* seed, that we may live and not die, that the land may not be desolate."

[20]Then Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the Egyptians sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. So the land became Pharaoh's. [21]And as for the people, he moved them into the cities,[a] from *one* end of the borders of Egypt to the *other* end. [22]Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had rations *allotted to them* by Pharaoh, and they ate their rations which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

[23]Then Joseph said to the people, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh. Look, *here is* seed for you, and you shall sow the land. [24]And it shall come to pass in the harvest that you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

[25]So they said, "You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants." [26]And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, *that* Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the land of the priests only, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

### *Joseph's Vow to Jacob*

[27]So Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions there and grew and multiplied exceedingly. [28]And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years. [29]When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, [30]but let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place."

And he said, "I will do as you have said."

[31]Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So Israel bowed himself on the head of the bed.

### *Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons*

**48** Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father *is* sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. [2]And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel strengthened himself and sat up on the bed. [3]Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, [4]and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you *as* an everlasting possession.' [5]And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be

**47:21** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *made the people virtual slaves*.

mine. [6]Your offspring whom you beget after them shall be yours; they will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. [7]But as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan on the way, when *there was* but a little distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

[8]Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who *are* these?"

[9]Joseph said to his father, "They *are* my sons, whom God has given me in this *place*."

And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." [10]Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, *so that* he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. [11]And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!"

[12]So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. [13]And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near him. [14]Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid *it* on Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh *was* the firstborn. [15]And he blessed Joseph, and said:

"God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
The God who has fed me all my life long to this day,
[16] The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,
Bless the lads;
Let my name be named upon them,
And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

[17]Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. [18]And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this *one is* the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."

[19]But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

[20]So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

[21]Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers. [22]Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

### *Jacob's Last Words to His Sons*

**49** And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

[2] "Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob,
And listen to Israel your father.

[3] "Reuben, you are my firstborn,
My might and the beginning of my strength,
The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.
[4] Unstable as water, you shall not excel,
Because you went up to your father's bed;
Then you defiled *it*—
He went up to my couch.

[5] "Simeon and Levi *are* brothers;
Instruments of cruelty *are in* their dwelling place.
[6] Let not my soul enter their council;
Let not my honor be united to their assembly;
For in their anger they slew a man,
And in their self-will they hamstrung an ox.
[7] Cursed *be* their anger, for *it is* fierce;
And their wrath, for it is cruel!
I will divide them in Jacob
And scatter them in Israel.

[8] "Judah, you *are he* whom your brothers shall praise;
Your hand *shall be* on the neck of your enemies;
Your father's children shall bow down before you.
[9] Judah *is* a lion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He bows down, he lies down as a lion;
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes;
And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.
11 Binding his donkey to the vine,
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
He washed his garments in wine,
And his clothes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes *are* darker than wine,
And his teeth whiter than milk.

13 "Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea;
He *shall become* a haven for ships,
And his border shall adjoin Sidon.

14 "Issachar is a strong donkey,
Lying down between two burdens;
15 He saw that rest *was* good,
And that the land *was* pleasant;
He bowed his shoulder to bear *a burden,*
And became a band of slaves.

16 "Dan shall judge his people
As one of the tribes of Israel.
17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way,
A viper by the path,
That bites the horse's heels
So that its rider shall fall backward.
18 I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!

19 "Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him,
But he shall triumph at last.

20 "Bread from Asher *shall be* rich,
And he shall yield royal dainties.

21 "Naphtali *is* a deer let loose;
He uses beautiful words.

22 "Joseph *is* a fruitful bough,
A fruitful bough by a well;
His branches run over the wall.
23 The archers have bitterly grieved him,
Shot *at him* and hated him.
24 But his bow remained in strength,
And the arms of his hands were made strong
By the hands of the Mighty *God* of Jacob
(From there *is* the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),
25 By the God of your father who will help you,
And by the Almighty who will bless you
*With* blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,
Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
26 The blessings of your father
Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors,
Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills.
They shall be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

27 "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf;
In the morning he shall devour the prey,
And at night he shall divide the spoil."

28 All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel, and this *is* what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them; he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

### *Jacob's Death and Burial*

29 Then he charged them and said to them: "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 in the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial place. 31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah. 32 The field and the cave that *is* there *were* purchased from the sons of Heth." 33 And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Forty days were required for him, for such are the days required for those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

4 Now when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying, 5 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am dying; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will come back.'"

6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the

elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, [8]as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goshen. [9]And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen, and it was a very great gathering.

[10]Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which *is* beyond the Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very solemn lamentation. He observed seven days of mourning for his father. [11]And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This *is* a deep mourning of the Egyptians." Therefore its name was called Abel Mizraim,[a] which *is* beyond the Jordan.

[12]So his sons did for him just as he had commanded them. [13]For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite as property for a burial place. [14]And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father.

### *Joseph Reassures His Brothers*

[15]When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." [16]So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, [17]'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you."' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

[18]Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants."

[19]Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? [20]But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. [21]Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### *Death of Joseph*

[22]So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. [23]Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third *generation.* The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees.

[24]And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." [25]Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." [26]So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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**50:11** [a]Literally *Mourning of Egypt*

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES CALLED

# EXODUS

### *Israel's Suffering in Egypt*

1 Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: [2]Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; [3]Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; [4]Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. [5]All those who were descendants[a] of Jacob were seventy[b] persons (for Joseph was in Egypt *already*). [6]And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. [7]But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

[8]Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. [9]And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we; [10]come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and *so* go up out of the land." [11]Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. [12]But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. [13]So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. [14]And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve *was* with rigor.

[15]Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one *was* Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; [16]and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see *them* on the birthstools, if it *is* a son, then you shall kill him; but if it *is* a daughter, then she shall live." [17]But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. [18]So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"

[19]And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women *are* not like the Egyptian women; for they *are* lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

[20]Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. [21]And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

[22]So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born[a] you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

### *Moses Is Born*

2 And a man of the house of Levi went and took *as wife* a daughter of Levi. [2]So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child,* she hid him three months. [3]But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank. [4]And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

[5]Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. [6]And when she opened *it,* she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

[7]Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

[8]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. [9]Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give *you* your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. [10]And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses,[a] saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

### *Moses Flees to Midian*

[11]Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. [12]So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the

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**1:5** [a]Literally *who came from the loins of* [b]Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint read *seventy-five* (compare Acts 7:14).
**1:22** [a]Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, and Targum add *to the Hebrews.* **2:10** [a]Literally *Drawn Out*

sand. 13And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"

14Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"

So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" 15When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

16Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How *is it that* you have come so soon today?"

19And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."

20So he said to his daughters, "And where *is* he? Why *is* it *that* you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."

21Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. 22And she bore *him* a son. He called his name Gershom,[a] for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

23Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. 24So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged *them.*

### *Moses at the Burning Bush*

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. 3Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

4So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"

And he said, "Here I am."

5Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground." 6Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

7And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

11But Moses said to God, "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

12So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.' 16Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and *seen* what is

**2:22** [a]Literally *Stranger There*

done to you in Egypt; [17]and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey."' [18]Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' [19]But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. [20]So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. [21]And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. [22]But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put *them* on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

### *Miraculous Signs for Pharaoh*

4 Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"

[2]So the LORD said to him, "What *is* that in your hand?"

He said, "A rod."

[3]And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. [4]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), [5]"that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

[6]Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous, like snow. [7]And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his *other* flesh. [8]"Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. [9]And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river[a] and pour *it* on the dry *land.* The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry *land.*"

[10]Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and slow of tongue."

[11]So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD? [12]Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

[13]But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send."

[14]So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. [15]Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. [16]So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. [17]And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

### *Moses Goes to Egypt*

[18]So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive."

And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

[19]Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead." [20]Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

[21]And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. [22]Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel *is* My son, My firstborn. [23]So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn."'"

[24]And it came to pass on the way, at the

**4:9** [a]That is, the Nile

encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. 25Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast *it* at *Moses'*[a] feet, and said, "Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!" 26So He let him go. Then she said, "*You are* a husband of blood!"—because of the circumcision.

27And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him. 28So Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. 29Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. 30And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. 31So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

### *First Encounter with Pharaoh*

5 Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'"

2And Pharaoh said, "Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go."

3So they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

4Then the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get *back* to your labor." 5And Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land *are* many now, and you make them rest from their labor!"

6So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, 7"You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.' 9Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and let them not regard false words."

10And the taskmasters of the people and their officers went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh: 'I will not give you straw. 11Go, get yourselves straw where you can find it; yet none of your work will be reduced.'" 12So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. 13And the taskmasters forced *them* to hurry, saying, "Fulfill your work, *your* daily quota, as when there was straw." 14Also the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten *and* were asked, "Why have you not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as before?"

15Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why are you dealing thus with your servants? 16There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, 'Make brick!' And indeed your servants *are* beaten, but the fault *is* in your *own* people."

17But he said, "You *are* idle! Idle! Therefore you say, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to the LORD.' 18Therefore go now *and* work; for no straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the quota of bricks." 19And the officers of the children of Israel saw *that* they *were* in trouble after it was said, "You shall not reduce *any* bricks from your daily quota."

20Then, as they came out from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood there to meet them. 21And they said to them, "Let the LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

### *Israel's Deliverance Assured*

22So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why *is* it You have sent me? 23For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."

6 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

2And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I *am* the LORD. 3I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by* My name LORD[a] I was not known to them. 4I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the

**4:25** [a]Literally *his* **6:3** [a]Hebrew *YHWH,* traditionally *Jehovah*

land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I *am* the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you *as* a heritage: I *am* the LORD.'" 9So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.

10And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 11"Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land."

12And Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for I *am* of uncircumcised lips?"

13Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the children of Israel and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

### *The Family of Moses and Aaron*

14These *are* the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, *were* Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These are the families of Reuben. 15And the sons of Simeon *were* Jemuel,[a] Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. These *are* the families of Simeon. 16These *are* the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi *were* one hundred and thirty-seven. 17The sons of Gershon *were* Libni and Shimi according to their families. 18And the sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath *were* one hundred and thirty-three. 19The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. These *are* the families of Levi according to their generations.

20Now Amram took for himself Jochebed, his father's sister, as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram *were* one hundred and thirty-seven. 21The sons of Izhar *were* Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. 22And the sons of Uzziel *were* Mishael, Elzaphan, and Zithri. 23Aaron took to himself Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon, as wife; and she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 24And the sons of Korah *were* Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korahites. 25Eleazar, Aaron's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Putiel as wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These *are* the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites according to their families.

26These *are the same* Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies." 27These *are* the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt. These *are the same* Moses and Aaron.

### *Aaron Is Moses' Spokesman*

28And it came to pass, on the day the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I *am* the LORD. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you."

30But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?"

7 So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you *as* God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. 2You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land. 3And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. 4But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies *and* My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

6Then Moses and Aaron did *so;* just as the LORD commanded them, so they did. 7And Moses *was* eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

### *Aaron's Miraculous Rod*

8Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 9"'When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to

**6:15** [a]Spelled *Nemuel* in Numbers 26:12

Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* let it become a serpent.'" [10]So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

[11]But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. [12]For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. [13]And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

### *The First Plague: Waters Become Blood*

[14]So the LORD said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart *is* hard; he refuses to let the people go. [15]Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. [16]And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear! [17]Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that *is* in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. [18]And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river."'"

[19]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets of* wood and *pitchers of* stone.'" [20]And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood. [21]The fish that *were* in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

[22]Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. [23]And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this. [24]So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. [25]And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

### *The Second Plague: Frogs*

8 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. [2]But if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs. [3]So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. [4]And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants."'"

[5]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.'" [6]So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. [7]And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

[8]Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

[9]And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, *that* they may remain in the river only."

[10]So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "*Let it be* according to your word, that you may know that *there is* no one like the LORD our God. [11]And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."

[12]Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. [13]So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields. [14]They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. [15]But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

*The Third Plague: Lice*

16So the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.'" 17And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. 19Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This *is* the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.

*The Fourth Plague: Flies*

20And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 21Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms *of flies* on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies,* and also the ground on which they *stand.* 22And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there, in order that you may know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the land. 23I will make a difference[a] between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be."'" 24And the LORD did so. Thick swarms *of flies* came into the house of Pharaoh, *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms *of flies.*

25Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."

26And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us? 27We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."

28So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."

29Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms *of flies* may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

30So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. 31And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; He removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained. 32But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go.

*The Fifth Plague: Livestock Diseased*

9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 2For if you refuse to let *them* go, and still hold them, 3behold, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence. 4And the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all *that* belongs to the children of Israel."'" 5Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."

6So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. 7Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.

*The Sixth Plague: Boils*

8So the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh. 9And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt." 10Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered *them* toward heaven. And *they* caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast. 11And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians. 12But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

**8:23** [a]Literally *set a ransom* (compare Exodus 9:4 and 11:7)

*The Seventh Plague: Hail*

13Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in
the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to
him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let
My people go, that they may serve Me, 14for at this
time I will send all My plagues to your very heart,
and on your servants and on your people, that you
may know that *there is* none like Me in all the
earth. 15Now if I had stretched out My hand and
struck you and your people with pestilence, then
you would have been cut off from the earth. 16But
indeed for this *purpose* I have raised you up, that
I may show My power *in* you, and that My name
may be declared in all the earth. 17As yet you exalt
yourself against My people in that you will not let
them go. 18Behold, tomorrow about this time I
will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as
has not been in Egypt since its founding until
now. 19Therefore send now *and* gather your live-
stock and all that you have in the field, for the hail
shall come down on every man and every animal
which is found in the field and is not brought
home; and they shall die."'"

20He who feared the word of the LORD among
the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and
his livestock flee to the houses. 21But he who did
not regard the word of the LORD left his servants
and his livestock in the field.

22Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out
your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail
in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and
on every herb of the field, throughout the land of
Egypt." 23And Moses stretched out his rod toward
heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and
fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained
hail on the land of Egypt. 24So there was hail, and
fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that
there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since
it became a nation. 25And the hail struck through-
out the whole land of Egypt, all that *was* in the
field, both man and beast; and the hail struck
every herb of the field and broke every tree of the
field. 26Only in the land of Goshen, where the chil-
dren of Israel *were,* there was no hail.

27And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and
Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time.
The LORD *is* righteous, and my people and I *are*
wicked. 28Entreat the LORD, that there may be no
*more* mighty thundering and hail, for *it is* enough.
I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

29So Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone
out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the
LORD; the thunder will cease, and there will be no
more hail, that you may know that the earth *is* the
LORD's. 30But as for you and your servants, I know
that you will not yet fear the LORD God."

31Now the flax and the barley were struck, for
the barley *was* in the head and the flax *was* in bud.
32But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for
they *are* late crops.

33So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh
and spread out his hands to the LORD; then the
thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not
poured on the earth. 34And when Pharaoh saw
that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased,
he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he
and his servants. 35So the heart of Pharaoh was
hard; neither would he let the children of Israel
go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

*The Eighth Plague: Locusts*

10 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to
Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart
and the hearts of his servants, that I
may show these signs of Mine before him, 2and
that you may tell in the hearing of your son and
your son's son the mighty things I have done in
Egypt, and My signs which I have done among
them, that you may know that I *am* the LORD."

3So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and
said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of the He-
brews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself
before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve
Me. 4Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, be-
hold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your terri-
tory. 5And they shall cover the face of the earth, so
that no one will be able to see the earth; and they
shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains
to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree
which grows up for you out of the field. 6They shall
fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and
the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither
your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen,
since the day that they were on the earth to this
day.'" And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How
long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men
go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do
you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?"

8So Moses and Aaron were brought again to
Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD
your God. Who *are* the ones that are going?"

9And Moses said, "We will go with our young
and our old; with our sons and our daughters,

with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD."

10Then he said to them, "The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. 11Not so! Go now, you *who are* men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left." 13So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on the land all that day and all *that* night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. *They were* very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. 15For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

16Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. 17Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only." 18So he went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. 19And the LORD turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt. 20But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

### *The Ninth Plague: Darkness*

21Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt." 22So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."

25But Moses said, "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. 26Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there."

27But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"

29So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

### *Death of the Firstborn Announced*

11 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets *you* go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. 2Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold." 3And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

4Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; 5and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who *is* behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. 6Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it *before,* nor shall be like it again. 7But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.' 8And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

9But the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." 10So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

### *The Passover Instituted*

12 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
2"This month *shall be* your beginning of
months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to
you. 3Speak to all the congregation of Israel, say-
ing: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall
take for himself a lamb, according to the house of
*his* father, a lamb for a household. 4And if the
household is too small for the lamb, let him and
his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to
the number of the persons; according to each
man's need you shall make your count for the
lamb. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male
of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or
from the goats. 6Now you shall keep it until the
fourteenth day of the same month. Then the
whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall
kill it at twilight. 7And they shall take *some* of the
blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the
lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8Then they
shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire,
with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they
shall eat it. 9Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with
water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs
and its entrails. 10You shall let none of it remain
until morning, and what remains of it until
morning you shall burn with fire. 11And thus you
shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals
on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you
shall eat it in haste. It *is* the LORD's Passover.

12'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on
that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the
land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against
all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am*
the LORD. 13Now the blood shall be a sign for you
on the houses where you *are.* And when I see the
blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall
not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the
land of Egypt.

14'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and
you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout
your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an
everlasting ordinance. 15Seven days you shall eat
unleavened bread. On the first day you shall re-
move leaven from your houses. For whoever eats
leavened bread from the first day until the sev-
enth day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
16On the first day *there shall be* a holy convoca-
tion, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy
convocation for you. No manner of work shall be
done on them; but *that* which everyone must
eat—that only may be prepared by you. 17So you
shall observe *the Feast of* Unleavened Bread, for
on this same day I will have brought your armies
out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall ob-
serve this day throughout your generations as an
everlasting ordinance. 18In the first *month,* on the
fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall
eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of
the month at evening. 19For seven days no leaven
shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats
what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off
from the congregation of Israel, whether *he is* a
stranger or a native of the land. 20You shall eat
nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall
eat unleavened bread.'"

21Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel
and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for
yourselves according to your families, and kill the
Passover *lamb.* 22And you shall take a bunch of
hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and
strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the
blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall
go out of the door of his house until morning.
23For the LORD will pass through to strike the
Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lin-
tel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass
over the door and not allow the destroyer to come
into your houses to strike *you.* 24And you shall ob-
serve this thing as an ordinance for you and your
sons forever. 25It will come to pass when you come
to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He
promised, that you shall keep this service. 26And it
shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do
you mean by this service?' 27that you shall say, 'It *is*
the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed
over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt
when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our
households.'" So the people bowed their heads
and worshiped. 28Then the children of Israel went
away and did *so;* just as the LORD had commanded
Moses and Aaron, so they did.

### *The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn*

29And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD
struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from
the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to
the firstborn of the captive who *was* in the dun-
geon, and all the firstborn of livestock. 30So
Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and
all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in
Egypt, for *there was* not a house where *there was*
not one dead.

### *The Exodus*

31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night,
and said, "Rise, go out from among my people,
both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve
the LORD as you have said. 32 Also take your flocks
and your herds, as you have said, and be gone;
and bless me also."

33 And the Egyptians urged the people, that they
might send them out of the land in haste. For they
said, "We *shall* all *be* dead." 34 So the people took
their dough before it was leavened, having their
kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on
their shoulders. 35 Now the children of Israel had
done according to the word of Moses, and they
had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver,
articles of gold, and clothing. 36 And the LORD had
given the people favor in the sight of the Egyp-
tians, so that they granted them *what they re-*
*quested.* Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

37 Then the children of Israel journeyed from
Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand
men on foot, besides children. 38 A mixed multitude
went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a
great deal of livestock. 39 And they baked unleav-
ened cakes of the dough which they had brought
out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they
were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor
had they prepared provisions for themselves.

40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who
lived in Egypt[a] *was* four hundred and thirty years.
41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hun-
dred and thirty years—on that very same day—
it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD
went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It *is* a night of
solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them
out of the land of Egypt. This *is* that night of the
LORD, a solemn observance for all the children of
Israel throughout their generations.

### *Passover Regulations*

43 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This
*is* the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner
shall eat it. 44 But every man's servant who is
bought for money, when you have circumcised
him, then he may eat it. 45 A sojourner and a hired
servant shall not eat it. 46 In one house it shall be
eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside
the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.
47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 And
when a stranger dwells with you *and wants* to
keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be
circumcised, and then let him come near and
keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For
no uncircumcised person shall eat it. 49 One law
shall be for the native-born and for the stranger
who dwells among you."

50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as the LORD
commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 51 And
it came to pass, on that very same day, that the
LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land
of Egypt according to their armies.

### *The Firstborn Consecrated*

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn,
whatever opens the womb among the
children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is
Mine."

### *The Feast of Unleavened Bread*

3 And Moses said to the people: "Remember
this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the
house of bondage; for by strength of hand the
LORD brought you out of this *place.* No leavened
bread shall be eaten. 4 On this day you are going
out, in the month Abib. 5 And it shall be, when the
LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites
and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites
and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers
to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey,
that you shall keep this service in this month.
6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and
on the seventh day *there shall be* a feast to the
LORD. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven
days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among
you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all
your quarters. 8 And you shall tell your son in that
day, saying, '*This is done* because of what the LORD
did for me when I came up from Egypt.' 9 It shall
be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memo-
rial between your eyes, that the LORD's law may be
in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD
has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore
keep this ordinance in its season from year to
year.

### *The Law of the Firstborn*

11 "And it shall be, when the LORD brings you
into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you
and your fathers, and gives it to you, 12 that you
shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb,
that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal

**12:40** [a] Samaritan Pentateuch and Septuagint read *Egypt and Canaan.*

which you have; the males *shall be* the LORD's.
13But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem *it,* then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What *is* this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 15And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' 16It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

### *The Wilderness Way*

17Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them *by* way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." 18So God led the people around *by* way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

19And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you."[a]

20So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. 21And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. 22He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

### *The Red Sea Crossing*

14 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea. 3For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They *are* bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.' 4Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD." And they did so.

5Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. 7Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. 8And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. 9So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

10And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11Then they said to Moses, "Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12*Is* this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

13And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

15And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea. 17And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18Then the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

19And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and

**13:19** [a]Genesis 50:25

stood behind them. 20So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness *to the one,* and it gave light by night *to the other,* so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

21Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry *land,* and the waters were divided. 22So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground,* and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 23And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. 25And He took off[a] their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

26Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." 27And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, *and* all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. 29But the children of Israel had walked on dry *land* in the midst of the sea, and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

### *The Song of Moses*

15 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:

"I will sing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!
2 The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He *is* my God, and I will praise Him;
My father's God, and I will exalt Him.
3 The LORD *is* a man of war;
The LORD *is* His name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
5 The depths have covered them;
They sank to the bottom like a stone.
6 "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;
Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.
7 And in the greatness of Your excellence
You have overthrown those who rose against You;
You sent forth Your wrath;
It consumed them like stubble.
8 And with the blast of Your nostrils
The waters were gathered together;
The floods stood upright like a heap;
The depths congealed in the heart of the sea.
9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue,
I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil;
My desire shall be satisfied on them.
I will draw my sword,
My hand shall destroy them.'
10 You blew with Your wind,
The sea covered them;
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
11 "Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness,
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?
12 You stretched out Your right hand;
The earth swallowed them.
13 You in Your mercy have led forth
The people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided *them* in Your strength
To Your holy habitation.
14 "The people will hear *and* be afraid;
Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia.

**14:25** [a]Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, and Syriac read *bound.*

15 Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed;
The mighty men of Moab,
Trembling will take hold of them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.
16 Fear and dread will fall on them;
By the greatness of Your arm
They will be *as* still as a stone,
Till Your people pass over, O LORD,
Till the people pass over
Whom You have purchased.
17 You will bring them in and plant them
In the mountain of Your inheritance,
*In* the place, O LORD, *which* You have made
For Your own dwelling,
The sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands
have established.
18 "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

19For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

### *The Song of Miriam*

20Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21And Miriam answered them:

"Sing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!"

### *Bitter Waters Made Sweet*

22So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.[a] 24And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

27Then they came to Elim, where there *were* twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

### *Bread from Heaven*

16 And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. 2Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will

**15:23** [a]Literally *Bitter*

## AUTHORITY — 1 Authority of God

▶ *See* **Exodus 15:18**

God's authority is described in regal terms. There are no limits to His kingship over all creation. He is described, in both the Old and New Testaments, as a potter who chooses to create, fashion, or mold each lump of clay as He sees fit (Jeremiah 18:6; Romans 9:21). As such, the creation does not have the right to question the Creator's design or direction. Rather, the creation fulfills the purpose for which it was created. You are most satisfied in your life when you are living out God's purpose and design for you.

God is the final authority for all people. All who have ever lived will have to account for their lives and for their relationship to God. For those who accept Christ, God's final judgment will bring eternal joy in His presence. For those who reject the authority of God, there is eternal pain and suffering (see *Judgment*).

▶ *Now turn to page 990 for John 5:19 and Point 2. Authority of Jesus Christ.*

rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. 5And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

6Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. 7And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what *are* we, that you complain against us?" 8Also Moses said, "*This shall be seen* when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what *are* we? Your complaints *are* not against us but against the LORD."

9Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.'" 10Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 12"I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.'"

13So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. 14And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, *as* fine as frost on the ground. 15So when the children of Israel saw *it,* they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it *was.*

And Moses said to them, "This *is* the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. 16This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, *according to the* number of persons; let every man take for *those* who *are* in his tent.'"

17Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. 18So when they measured *it* by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. 19And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." 20Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. 21So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

22And so it was, on the sixth day, *that* they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. 23Then he said to them, "This *is what* the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow *is* a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake *today,* and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.'" 24So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it. 25Then Moses said, "Eat that today, for today *is* a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. 26Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none."

27Now it happened *that some* of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. 28And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? 29See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." 30So the people rested on the seventh day.

31And the house of Israel called its name Manna.[a] And it *was* like white coriander seed, and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

32Then Moses said, "This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" 33And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations." 34As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. 36Now an omer *is* one-tenth of an ephah.

**16:31** [a]Literally *What?* (compare Exodus 16:15)

*Water from the Rock*

17 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. 2Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink."

So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

3And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

4So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

5And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7So he called the name of the place Massah[a] and Meribah,[b] because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*Victory over the Amalekites*

8Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." 10So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12But Moses' hands *became* heavy; so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." 15And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner;[a] 16for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation."

*Jethro's Advice*

18 And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, 3with her two sons, of whom the name of one *was* Gershom (for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land")[a] 4and the name of the other *was* Eliezer[a] (for *he said,* "The God of my father *was* my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"); 5and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of God. 6Now he had said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

7So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about *their* well-being, and they went into the tent. 8And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and *how* the LORD had delivered them. 9Then Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10And Jethro said, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, *and* who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, *He was* above them." 12Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took[a] a burnt offering and *other* sacrifices *to offer* to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening. 14So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What *is* this thing that you are doing for the

**17:7** [a]Literally *Tempted* [b]Literally *Contention* **17:15** [a]Hebrew *YHWH Nissi* **18:3** [a]Compare Exodus 2:22 **18:4** [a]Literally *My God Is Help* **18:12** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Septuagint; Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *offered.*

people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?"

15And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. 16When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

17So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do *is* not good. 18Both you and these people who *are* with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing *is* too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. 19Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. 20And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. 21Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be *that* every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear *the burden* with you. 23If you do this thing, and God *so* commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace."

24So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. 25And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26So they judged the people at all times; the hard cases they brought to Moses, but they judged every small case themselves.

27Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own land.

### *Israel at Mount Sinai*

19 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came *to* the Wilderness of Sinai. 2For they had departed from Rephidim, had come *to* the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.

3And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 5Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. 6And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

7So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. 8Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. 9And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever."

So Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

10Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. 11And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves *that* you do *not* go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. 13Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot *with an arrow;* whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

14So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. 15And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not come near *your* wives."

16Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. 17And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18Now Mount Sinai *was* completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain[a]

**19:18** [a]Septuagint reads *all the people.*

quaked greatly. 19And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. 20Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish. 22Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

23But Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.'"

24Then the LORD said to him, "Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them." 25So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

### *The Ten Commandments*

20 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2 "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; 5you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, 6but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. 11For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

**REWARDS** **1 God's Rewards**

► *See* **Exodus 20:5, 6**

God promises a consequence—eternal death—for those who do not trust in Jesus' death on the cross. God is not vindictive or bent on taking revenge on those who oppose Him. Rather, punishment is the inevitable outcome of our sinful actions. It is justice in action. If you would like to know how to begin a relationship with God, see *Salvation.*

God judges and then rewards us based on that judgment. "So that men will say, / 'Surely there is a reward for the righteous; / Surely He is God who judges in the earth' " (Psalm 58:11). When you trust Jesus for your salvation, the judgment for your sin is placed on Christ. You can then enjoy the rewards that God offers His children.

► *Now turn to page 501 for Psalm 37:25 and Point 2. Rewards in This Life.*

**SUICIDE** **4 God Opposes Suicide**

► *See* **Exodus 20:13**

This command is clear, and it does not distinguish between taking someone else's life and taking your own. Murder is sin and does not please God. The Bible teaches that human life is valuable to God. In fact, the value is so great that Jesus was sacrificed on the cross in exchange for the eternal redemption of

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14 "You shall not commit adultery.
15 "You shall not steal.
16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."

### *The People Afraid of God's Presence*

18 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it,* they trembled and stood afar off.
19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."
20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."
21 So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God *was.*

### *The Law of the Altar*

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.
23 You shall not make *anything to be* with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.
24 An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you.
25 And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.
26 Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.'

### *The Law Concerning Servants*

21 "Now these *are* the judgments which you shall set before them:
2 If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing.
3 If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he *comes in* married, then his wife shall go out with him.
4 If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
5 But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'
6 then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.
7 "And if a man sells his daughter to be a female slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do.
8 If she does not please her master, who has betrothed her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has dealt deceitfully with her.
9 And if he has betrothed her to his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.
10 If he takes another *wife,* he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, and her marriage rights.
11 And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out free, without *paying* money.

### *The Law Concerning Violence*

12 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.
13 However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.
14 "But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.
15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

**SUICIDE: 4. GOD OPPOSES SUICIDE** *(continued)*

humans. Because of what Jesus did, our lives are no longer our own—they were purchased by God through Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

God loves His people. He has hope for you and a future planned for you (Jeremiah 29:11–14).

If you are struggling with thoughts of suicide, God has a better answer for you. Talk to a pastor or Christian counselor whom you trust in order to address the issues and suffering in your life. Ask God to enable you to see hope, and trust Him with your circumstances and your pain.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

16"He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he
is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.
17"And he who curses his father or his mother
shall surely be put to death.
18"If men contend with each other, and one
strikes the other with a stone or with *his* fist, and
he does not die but is confined to *his* bed, 19if he
rises again and walks about outside with his staff,
then he who struck *him* shall be acquitted. He
shall only pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall
provide *for him* to be thoroughly healed.
20"And if a man beats his male or female ser-
vant with a rod, so that he dies under his hand, he
shall surely be punished. 21Notwithstanding, if he
remains alive a day or two, he shall not be pun-
ished; for he *is* his property.
22"If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so
that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm fol-
lows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as
the woman's husband imposes on him; and he
shall pay as the judges *determine.* 23But if *any* harm
follows, then you shall give life for life, 24eye for eye,
tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25burn
for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.
26"If a man strikes the eye of his male or female
servant, and destroys it, he shall let him go free for
the sake of his eye. 27And if he knocks out the
tooth of his male or female servant, he shall let
him go free for the sake of his tooth.

### *Animal Control Laws*

28"If an ox gores a man or a woman to death,
then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh
shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be*
acquitted. 29But if the ox tended to thrust with its
horn in times past, and it has been made known
to his owner, and he has not kept it confined, so
that it has killed a man or a woman, the ox shall
be stoned and its owner also shall be put to
death. 30If there is imposed on him a sum of
money, then he shall pay to redeem his life, what-
ever is imposed on him. 31Whether it has gored a
son or gored a daughter, according to this judg-
ment it shall be done to him. 32If the ox gores a
male or female servant, he shall give to their mas-
ter thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be
stoned.
33"And if a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a
pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey
falls in it, 34the owner of the pit shall make *it* good;
he shall give money to their owner, but the dead
*animal* shall be his.
35"If one man's ox hurts another's, so that it
dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide the
money from it; and the dead *ox* they shall also di-
vide. 36Or if it was known that the ox tended to
thrust in time past, and its owner has not kept it
confined, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the
dead animal shall be his own.

### *Responsibility for Property*

22 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and
slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore
five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a
sheep. 2If the thief is found breaking in, and he is
struck so that he dies, *there shall be* no guilt for
his bloodshed. 3If the sun has risen on him, *there*
*shall be* guilt for his bloodshed. He should make
full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be
sold for his theft. 4If the theft is certainly found
alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or
sheep, he shall restore double.
5"If a man causes a field or vineyard to be
grazed, and lets loose his animal, and it feeds in
another man's field, he shall make restitution
from the best of his own field and the best of his
own vineyard.
6"If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so
that stacked grain, standing grain, or the field is
consumed, he who kindled the fire shall surely
make restitution.
7"If a man delivers to his neighbor money or ar-
ticles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's
house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8If
the thief is not found, then the master of the house
shall be brought to the judges *to see* whether he
has put his hand into his neighbor's goods.
9"For any kind of trespass, *whether it concerns*
an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, *or* for any
kind of lost thing which *another* claims to be his,
the cause of both parties shall come before the
judges; *and* whomever the judges condemn shall
pay double to his neighbor. 10If a man delivers to
his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any ani-
mal to keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven away, no
one seeing *it,* 11*then* an oath of the LORD shall be
between them both, that he has not put his hand
into his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it
shall accept *that,* and he shall not make *it* good.
12But if, in fact, it is stolen from him, he shall
make restitution to the owner of it. 13If it is torn
to pieces *by a beast, then* he shall bring it as evi-
dence, *and* he shall not make good what was
torn.

14"And if a man borrows *anything* from his
neighbor, and it becomes injured or dies, the
owner of it not *being* with it, he shall surely make
*it* good. 15If its owner *was* with it, he shall not
make *it* good; if it *was* hired, it came for its hire.

### *Moral and Ceremonial Principles*

16"If a man entices a virgin who is not be-
trothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay the
bride-price for her *to be* his wife. 17If her father ut-
terly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay
money according to the bride-price of virgins.

18"You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

19"Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be
put to death.

20"He who sacrifices to *any* god, except to the
LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21"You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor op-
press him, for you were strangers in the land of
Egypt.

22"You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless
child. 23If you afflict them in any way, *and* they cry
at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; 24and My
wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the
sword; your wives shall be widows, and your chil-
dren fatherless.

25"If you lend money to *any of* My people *who
are* poor among you, you shall not be like a mon-
eylender to him; you shall not charge him inter-
est. 26If you ever take your neighbor's garment as
a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun
goes down. 27For that *is* his only covering, it *is* his
garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it
will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I
*am* gracious.

28"You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of
your people.

29"You shall not delay *to offer* the first of your
ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of
your sons you shall give to Me. 30Likewise you
shall do with your oxen *and* your sheep. It shall be
with its mother seven days; on the eighth day you
shall give it to Me.

31"And you shall be holy men to Me: you shall
not eat meat torn *by beasts* in the field; you shall
throw it to the dogs.

### *Justice for All*

23 "You shall not circulate a false report.
Do not put your hand with the wicked
to be an unrighteous witness. 2You shall
not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify
in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to per-
vert *justice.* 3You shall not show partiality to a
poor man in his dispute.

4"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey
going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him
again. 5If you see the donkey of one who hates you
lying under its burden, and you would refrain
from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.

6"You shall not pervert the judgment of your
poor in his dispute. 7Keep yourself far from a false
matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous.
For I will not justify the wicked. 8And you shall
take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning
and perverts the words of the righteous.

9"Also you shall not oppress a stranger, for you
know the heart of a stranger, because you were
strangers in the land of Egypt.

### *The Law of Sabbaths*

10"Six years you shall sow your land and gather
in its produce, 11but the seventh *year* you shall let
it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people
may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the
field may eat. In like manner you shall do with
your vineyard *and* your olive grove. 12Six days you
shall do your work, and on the seventh day you
shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest,
and the son of your female servant and the stran-
ger may be refreshed.

13"And in all that I have said to you, be circum-
spect and make no mention of the name of other
gods, nor let it be heard from your mouth.

### *Three Annual Feasts*

14"Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in
the year: 15You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened
Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days,
as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the
month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt;
none shall appear before Me empty); 16and the
Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors
which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of
Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have
gathered in *the fruit of* your labors from the field.

17"Three times in the year all your males shall
appear before the Lord GOD.[a]

18"You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice
with leavened bread; nor shall the fat of My sacri-
fice remain until morning. 19The first of the first-
fruits of your land you shall bring into the house
of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young
goat in its mother's milk.

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**23:17** [a]Hebrew *YHWH,* usually translated *LORD*

*The Angel and the Promises*

20"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep
you in the way and to bring you into the place
which I have prepared. 21Beware of Him and obey
His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not par-
don your transgressions; for My name *is* in Him.
22But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I
speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies
and an adversary to your adversaries. 23For My
Angel will go before you and bring you in to the
Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and
the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites;
and I will cut them off. 24You shall not bow down
to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to
their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them
and completely break down their *sacred* pillars.

25"So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He
will bless your bread and your water. And I will
take sickness away from the midst of you. 26No
one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your
land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

27"I will send My fear before you, I will cause
confusion among all the people to whom you
come, and will make all your enemies turn *their*
backs to you. 28And I will send hornets before you,
which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite,
and the Hittite from before you. 29I will not drive
them out from before you in one year, lest the land
become desolate and the beasts of the field be-
come too numerous for you. 30Little by little I will
drive them out from before you, until you have in-
creased, and you inherit the land. 31And I will set
your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philis-
tia, and from the desert to the River.[a] For I will de-
liver the inhabitants of the land into your hand,
and you shall drive them out before you. 32You
shall make no covenant with them, nor with their
gods. 33They shall not dwell in your land, lest they
make you sin against Me. For *if* you serve their
gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

*Israel Affirms the Covenant*

24 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the
LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu,
and seventy of the elders of Israel, and
worship from afar. 2And Moses alone shall come
near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor
shall the people go up with him."

3So Moses came and told the people all the
words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all
the people answered with one voice and said, "All
the words which the LORD has said we will do."
4And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And
he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at
the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars ac-
cording to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5Then he
sent young men of the children of Israel, who of-
fered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offer-
ings of oxen to the LORD. 6And Moses took half the
blood and put *it* in basins, and half the blood he
sprinkled on the altar. 7Then he took the Book of
the Covenant and read in the hearing of the peo-
ple. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we
will do, and be obedient." 8And Moses took the

**23:31** [a]Hebrew *Nahar,* the Euphrates

**WORSHIP** **4 RESULTS OF WORSHIP**

► *See* **EXODUS 24:7**

Worship fosters obedience to God. This passage relates to worship during the time of the Old Testament. After offering the sacrifices appropriate for the day, Moses read from the Book of the Covenant—the laws given to him by God for the Israelites. Motivated by the Word of God, the people responded by committing themselves to obey all God had said. Your worship can also prompt a response from you to God. Obedience is the clear evidence of your love for a good and gracious God (John 14:15).

Worship also leads to serving. As you grow in the awareness of God's great goodness, you begin to serve Him from a grateful heart. This is often demonstrated by meeting the tangible or spiritual needs of others. When you worship the Lord with others, you not only praise God, but you also help one another grow in faith.

King David's confidence in God rested securely on God's character rather than on David's circumstances or ability. As others heard David's worship, they also rejoiced and were encouraged. "I will bless the LORD at all times; / His praise shall continually be in my mouth. / My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; / The humble shall hear of it and be glad. / Oh, magnify the LORD with me, / And let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:1–3).

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blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

### *On the Mountain with God*

[9]Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, [10]and they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. [11]But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

[12]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

[13]So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. [14]And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur *are* with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." [15]Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

[16]Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. [17]The sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. [18]So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### *Offerings for the Sanctuary*

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. [3]And this *is* the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; [4]blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* fine linen, and goats' *hair;* [5]ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; [6]oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; [7]onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. [8]And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. [9]According to all that I show you, *that is,* the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make *it.*

### *The Ark of the Testimony*

[10]"And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. [11]And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. [12]You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in its four corners; two rings *shall be* on one side, and two rings on the other side. [13]And you shall make poles *of* acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. [14]You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. [15]The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. [16]And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

[17]"You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length and a cubit and a half its width. [18]And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. [19]Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it *of one piece* with the mercy seat. [20]And the cherubim shall stretch out *their* wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim *shall be* toward the mercy seat. [21]You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. [22]And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which *are* on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

### *The Table for the Showbread*

[23]"You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. [24]And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around. [25]You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around. [26]And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that *are* at its four legs. [27]The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. [28]And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. [29]You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold. [30]And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.

*The Gold Lampstand*

31"You shall also make a lampstand of pure
gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work.
Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its *ornamental*
knobs, and flowers shall be *of one piece.* 32And six
branches shall come out of its sides: three
branches of the lampstand out of one side, and
three branches of the lampstand out of the other
side. 33Three bowls *shall be* made like almond
*blossoms* on one branch, *with* an *ornamental* knob
and a flower, and three bowls made like almond
*blossoms* on the other branch, *with* an *ornamental*
knob and a flower—and so for the six branches
that come out of the lampstand. 34On the lamp-
stand itself four bowls *shall be* made like almond
*blossoms, each with* its *ornamental* knob and
flower. 35And *there shall be* a knob under the *first*
two branches of the same, a knob under the *sec-
ond* two branches of the same, and a knob under
the *third* two branches of the same, according to
the six branches that extend from the lampstand.
36Their knobs and their branches *shall be of one
piece;* all of it *shall be* one hammered piece of pure
gold. 37You shall make seven lamps for it, and they
shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in
front of it. 38And its wick-trimmers and their
trays *shall be* of pure gold. 39It shall be made of a
talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. 40And
see to it that you make *them* according to the pat-
tern which was shown you on the mountain.

*The Tabernacle*

26 "Moreover you shall make the taberna-
cle *with* ten curtains *of* fine woven linen
and blue, purple, and scarlet *thread;*
with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave
them. 2The length of each curtain *shall be* twenty-
eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four
cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have
the same measurements. 3Five curtains shall be
coupled to one another, and *the other* five curtains
*shall be* coupled to one another. 4And you shall
make loops of blue *yarn* on the edge of the cur-
tain on the selvedge of *one* set, and likewise you
shall do on the outer edge of *the other* curtain of
the second set. 5Fifty loops you shall make in the
one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the
edge of the curtain that *is* on the end of the sec-
ond set, that the loops may be clasped to one an-
other. 6And you shall make fifty clasps of gold,
and couple the curtains together with the clasps,
so that it may be one tabernacle.

7"You shall also make curtains of goats' *hair,* to
be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make
eleven curtains. 8The length of each curtain *shall
be* thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain
four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all have
the same measurements. 9And you shall couple
five curtains by themselves and six curtains by
themselves, and you shall double over the sixth
curtain at the forefront of the tent. 10You shall
make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is
outermost in *one* set, and fifty loops on the edge
of the curtain of the second set. 11And you shall
make fifty bronze clasps, put the clasps into the
loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be
one. 12The remnant that remains of the curtains
of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall
hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13And a
cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of
what remains of the length of the curtains of the
tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle,
on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14"You shall also make a covering of ram skins
dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badger
skins above that.

15"And for the tabernacle you shall make the
boards of acacia wood, standing upright. 16Ten
cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit
and a half *shall be* the width of each board. 17Two
tenons *shall be* in each board for binding one to
another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of
the tabernacle. 18And you shall make the boards
for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south
side. 19You shall make forty sockets of silver under
the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the
boards for its two tenons. 20And for the second
side of the tabernacle, the north side, *there shall
be* twenty boards 21and their forty sockets of sil-
ver: two sockets under each of the boards. 22For
the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall
make six boards. 23And you shall also make two
boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle.
24They shall be coupled together at the bottom
and they shall be coupled together at the top by
one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They
shall be for the two corners. 25So there shall be
eight boards with their sockets of silver—sixteen
sockets—two sockets under each of the boards.

26"And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five
for the boards on one side of the tabernacle, 27five
bars for the boards on the other side of the taber-
nacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the
tabernacle, for the far side westward. 28The middle

bar shall pass through the midst of the boards
from end to end. 29You shall overlay the boards
with gold, make their rings of gold *as* holders for
the bars, and overlay the bars with gold. 30And you
shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pat-
tern which you were shown on the mountain.

31"You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple,
and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen. It shall
be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.
32You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia
*wood* overlaid with gold. Their hooks *shall be* gold,
upon four sockets of silver. 33And you shall hang
the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the
ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The
veil shall be a divider for you between the holy
*place* and the Most Holy. 34You shall put the mercy
seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most
Holy. 35You shall set the table outside the veil, and
the lampstand across from the table on the side
of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall
put the table on the north side.

36"You shall make a screen for the door of the
tabernacle, *woven of* blue, purple, and scarlet
*thread,* and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.
37And you shall make for the screen five pillars of
acacia *wood,* and overlay them with gold; their
hooks *shall be* gold, and you shall cast five sockets
of bronze for them.

### *The Altar of Burnt Offering*

27 "You shall make an altar of acacia wood,
five cubits long and five cubits wide—
the altar shall be square—and its height
*shall be* three cubits. 2You shall make its horns on
its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with
it. And you shall overlay it with bronze. 3Also you
shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its
shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans;
you shall make all its utensils of bronze. 4You shall
make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the
network you shall make four bronze rings at its
four corners. 5You shall put it under the rim of the
altar beneath, that the network may be midway up
the altar. 6And you shall make poles for the altar,
poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with
bronze. 7The poles shall be put in the rings, and the
poles shall be on the two sides of the altar to bear
it. 8You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was
shown you on the mountain, so shall they make *it.*

### *The Court of the Tabernacle*

9"You shall also make the court of the taberna-
cle. For the south side *there shall be* hangings for
the court *made of* fine woven linen, one hundred
cubits long for one side. 10And its twenty pillars
and their twenty sockets *shall be* bronze. The
hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* silver.
11Likewise along the length of the north side *there*
*shall be* hangings one hundred *cubits* long, with
its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of
bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their
bands of silver.

12"And along the width of the court on the west
side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits, with their
ten pillars and their ten sockets. 13The width of
the court on the east side *shall be* fifty cubits.
14The hangings on *one* side *of the gate shall be* fif-
teen cubits, *with* their three pillars and their three
sockets. 15And on the other side *shall be* hangings
of fifteen *cubits, with* their three pillars and their
three sockets.

16"For the gate of the court *there shall be* a
screen twenty cubits long, *woven of* blue, purple,
and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen, made by
a weaver. It *shall have* four pillars and four sock-
ets. 17All the pillars around the court shall have
bands of silver; their hooks *shall be* of silver and
their sockets of bronze. 18The length of the court
*shall be* one hundred cubits, the width fifty
throughout, and the height five cubits, *made of*
fine woven linen, and its sockets of bronze. 19All
the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all
its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, *shall be* of
bronze.

### *The Care of the Lampstand*

20"And you shall command the children of Is-
rael that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives
for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continu-
ally. 21In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the
veil which *is* before the Testimony, Aaron and his
sons shall tend it from evening until morning be-
fore the LORD. *It shall be* a statute forever to their
generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

### *Garments for the Priesthood*

28 "Now take Aaron your brother, and his
sons with him, from among the children
of Israel, that he may minister to Me as
priest, Aaron *and* Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu,
Eleazar, and Ithamar. 2And you shall make holy
garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for
beauty. 3So you shall speak to all *who are* gifted
artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wis-
dom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to
consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as

priest. 4And these *are* the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod,[a] a robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.

### *The Ephod*

5"They shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and the fine linen, 6and they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, *and* scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen, artistically worked. 7It shall have two shoulder straps joined at its two edges, and *so* it shall be joined together. 8And the intricately woven band of the ephod, which *is* on it, shall be of the same workmanship, *made of* gold, blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen.

9"Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel: 10six of their names on one stone and six names on the other stone, in order of their birth. 11With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold. 12And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod *as* memorial stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders as a memorial. 13You shall also make settings of gold, 14and you shall make two chains of pure gold like braided cords, and fasten the braided chains to the settings.

### *The Breastplate*

15"You shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen, you shall make it. 16It shall be doubled into a square: a span *shall be* its length, and a span *shall be* its width. 17And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: *The first* row *shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; *this shall be* the first row; 18the second row *shall be* a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; 19the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 20and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings. 21And the stones shall have the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name; they shall be according to the twelve tribes.

22"You shall make chains for the breastplate at the end, like braided cords of pure gold. 23And you shall make two rings of gold for the breastplate, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24Then you shall put the two braided *chains* of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate; 25and the *other* two ends of the two braided *chains* you shall fasten to the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front.

26"You shall make two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which is on the inner side of the ephod. 27And two *other* rings of gold you shall make, and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod. 28They shall bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate does not come loose from the ephod.

29"So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy *place,* as a memorial before the LORD continually. 30And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim,[a] and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

### *Other Priestly Garments*

31"You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32There shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it; it shall have a woven binding all around its opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does not tear. 33And upon its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around: 34a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around. 35And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the holy *place* before the LORD and when he comes out, that he may not die.

36"You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, *like* the engraving of a signet:

**28:4** [a]That is, an ornamented vest **28:30** [a]Literally *the Lights and the Perfections* (compare Leviticus 8:8)

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37And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may
be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the
turban. 38So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that
Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things
which the children of Israel hallow in all their
holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead,
that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39"You shall skillfully weave the tunic of fine
linen *thread,* you shall make the turban of fine
linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work.

40"For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and
you shall make sashes for them. And you shall
make hats for them, for glory and beauty. 41So you
shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his
sons with him. You shall anoint them, consecrate
them, and sanctify them, that they may minister
to Me as priests. 42And you shall make for them
linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall
reach from the waist to the thighs. 43They shall be
on Aaron and on his sons when they come into
the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come
near the altar to minister in the holy *place,* that
they do not incur iniquity and die. *It shall be* a
statute forever to him and his descendants after
him.

### *Aaron and His Sons Consecrated*

29 "And this is what you shall do to them to
hallow them for ministering to Me as
priests: Take one young bull and two
rams without blemish, 2and unleavened bread,
unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened
wafers anointed with oil (you shall make them of
wheat flour). 3You shall put them in one basket
and bring them in the basket, with the bull and
the two rams.

4"And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the
door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall
wash them with water. 5Then you shall take the
garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of
the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and
gird him with the intricately woven band of the
ephod. 6You shall put the turban on his head, and
put the holy crown on the turban. 7And you shall
take the anointing oil, pour *it* on his head, and
anoint him. 8Then you shall bring his sons and
put tunics on them. 9And you shall gird them with
sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on
them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpet-
ual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his
sons.

10"You shall also have the bull brought before
the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron and his
sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull.
11Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD, *by*
the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 12You shall
take *some* of the blood of the bull and put *it* on the
horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all
the blood beside the base of the altar. 13And you
shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the
fatty lobe *attached* to the liver, and the two kid-
neys and the fat that *is* on them, and burn *them*
on the altar. 14But the flesh of the bull, with its skin
and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the
camp. It *is* a sin offering.

15"You shall also take one ram, and Aaron and
his sons shall put their hands on the head of the
ram; 16and you shall kill the ram, and you shall
take its blood and sprinkle *it* all around on the
altar. 17Then you shall cut the ram in pieces, wash
its entrails and its legs, and put *them* with its
pieces and with its head. 18And you shall burn the
whole ram on the altar. It *is* a burnt offering to the
LORD; it *is* a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire
to the LORD.

19"You shall also take the other ram, and Aaron
and his sons shall put their hands on the head of
the ram. 20Then you shall kill the ram, and take
some of its blood and put *it* on the tip of the right
ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his
sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the
big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood
all around on the altar. 21And you shall take some
of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the
anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his
garments, on his sons and on the garments of his
sons with him; and he and his garments shall be
hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments
with him.

22"Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat
tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe
*attached to* the liver, the two kidneys and the fat
on them, the right thigh (for it *is* a ram of conse-
cration), 23one loaf of bread, one cake *made with*
oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleav-
ened bread that *is* before the LORD; 24and you shall
put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the
hands of his sons, and you shall wave them *as* a
wave offering before the LORD. 25You shall receive
them back from their hands and burn *them* on
the altar as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma be-
fore the LORD. It *is* an offering made by fire to the
LORD.

[26]"Then you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave it *as* a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion. [27]And from the ram of the consecration you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering which is waved, and the thigh of the heave offering which is raised, of *that* which *is* for Aaron and of *that* which is for his sons. [28]It shall be from the children of Israel *for* Aaron and his sons by a statute forever. For it is a heave offering; it shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *that is,* their heave offering to the LORD.

[29]"And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them. [30]That son who becomes priest in his place shall put them on for seven days, when he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister in the holy *place.*

[31]"And you shall take the ram of the consecration and boil its flesh in the holy place. [32]Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is* in the basket, *by* the door of the tabernacle of meeting. [33]They shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them; but an outsider shall not eat *them,* because they *are* holy. [34]And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.

[35]"Thus you shall do to Aaron and his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. Seven days you shall consecrate them. [36]And you shall offer a bull every day *as* a sin offering for atonement. You shall cleanse the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it. [37]Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy.[a]

### *The Daily Offerings*

[38]"Now this *is* what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually. [39]One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. [40]With the one lamb shall be one-tenth *of an ephah* of flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine *as* a drink offering. [41]And the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; and you shall offer with it the grain offering and the drink offering, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. [42]*This shall be* a continual burnt offering throughout your generations *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. [43]And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by My glory. [44]So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. [45]I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. [46]And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I *am* the LORD their God.

### *The Altar of Incense*

30 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. [2]A cubit *shall be* its length and a cubit its width—it shall be square—and two cubits *shall be* its height. Its horns *shall be* of one piece with it. [3]And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a molding of gold all around. [4]Two gold rings you shall make for it, under the molding on both its sides. You shall place *them* on its two sides, and they will be holders for the poles with which to bear it. [5]You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. [6]And you shall put it before the veil that *is* before the ark of the Testimony, before the mercy seat that *is* over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

[7]"Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. [8]And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. [9]You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it. [10]And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It *is* most holy to the LORD."

### *The Ransom Money*

[11]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [12]"When you take the census of the children of Israel for their number, then every man shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD, when you num-

**29:37** [a]Compare Numbers 4:15 and Haggai 2:11–13

ber them, that there may be no plague among them when *you* number them. [13]This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs). The half-shekel *shall be* an offering to the LORD. [14]Everyone included among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the LORD. [15]The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *you* give an offering to the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves. [16]And you shall take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves."

### *The Bronze Laver*

[17]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [18]"You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, [19]for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. [20]When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, lest they die. [21]So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations."

### *The Holy Anointing Oil*

[22]Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [23]"Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred *shekels* of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty *shekels*), two hundred and fifty *shekels* of sweet-smelling cane, [24]five hundred *shekels* of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. [25]And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. [26]With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; [27]the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; [28]the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. [29]You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy.[a] [30]And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister to Me as priests.

[31]"And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. [32]It shall not be poured on man's flesh; nor shall you make *any other* like it, according to its composition. It *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy to you. [33]Whoever compounds *any* like it, or whoever puts *any* of it on an outsider, shall be cut off from his people.'"

### *The Incense*

[34]And the LORD said to Moses: "Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with *these* sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each. [35]You shall make of these an incense, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, *and* holy. [36]And you shall beat *some* of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. [37]But *as for* the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the LORD. [38]Whoever makes *any* like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people."

### *Artisans for Building the Tabernacle*

31 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2]"See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. [3]And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship, [4]to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, [5]in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of* workmanship.

[6]"And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: [7]the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that *is* on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle— [8]the table and its utensils, the pure *gold* lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, [9]the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base— [10]the garments of ministry,[a] the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as

**30:29** [a]Compare Numbers 4:15 and Haggai 2:11–13
**31:10** [a]Or *woven garments*

priests, [11]and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy *place.* According to all that I have commanded you they shall do."

### *The Sabbath Law*

[12]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [13]"Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it *is* a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that *you* may know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you. [14]You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it is* holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does *any* work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. [15]Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh *is* the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does *any* work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. [16]Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a perpetual covenant. [17]It *is* a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

[18]And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

### *The Gold Calf*

**32** Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

[2]And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me." [3]So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. [4]And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf.

Then they said, "This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

[5]So when Aaron saw *it,* he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow *is* a feast to the LORD." [6]Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

[7]And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted *themselves.* [8]They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'" [9]And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it *is* a stiff-necked people! [10]Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

[11]Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? [12]Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. [13]Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.'"[a] [14]So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

[15]And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in his hand. The tablets *were* written on both sides; on the one *side* and on the other they were written. [16]Now the tablets *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God engraved on the tablets.

[17]And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "*There is* a noise of war in the camp."

[18]But he said:

> "*It is* not the noise of the shout of victory,
> Nor the noise of the cry of defeat,
> *But* the sound of singing I hear."

[19]So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf *and* the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of

**32:13** [a]Genesis 13:15 and 22:17

his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. 20Then he took the calf which they had made, burned *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder; and he scattered *it* on the water and made the children of Israel drink *it.* 21And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought *so* great a sin upon them?"

22So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they *are set* on evil. 23For they said to me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us; *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 24And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them break *it* off.' So they gave *it* to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out."

25Now when Moses saw that the people *were* unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to *their* shame among their enemies), 26then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever *is* on the LORD's side—*come* to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. 27And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'" 28So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day. 29Then Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother."

30Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." 31Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! 32Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

33And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. 34Now therefore, go, lead the people to *the place* of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin."

35So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.

### *The Command to Leave Sinai*

33 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Depart *and* go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' 2And I will send *My* Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. 3*Go up* to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you *are* a stiff-necked people."

4And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. 5For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You *are* a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.'" 6So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

### *Moses Meets with the LORD*

7Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass *that* everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which *was* outside the camp. 8So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose, and each man stood *at* his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. 9And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses. 10All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing *at* the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man *in* his tent door. 11So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

### *The Promise of God's Presence*

12Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' 13Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find

grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people."

14And He said, "My Presence will go *with you,* and I will give you rest."

15Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go *with us,* do not bring us up from here. 16For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth."

17So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

18And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

19Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

### *Moses Makes New Tablets*

34 And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones,* and I will write on *these* tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. 2So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. 3And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain."

4So he cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones.* Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

5Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty,* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

8So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

### *The Covenant Renewed*

10And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you *are* shall see the work of the LORD. For it *is* an awesome thing that I will do with you. 11Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. 12Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. 13But you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images 14(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),

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► *See* **EXODUS 34:6**

God spoke these words to Moses, as he led the nation of Israel, giving aspects of His own character that we are to emulate. God also spoke similar words to other Old Testament prophets and leaders, further demonstrating that He expects us to live by a standard of truth and honesty.

God's Son, Jesus, reaffirmed this standard by proclaiming to His disciples, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Jesus said He Himself is the ultimate embodiment of truth. Jesus lived a life of perfect honesty.

► *Now turn to page 1007 for John 16:13 and Point 2. How to Know the Truth.*

15lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of
the land, and they play the harlot with their gods
and make sacrifice to their gods, and *one of them*
invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, 16and you
take of his daughters for your sons, and his
daughters play the harlot with their gods and
make your sons play the harlot with their gods.

17"You shall make no molded gods for your-
selves.

18"The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall
keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread,
as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the
month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came
out from Egypt.

19"All that open the womb *are* Mine, and every
male firstborn among your livestock, *whether* ox
or sheep. 20But the firstborn of a donkey you shall
redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem
*him,* then you shall break his neck. All the first-
born of your sons you shall redeem.

"And none shall appear before Me empty-
handed.

21"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh
day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest
you shall rest.

22"And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of
the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of
Ingathering at the year's end.

23"Three times in the year all your men shall
appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel.
24For I will cast out the nations before you and en-
large your borders; neither will any man covet
your land when you go up to appear before the
LORD your God three times in the year.

25"You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice
with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of
the Passover be left until morning.

26"The first of the firstfruits of your land you
shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You
shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

27Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these
words, for according to the tenor of these words I
have made a covenant with you and with Israel."
28So he was there with the LORD forty days and
forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water.
And He wrote on the tablets the words of the cov-
enant, the Ten Commandments.[a]

### *The Shining Face of Moses*

29Now it was so, when Moses came down from
Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony
*were* in Moses' hand when he came down from
the mountain), that Moses did not know that the
skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.
30So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw
Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and
they were afraid to come near him. 31Then Moses
called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the
congregation returned to him; and Moses talked
with them. 32Afterward all the children of Israel
came near, and he gave them as commandments
all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount
Sinai. 33And when Moses had finished speaking
with them, he put a veil on his face. 34But when-
ever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with
Him, he would take the veil off until he came out;
and he would come out and speak to the children
of Israel whatever he had been commanded.
35And whenever the children of Israel saw the face
of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then
Moses would put the veil on his face again, until
he went in to speak with Him.

### *Sabbath Regulations*

35 Then Moses gathered all the congrega-
tion of the children of Israel together,
and said to them, "These *are* the words
which the LORD has commanded *you* to do: 2Work
shall be done for six days, but the seventh day
shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the
LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to
death. 3You shall kindle no fire throughout your
dwellings on the Sabbath day."

### *Offerings for the Tabernacle*

4And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the
children of Israel, saying, "This *is* the thing which
the LORD commanded, saying: 5"Take from among
you an offering to the LORD. Whoever *is* of a will-
ing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the
LORD: gold, silver, and bronze; 6blue, purple, and
scarlet *thread,* fine linen, and goats' *hair;* 7ram
skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood;
8oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil
and for the sweet incense; 9onyx stones, and
stones to be set in the ephod and in the breast-
plate.

### *Articles of the Tabernacle*

10"All *who are* gifted artisans among you shall
come and make all that the LORD has com-
manded: 11the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its
clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sock-

**34:28** [a]Literally *Ten Words*

ets; [12]the ark and its poles, *with* the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering; [13]the table and its poles, all its utensils, and the showbread; [14]also the lampstand for the light, its utensils, its lamps, and the oil for the light; [15]the incense altar, its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, and the screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle; [16]the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils, *and* the laver and its base; [17]the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; [18]the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of the court, and their cords; [19]the garments of ministry,[a] for ministering in the holy *place*—the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.'"

### *The Tabernacle Offerings Presented*

[20]And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. [21]Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, *and* they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. [22]They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, *and* brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who *made* an offering of gold to the LORD. [23]And every man, with whom was found blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, fine linen, goats' *hair,* red skins of rams, and badger skins, brought *them.* [24]Everyone who offered an offering of silver or bronze brought the LORD's offering. And everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought *it.* [25]All the women *who were* gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, of blue, purple, *and* scarlet, and fine linen. [26]And all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' *hair.* [27]The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate, [28]and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. [29]The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring *material* for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.

### *The Artisans Called by God*

[30]And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; [31]and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, [32]to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, [33]in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship.

[34]"And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, *in* him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. [35]He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

**36** "And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded."

### *The People Give More than Enough*

[2]Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work. [3]And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. [4]Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, [5]and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded *us* to do."

[6]So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, [7]for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.

### *Building the Tabernacle*

[8]Then all the gifted artisans among them who worked on the tabernacle made ten curtains woven of fine linen, and of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*; *with* artistic designs of cherubim they made them. [9]The length of each curtain *was*

**35:19** [a]Or *woven garments*

twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the curtains *were* all the same size. 10And he coupled five curtains to one another, and *the other* five curtains he coupled to one another. 11He made loops of blue *yarn* on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set; likewise he did on the outer edge of *the other* curtain of the second set. 12Fifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain on the end of the second set; the loops held one *curtain* to another. 13And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one another with the clasps, that it might be one tabernacle.

14He made curtains of goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains. 15The length of each curtain *was* thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains *were* the same size. 16He coupled five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves. 17And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain of the second set. 18He also made fifty bronze clasps to couple the tent together, that it might be one. 19Then he made a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of badger skins above *that.*

20For the tabernacle he made boards of acacia wood, standing upright. 21The length of each board *was* ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half. 22Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. Thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle. 23And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side. 24Forty sockets of silver he made to go under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons. 25And for the other side of the tabernacle, the north side, he made twenty boards 26and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards. 27For the west side of the tabernacle he made six boards. 28He also made two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle. 29And they were coupled at the bottom and coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus he made both of them for the two corners. 30So there were eight boards and their sockets—sixteen sockets of silver—two sockets under each of the boards.

31And he made bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle, 32five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle on the far side westward. 33And he made the middle bar to pass through the boards from one end to the other. 34He overlaid the boards with gold, made their rings of gold *to be* holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35And he made a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen; it was worked *with* an artistic design of cherubim. 36He made for it four pillars of acacia *wood,* and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

37He also made a screen for the tabernacle door, of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen, made by a weaver, 38and its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their rings with gold, but their five sockets *were* bronze.

### *Making the Ark of the Testimony*

37 Then Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits *was* its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 2He overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold all around it. 3And he cast for it four rings of gold *to be set* in its four corners: two rings on one side, and two rings on the other side of it. 4He made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5And he put the poles into the rings at the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6He also made the mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits *was* its length and a cubit and a half its width. 7He made two cherubim of beaten gold; he made them of one piece at the two ends of the mercy seat: 8one cherub at one end on this side, and the other cherub at the *other* end on that side. He made the cherubim at the two ends *of one piece* with the mercy seat. 9The cherubim spread out *their* wings above, *and* covered the mercy seat with their wings. They faced one another; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

### *Making the Table for the Showbread*

10He made the table of acacia wood; two cubits *was* its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 11And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a molding of gold all around it. 12Also he made a frame of a handbreadth all around it, and made a molding of gold for the frame all around it. 13And he cast for it four rings of gold,

and put the rings on the four corners that *were* at its four legs. [14]The rings were close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. [15]And he made the poles of acacia wood to bear the table, and overlaid them with gold. [16]He made of pure gold the utensils which were on the table: its dishes, its cups, its bowls, and its pitchers for pouring.

### *Making the Gold Lampstand*

[17]He also made the lampstand of pure gold; of hammered work he made the lampstand. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its *ornamental* knobs, and its flowers were of the same piece. [18]And six branches came out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side. [19]There were three bowls made like almond *blossoms* on one branch, with an *ornamental* knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond *blossoms* on the other branch, with an *ornamental* knob and a flower—and so for the six branches coming out of the lampstand. [20]And on the lampstand itself *were* four bowls made like almond *blossoms, each with* its *ornamental* knob and flower. [21]*There was* a knob under the *first* two branches of the same, a knob under the *second* two branches of the same, and a knob under the *third* two branches of the same, according to the six branches extending from it. [22]Their knobs and their branches were of one piece; all of it *was* one hammered piece of pure gold. [23]And he made its seven lamps, its wick-trimmers, and its trays of pure gold. [24]Of a talent of pure gold he made it, with all its utensils.

### *Making the Altar of Incense*

[25]He made the incense altar of acacia wood. Its length *was* a cubit and its width a cubit—*it was* square—and two cubits *was* its height. Its horns were *of one piece* with it. [26]And he overlaid it with pure gold: its top, its sides all around, and its horns. He also made for it a molding of gold all around it. [27]He made two rings of gold for it under its molding, by its two corners on both sides, as holders for the poles with which to bear it. [28]And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.

### *Making the Anointing Oil and the Incense*

[29]He also made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.

### *Making the Altar of Burnt Offering*

38 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood; five cubits *was* its length and five cubits its width—*it was* square—and its height *was* three cubits. [2]He made its horns on its four corners; the horns were *of one piece* with it. And he overlaid it with bronze. [3]He made all the utensils for the altar: the pans, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the firepans; all its utensils he made of bronze. [4]And he made a grate of bronze network for the altar, under its rim, midway from the bottom. [5]He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating, *as* holders for the poles. [6]And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze. [7]Then he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to bear it. He made the altar hollow with boards.

### *Making the Bronze Laver*

[8]He made the laver of bronze and its base of bronze, from the bronze mirrors of the serving women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

### *Making the Court of the Tabernacle*

[9]Then he made the court on the south side; the hangings of the court *were of* fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long. [10]There *were* twenty pillars for them, with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver. [11]On the north side *the hangings were* one hundred cubits *long,* with twenty pillars and their twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver. [12]And on the west side *there were* hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars and their ten sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver. [13]For the east side *the hangings were* fifty cubits. [14]The hangings of one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits *long, with* their three pillars and their three sockets, [15]and the same for the other side of the court gate; on this side and that *were* hangings of fifteen cubits, *with* their three pillars and their three sockets. [16]All the hangings of the court all around *were of* fine woven linen. [17]The sockets for the pillars *were* bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* silver, and the overlay of their capitals *was* silver; and all the pillars of the court had bands of silver. [18]The screen for the gate of the court *was* woven of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and of fine woven linen. The length *was* twenty cubits, and the height along its width *was* five cubits, corresponding to the hang-

ings of the court. 19And *there were* four pillars *with* their four sockets of bronze; their hooks *were* silver, and the overlay of their capitals and their bands *was* silver. 20All the pegs of the tabernacle, and of the court all around, *were* bronze.

### *Materials of the Tabernacle*

21This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which was counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

22Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses. 23And with him *was* Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and of fine linen.

24All the gold that was used in all the work of the holy *place,* that is, the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 25And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation *was* one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: 26a bekah for each man (*that is,* half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone included in the numbering from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty *men.* 27And from the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary and the bases of the veil: one hundred sockets from the hundred talents, one talent for each socket. 28Then from the one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made bands for them.

29The offering of bronze *was* seventy talents and two thousand four hundred shekels. 30And with it he made the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils for the altar, 31the sockets for the court all around, the bases for the court gate, all the pegs for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for the court all around.

### *Making the Garments of the Priesthood*

**39** Of the blue, purple, and scarlet *thread* they made garments of ministry,[a] for ministering in the holy *place,* and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

### *Making the Ephod*

2He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and of fine woven linen. 3And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut *it into* threads, to work *it* in *with* the blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and the fine linen, *into* artistic designs. 4They made shoulder straps for it to couple *it* together; it was coupled together at its two edges. 5And the intricately woven band of his ephod that *was* on it *was* of the same workmanship, *woven of* gold, blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and of fine woven linen, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

6And they set onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold; they were engraved, as signets are engraved, with the names of the sons of Israel. 7He put them on the shoulders of the ephod *as* memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

### *Making the Breastplate*

8And he made the breastplate, artistically woven like the workmanship of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and of fine woven linen. 9They made the breastplate square by doubling it; a span *was* its length and a span its width when doubled. 10And they set in it four rows of stones: a row with a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald was the first row; 11the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; 12the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 13the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. *They were* enclosed in settings of gold in their mountings. 14*There were* twelve stones according to the names of the sons of Israel: according to their names, *engraved like* a signet, each one with its own name according to the twelve tribes. 15And they made chains for the breastplate at the ends, like braided cords of pure gold. 16They also made two settings of gold and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 17And they put the two braided *chains* of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. 18The two ends of the two braided *chains* they fastened in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front. 19And they made two rings of gold and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which *was* on the inward side of the ephod. 20They made two *other* gold rings and put them on the two shoulder

**39:1** [a]Or *woven garments*

straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod. 21And they bound the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it would be above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate would not come loose from the ephod, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

### *Making the Other Priestly Garments*

22He made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. 23And *there was* an opening in the middle of the robe, like the opening in a coat of mail, *with* a woven binding all around the opening, so that it would not tear. 24They made on the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, and of fine woven *linen.* 25And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe all around between the pomegranates: 26a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe to minister in, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

27They made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons, 28a turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine woven linen, 29and a sash of fine woven linen with blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* made by a weaver, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30Then they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription *like* the engraving of a signet:

HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31And they tied to it a blue cord, to fasten *it* above on the turban, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

### *The Work Completed*

32Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did. 33And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 34the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of badger skins, and the veil of the covering; 35the ark of the Testimony with its poles, and the mercy seat; 36the table, all its utensils, and the showbread; 37the pure *gold* lampstand with its lamps (the lamps set in order), all its utensils, and the oil for light; 38the gold altar, the anointing oil, and the sweet incense; the screen for the tabernacle door; 39the bronze altar, its grate of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver with its base; 40the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, the screen for the court gate, its cords, and its pegs; all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; 41and the garments of ministry,[a] to minister in the holy *place:* the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister as priests.

42According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. 43Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them.

### *The Tabernacle Erected and Arranged*

40 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 3You shall put in it the ark of the Testimony, and partition off the ark with the veil. 4You shall bring in the table and arrange the things that are to be set in order on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and light its lamps. 5You shall also set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the Testimony, and put up the screen for the door of the tabernacle. 6Then you shall set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 7And you shall set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. 8You shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen at the court gate.

9"And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that *is* in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy. 10You shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar. The altar shall be most holy. 11And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it.

12"Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of meeting and wash them with water. 13You shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest. 14And you shall bring his sons and clothe them with tunics. 15You shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to Me as

**39:41** [a]Or *woven garments*

priests; for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations."

[16]Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

[17]And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the tabernacle was raised up. [18]So Moses raised up the tabernacle, fastened its sockets, set up its boards, put in its bars, and raised up its pillars. [19]And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [20]He took the Testimony and put *it* into the ark, inserted the poles through the rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark. [21]And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, hung up the veil of the covering, and partitioned off the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[22]He put the table in the tabernacle of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil; [23]and he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [24]He put the lampstand in the tabernacle of meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the tabernacle; [25]and he lit the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [26]He put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting in front of the veil; [27]and he burned sweet incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [28]He hung up the screen *at* the door of the tabernacle. [29]And he put the altar of burnt offering *before* the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [30]He set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing; [31]and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would wash their hands and their feet *with water* from it. [32]Whenever they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [33]And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

### *The Cloud and the Glory*

[34]Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [35]And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [36]Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. [37]But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. [38]For the cloud of the LORD *was* above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES CALLED

# LEVITICUS

### *The Burnt Offering*

1 Now the LORD called to Moses, and spoke to
him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying,
2"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to
them: 'When any one of you brings an offering to
the LORD, you shall bring your offering of the
livestock—of the herd and of the flock.

3"If his offering *is* a burnt sacrifice of the herd,
let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer
it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle
of meeting before the LORD. 4Then he shall put his
hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will
be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for
him. 5He shall kill the bull before the LORD; and the
priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and
sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that *is*
*by* the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 6And he
shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its
pieces. 7The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire
on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire.
8Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts,
the head, and the fat in order on the wood that *is*
on the fire upon the altar; 9but he shall wash its
entrails and its legs with water. And the priest
shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an
offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

10"If his offering *is* of the flocks—of the sheep
or of the goats—as a burnt sacrifice, he shall
bring a male without blemish. 11He shall kill it on
the north side of the altar before the LORD; and the
priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood all
around on the altar. 12And he shall cut it into its
pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest
shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the
fire upon the altar; 13but he shall wash the entrails
and the legs with water. Then the priest shall
bring *it* all and burn *it* on the altar; it *is* a burnt
sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma
to the LORD.

14"And if the burnt sacrifice of his offering to
the LORD *is* of birds, then he shall bring his offer-
ing of turtledoves or young pigeons. 15The priest
shall bring it to the altar, wring off its head, and
burn *it* on the altar; its blood shall be drained out
at the side of the altar. 16And he shall remove its
crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar
on the east side, into the place for ashes. 17Then he
shall split it at its wings, *but* shall not divide *it*
completely; and the priest shall burn it on the
altar, on the wood that *is* on the fire. It *is* a burnt
sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma
to the LORD.

### *The Grain Offering*

2 'When anyone offers a grain offering to the
LORD, his offering shall be *of* fine flour. And
he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense
on it. 2He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests,
one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine
flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the
priest shall burn *it as* a memorial on the altar, an
offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.
3The rest of the grain offering *shall be* Aaron's and
his sons'. *It is* most holy of the offerings to the
LORD made by fire.

4"And if you bring as an offering a grain offering
baked in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of
fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers
anointed with oil. 5But if your offering *is* a grain
offering *baked* in a pan, *it shall be of* fine flour, un-
leavened, mixed with oil. 6You shall break it in
pieces and pour oil on it; it *is* a grain offering.

7"If your offering *is* a grain offering *baked* in a
covered pan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oil.
8You shall bring the grain offering that is made of
these things to the LORD. And when it is presented
to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. 9Then
the priest shall take from the grain offering a me-
morial portion, and burn *it* on the altar. *It is* an of-
fering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.
10And what is left of the grain offering *shall be*
Aaron's and his sons'. *It is* most holy of the offer-
ings to the LORD made by fire.

11"No grain offering which you bring to the
LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn
no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the
LORD made by fire. 12As for the offering of the
firstfruits, you shall offer them to the LORD, but
they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet
aroma. 13And every offering of your grain offering
you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the
salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking
from your grain offering. With all your offerings
you shall offer salt.

14"If you offer a grain offering of your firstfruits
to the LORD, you shall offer for the grain offering

of your firstfruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads. 15And you shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it. It *is* a grain offering. 16Then the priest shall burn the memorial portion: *part* of its beaten grain and *part* of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

### *The Peace Offering*

3 'When his offering *is* a sacrifice of a peace offering, if he offers *it* of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. 2And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. 3Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that *is* on the entrails, 4the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; 5and Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which *is* on the wood that *is* on the fire, *as* an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

6"If his offering as a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD *is* of the flock, *whether* male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. 7If he offers a lamb as his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD. 8And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar.

9"Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as an offering made by fire to the LORD, its fat *and* the whole fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone. And the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that *is* on the entrails, 10the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; 11and the priest shall burn *them* on the altar *as* food, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

12'And if his offering *is* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD. 13He shall lay his hand on its head and kill it before the tabernacle of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar. 14Then he shall offer from it his offering, as an offering made by fire to the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that *is* on the entrails, 15the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; 16and the priest shall burn them on the altar *as* food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat *is* the LORD's.

17'*This shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.'"

### *The Sin Offering*

4 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a person sins unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which ought not to be done, and does any of them, 3if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering. 4He shall bring the bull to the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill the bull before the LORD. 5Then the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of meeting. 6The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil of the sanctuary. 7And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 8He shall take from it all the fat of the bull as the sin offering. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat which *is* on the entrails, 9the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove, 10as it was taken from the bull of the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of the burnt offering. 11But the bull's hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal— 12the whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

13'Now if the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which should not be done, and are guilty; 14when the sin which they have

committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting. 15And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD. Then the bull shall be killed before the LORD. 16The anointed priest shall bring some of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of meeting. 17Then the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil. 18And he shall put *some* of the blood on the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 19He shall take all the fat from it and burn *it* on the altar. 20And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull as a sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So the priest shall make atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them. 21Then he shall carry the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It *is* a sin offering for the assembly.

22"When a ruler has sinned, and done *something* unintentionally *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *in anything* which should not be done, and is guilty, 23or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a male without blemish. 24And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat, and kill it at the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD. It *is* a sin offering. 25The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put *it* on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. 26And he shall burn all its fat on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27"If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which ought not to be done, and is guilty, 28or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. 29And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering. 30Then the priest shall take *some* of its blood with his finger, put *it* on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all *the remaining* blood at the base of the altar. 31He shall remove all its fat, as fat is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma to the LORD. So the priest shall make atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32"If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. 33Then he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering. 34The priest shall take *some* of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put *it* on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all *the remaining* blood at the base of the altar. 35He shall remove all its fat, as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering. Then the priest shall burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. So the priest shall make atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

### *The Trespass Offering*

5 "If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and *is* a witness, whether he has seen or known *of the matter*—if he does not tell *it,* he bears guilt.

2"Or if a person touches any unclean thing, whether *it is* the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and he is unaware of it, he also shall be unclean and guilty. 3Or if he touches human uncleanness—whatever uncleanness with which a man may be defiled, and he is unaware of it—when he realizes *it,* then he shall be guilty.

4"Or if a person swears, speaking thoughtlessly with *his* lips to do evil or to do good, whatever *it is* that a man may pronounce by an oath, and he is unaware of it—when he realizes *it,* then he shall be guilty in any of these *matters.*

5"And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these *matters,* that he shall confess that he has sinned in that *thing;* 6and he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.

7"If he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD, for his trespass which he has committed, two turtledoves or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. 8And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer *that* which *is* for the sin of-

fering first, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide *it* completely. 9Then he shall sprinkle *some* of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. It *is* a sin offering. 10And he shall offer the second *as* a burnt offering according to the prescribed manner. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

11"But if he is not able to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he who sinned shall bring for his offering one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it *is* a sin offering. 12Then he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as a memorial portion, and burn *it* on the altar according to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a sin offering. 13The priest shall make atonement for him, for his sin that he has committed in any of these matters; and it shall be forgiven him. *The rest* shall be the priest's as a grain offering.'"

### *Offerings with Restitution*

14Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 15"If a person commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally in regard to the holy things of the LORD, then he shall bring to the LORD as his trespass offering a ram without blemish from the flocks, with your valuation in shekels of silver according to the shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering. 16And he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done in regard to the holy thing, and shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. So the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17"If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, though he does not know *it,* yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity. 18And he shall bring to the priest a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know *it,* and it shall be forgiven him. 19It is a trespass offering; he has certainly trespassed against the LORD."

6 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"If a person sins and commits a trespass against the LORD by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, 3or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely—in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: 4then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, 5or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, *and* give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering. 6And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering, to the priest. 7So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses."

### *The Law of the Burnt Offering*

8Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 9"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This *is* the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering *shall be* on the hearth upon the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. 10And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his body, and take up the ashes of the burnt offering which the fire has consumed on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11Then he shall take off his garments, put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 12And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. 13A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

### *The Law of the Grain Offering*

14"This *is* the law of the grain offering: The sons of Aaron shall offer it on the altar before the LORD. 15He shall take from it his handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, with its oil, and all the frankincense which *is* on the grain offering, and shall burn *it* on the altar *for* a sweet aroma, as a memorial to the LORD. 16And the remainder of it Aaron and his sons shall eat; with unleavened bread it shall be eaten in a holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of meeting they shall eat it. 17It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it *as* their

portion of My offerings made by fire; it *is* most holy, like the sin offering and the trespass offering. 18All the males among the children of Aaron may eat it. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations concerning the offerings made by fire to the LORD. Everyone who touches them must be holy.'"[a]

19And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 20"This *is* the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to the LORD, *beginning* on the day when he is anointed: one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a daily grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night. 21It shall be made in a pan with oil. *When it is* mixed, you shall bring it in. The baked pieces of the grain offering you shall offer *for* a sweet aroma to the LORD. 22The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. *It is* a statute forever to the LORD. It shall be wholly burned. 23For every grain offering for the priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten."

### *The Law of the Sin Offering*

24Also the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 25"Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This *is* the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the LORD. It *is* most holy. 26The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of meeting. 27Everyone who touches its flesh must be holy.[a] And when its blood is sprinkled on any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled, in a holy place. 28But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water. 29All the males among the priests may eat it. It *is* most holy. 30But no sin offering from which *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy *place,*[a] shall be eaten. It shall be burned in the fire.

### *The Law of the Trespass Offering*

7 'Likewise this *is* the law of the trespass offering (it *is* most holy): 2In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the trespass offering. And its blood he shall sprinkle all around on the altar. 3And he shall offer from it all its fat. The fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails, 4the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; 5and the priest shall burn them on the altar *as* an offering made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a trespass offering. 6Every male among the priests may eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It *is* most holy. 7The trespass offering *is* like the sin offering; *there is* one law for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have *it.* 8And the priest who offers anyone's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered. 9Also every grain offering that is baked in the oven and all that is prepared in the covered pan, or in a pan, shall be the priest's who offers it. 10Every grain offering, *whether* mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one *as much* as the other.

### *The Law of Peace Offerings*

11'This *is* the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the LORD: 12If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. 13Besides the cakes, *as* his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering. 14And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering *as* a heave offering to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering.

15'The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning. 16But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten; 17the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. 18And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination *to* him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.

19'The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the *clean* flesh, all who are clean may eat of it. 20But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the LORD, while he is unclean, that person shall be cut off from his peo-

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**6:18** [a]Compare Numbers 4:15 and Haggai 2:11–13
**6:27** [a]Compare Numbers 4:15 and Haggai 2:11–13
**6:30** [a]The Most Holy Place when capitalized

ple. [21]Moreover the person who touches any unclean thing, *such as* human uncleanness, *an* unclean animal, or any abominable unclean thing,[a] and who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the LORD, that person shall be cut off from his people.'"

### *Fat and Blood May Not Be Eaten*

[22]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [23]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat. [24]And the fat of an animal that dies *naturally,* and the fat of what is torn by wild beasts, may be used in any other way; but you shall by no means eat it. [25]For whoever eats the fat of the animal of which men offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, the person who eats *it* shall be cut off from his people. [26]Moreover you shall not eat any blood in any of your dwellings, *whether* of bird or beast. [27]Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.'"

### *The Portion of Aaron and His Sons*

[28]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [29]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offering to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the sacrifice of his peace offering. [30]His own hands shall bring the offerings made by fire to the LORD. The fat with the breast he shall bring, that the breast may be waved *as* a wave offering before the LORD. [31]And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. [32]Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest *as* a heave offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. [33]He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, shall have the right thigh for *his* part. [34]For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever.'"

[35]This *is* the consecrated portion for Aaron and his sons, from the offerings made by fire to the LORD, on the day when *Moses* presented them to minister to the LORD as priests. [36]The LORD commanded this to be given to them by the children of Israel, on the day that He anointed them, *by* a statute forever throughout their generations.

[37]This *is* the law of the burnt offering, the grain offering, the sin offering, the trespass offering, the consecrations, and the sacrifice of the peace offering, [38]which the LORD commanded Moses on Mount Sinai, on the day when He commanded the children of Israel to offer their offerings to the LORD in the Wilderness of Sinai.

### *Aaron and His Sons Consecrated*

**8** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2]"Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, the anointing oil, a bull as the sin offering, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; [3]and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting."

[4]So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. And the congregation was gathered together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. [5]And Moses said to the congregation, "This *is* what the LORD commanded to be done."

[6]Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. [7]And he put the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod, and with it tied *the ephod* on him. [8]Then he put the breastplate on him, and he put the Urim and the Thummim[a] in the breastplate. [9]And he put the turban on his head. Also on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[10]Also Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* in it, and consecrated them. [11]He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them. [12]And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

[13]Then Moses brought Aaron's sons and put tunics on them, girded them with sashes, and put hats on them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[14]And he brought the bull for the sin offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering, [15]and Moses killed *it.* Then he took the blood, and put *some* on the horns of the altar all around with his finger, and purified the altar. And he poured the blood at the base of the altar, and consecrated it, to make

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**7:21** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Samaritan Pentateuch, Syriac, and Targum read *swarming thing* (compare 5:2). **8:8** [a]Literally *the Lights and the Perfections* (compare Exodus 28:30)

atonement for it. [16]Then he took all the fat that *was* on the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached to* the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned *them* on the altar. [17]But the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[18]Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, [19]and Moses killed *it.* Then he sprinkled the blood all around on the altar. [20]And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burned the head, the pieces, and the fat. [21]Then he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It *was* a burnt sacrifice for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[22]And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, [23]and Moses killed *it.* Also he took *some* of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. [24]Then he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put *some* of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood all around on the altar. [25]Then he took the fat and the fat tail, all the fat that *was* on the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached to* the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh; [26]and from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD he took one unleavened cake, a cake of bread *anointed with* oil, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat and on the right thigh; [27]and he put all *these* in Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them *as* a wave offering before the LORD. [28]Then Moses took them from their hands and burned *them* on the altar, on the burnt offering. They *were* consecration offerings for a sweet aroma. That *was* an offering made by fire to the LORD. [29]And Moses took the breast and waved it *as* a wave offering before the LORD. It was Moses' part of the ram of consecration, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[30]Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which *was* on the altar, and sprinkled *it* on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

[31]And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, "Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecration offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' [32]What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. [33]And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting *for* seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. For seven days he shall consecrate you. [34]As he has done this day, *so* the LORD has commanded to do, to make atonement for you. [35]Therefore you shall stay *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded." [36]So Aaron and his sons did all the things that the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.

### *The Priestly Ministry Begins*

**9** It came to pass on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel. [2]And he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a young bull as a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD. [3]And to the children of Israel you shall speak, saying, 'Take a kid of the goats as a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering, [4]also a bull and a ram as peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with oil; for today the LORD will appear to you.'"

[5]So they brought what Moses commanded before the tabernacle of meeting. And all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. [6]Then Moses said, "This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and the glory of the LORD will appear to you." [7]And Moses said to Aaron, "Go to the altar, offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. Offer the offering of the people, and make atonement for them, as the LORD commanded."

[8]Aaron therefore went to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which *was* for himself. [9]Then the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him. And he dipped his finger in the blood, put *it* on the horns of the altar, and poured the blood at the base of the altar. [10]But the fat, the kidneys, and the fatty lobe from the liver of the sin offering he burned on the altar, as the LORD had commanded Moses. [11]The flesh and the hide he burned with fire outside the camp.

12And he killed the burnt offering; and Aaron's
sons presented to him the blood, which he sprin-
kled all around on the altar. 13Then they presented
the burnt offering to him, with its pieces and
head, and he burned *them* on the altar. 14And he
washed the entrails and the legs, and burned
*them* with the burnt offering on the altar.

15Then he brought the people's offering, and
took the goat, which *was* the sin offering for the
people, and killed it and offered it for sin, like the
first one. 16And he brought the burnt offering and
offered it according to the prescribed manner.
17Then he brought the grain offering, took a hand-
ful of it, and burned *it* on the altar, besides the
burnt sacrifice of the morning.

18He also killed the bull and the ram *as* sacri-
fices of peace offerings, which *were* for the peo-
ple. And Aaron's sons presented to him the
blood, which he sprinkled all around on the altar,
19and the fat from the bull and the ram—the
fatty tail, what covers *the entrails* and the kid-
neys, and the fatty lobe *attached to* the liver;
20and they put the fat on the breasts. Then he
burned the fat on the altar; 21but the breasts and
the right thigh Aaron waved *as* a wave offering
before the LORD, as Moses had commanded.

22Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people,
blessed them, and came down from offering the
sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offer-
ings. 23And Moses and Aaron went into the taber-
nacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the
people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all
the people, 24and fire came out from before the
LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the
fat on the altar. When all the people saw *it,* they
shouted and fell on their faces.

### *The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu*

10 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of
Aaron, each took his censer and put fire
in it, put incense on it, and offered pro-
fane fire before the LORD, which He had not com-
manded them. 2So fire went out from the LORD
and devoured them, and they died before the
LORD. 3And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what
the LORD spoke, saying:

> 'By those who come near Me
> I must be regarded as holy;
> And before all the people
> I must be glorified.'"

So Aaron held his peace.

4Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the
sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to
them, "Come near, carry your brethren from be-
fore the sanctuary out of the camp." 5So they went
near and carried them by their tunics out of the
camp, as Moses had said.

6And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and
Ithamar, his sons, "Do not uncover your heads
nor tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath
come upon all the people. But let your brethren,
the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning
which the LORD has kindled. 7You shall not go
out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting,
lest you die, for the anointing oil of the LORD *is*
upon you." And they did according to the word of
Moses.

### *Conduct Prescribed for Priests*

8Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying: 9"Do not
drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your
sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of
meeting, lest you die. *It shall be* a statute forever
throughout your generations, 10that you may dis-
tinguish between holy and unholy, and between
unclean and clean, 11and that you may teach the
children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD
has spoken to them by the hand of Moses."

12And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar
and Ithamar, his sons who were left: "Take the
grain offering that remains of the offerings made
by fire to the LORD, and eat it without leaven be-
side the altar; for it *is* most holy. 13You shall eat it
in a holy place, because it *is* your due and your
sons' due, of the sacrifices made by fire to the
LORD; for so I have been commanded. 14The breast
of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave of-
fering you shall eat in a clean place, you, your
sons, and your daughters with you; for *they are*
your due and your sons' due, *which* are given from
the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of
Israel. 15The thigh of the heave offering and the
breast of the wave offering they shall bring with
the offerings of fat made by fire, to offer *as* a wave
offering before the LORD. And it shall be yours and
your sons' with you, by a statute forever, as the
LORD has commanded."

16Then Moses made careful inquiry about the
goat of the sin offering, and there it was—burned
up. And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar,
the sons of Aaron *who were* left, saying, 17"Why
have you not eaten the sin offering in a holy place,
since it *is* most holy, and *God* has given it to you

to bear the guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? 18See! Its blood was not brought inside the holy *place;*[a] indeed you should have eaten it in a holy *place,* as I commanded."

19And Aaron said to Moses, "Look, this day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD, and such things have befallen me! *If* I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?" 20So when Moses heard *that,* he was content.

### *Foods Permitted and Forbidden*

11 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'These *are* the animals which you may eat among all the animals that *are* on the earth: 3Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves *and* chewing the cud—that you may eat. 4Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; 5the rock hyrax, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, *is* unclean to you; 6the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, *is* unclean to you; 7and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, *is* unclean to you. 8Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. They *are* unclean to you.

9'These you may eat of all that *are* in the water: whatever in the water has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers—that you may eat. 10But all in the seas or in the rivers that do not have fins and scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which *is* in the water, they *are* an abomination to you. 11They shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat their flesh, but you shall regard their carcasses as an abomination. 12Whatever in the water does not have fins or scales—that *shall be* an abomination to you.

13'And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, 14the kite, and the falcon after its kind; 15every raven after its kind, 16the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after its kind; 17the little owl, the fisher owl, and the screech owl; 18the white owl, the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture; 19the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

20'All flying insects that creep on *all* fours *shall be* an abomination to you. 21Yet these you may eat of every flying insect that creeps on *all* fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth. 22These you may eat: the locust after its kind, the destroying locust after its kind, the cricket after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind. 23But all *other* flying insects which have four feet *shall be* an abomination to you.

### *Unclean Animals*

24'By these you shall become unclean; whoever touches the carcass of any of them shall be unclean until evening; 25whoever carries part of the carcass of any of them shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening: 26*The carcass* of any animal which divides the foot, but is not cloven-hoofed or does not chew the cud, *is* unclean to you. Everyone who touches it shall be unclean. 27And whatever goes on its paws, among all kinds of animals that go on *all* fours, those *are* unclean to you. Whoever touches any such carcass shall be unclean until evening. 28Whoever carries *any such* carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. It *is* unclean to you.

29'These also *shall be* unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the large lizard after its kind; 30the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. 31These *are* unclean to you among all that creep. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until evening. 32Anything on which *any* of them falls, when they are dead shall be unclean, whether *it is* any item of wood or clothing or skin or sack, whatever item *it is,* in which *any* work is done, it must be put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening; then it shall be clean. 33Any earthen vessel into which *any* of them falls you shall break; and whatever *is* in it shall be unclean: 34in such a vessel, any edible food upon which water falls becomes unclean, and any drink that may be drunk from it becomes unclean. 35And everything on which *a part* of *any such* carcass falls shall be unclean; *whether it is* an oven or cooking stove, it shall be broken down; *for* they *are* unclean, and shall be unclean

**10:18** [a]The Most Holy Place when capitalized

to you. [36]Nevertheless a spring or a cistern, *in which there is* plenty of water, shall be clean, but whatever touches any such carcass becomes unclean. [37]And if a part of *any such* carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it *remains* clean. [38]But if water is put on the seed, and if *a part* of *any such* carcass falls on it, it *becomes* unclean to you.

[39]"And if any animal which you may eat dies, he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until evening. [40]He who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. He also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

[41]"And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth *shall be* an abomination. It shall not be eaten. [42]Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on *all* fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth—these you shall not eat, for they *are* an abomination. [43]You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them. [44]For I *am* the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I *am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. [45]For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

[46]"This *is* the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, [47]to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.'"

### *The Ritual After Childbirth*

12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean. [3]And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. [4]She shall then continue in the blood of *her* purification thirty-three days. She shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled.

[5]"But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her customary impurity, and she shall continue in the blood of *her* purification sixty-six days.

[6]"When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter, she shall bring to the priest a lamb of the first year as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. [7]Then he shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement for her. And she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This *is* the law for her who has borne a male or a female.

[8]"And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.'"

### *The Law Concerning Leprosy*

13 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: [2]"When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body *like* a leprous[a] sore, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. [3]The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore has turned white, and the sore appears *to be* deeper than the skin of his body, it *is* a leprous sore. Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean. [4]But if the bright spot *is* white on the skin of his body, and does not appear *to be* deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate *the one who has* the sore seven days. [5]And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day; and indeed *if* the sore appears to be as it was, *and* the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall isolate him another seven days. [6]Then the priest shall examine him again on the seventh day; and indeed *if* the sore has faded, *and* the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it *is only* a scab, and he shall wash his clothes and be clean. [7]But if the scab should at all spread over the skin, after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again. [8]And *if* the priest sees that the scab has indeed spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It *is* leprosy.

[9]"When the leprous sore is on a person, then he

**13:2** [a]Hebrew *saraath,* disfiguring skin diseases, including leprosy, and so in verses 2–46 and 14:2–32

shall be brought to the priest. 10And the priest shall examine *him;* and indeed *if* the swelling on the skin *is* white, and it has turned the hair white, and *there is* a spot of raw flesh in the swelling, 11it *is* an old leprosy on the skin of his body. The priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not isolate him, for he *is* unclean.

12"And if leprosy breaks out all over the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *the one who has* the sore, from his head to his foot, wherever the priest looks, 13then the priest shall consider; and indeed *if* the leprosy has covered all his body, he shall pronounce *him* clean *who has* the sore. It has all turned white. He *is* clean. 14But when raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean. 15And the priest shall examine the raw flesh and pronounce him to be unclean; *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean. It *is* leprosy. 16Or if the raw flesh changes and turns white again, he shall come to the priest. 17And the priest shall examine him; and indeed *if* the sore has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *who has* the sore. He *is* clean.

18"If the body develops a boil in the skin, and it is healed, 19and in the place of the boil there comes a white swelling or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be shown to the priest; 20and *if,* when the priest sees it, it indeed appears deeper than the skin, and its hair has turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It *is* a leprous sore which has broken out of the boil. 21But if the priest examines it, and indeed *there are* no white hairs in it, and it *is* not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him seven days; 22and if it should at all spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It *is* a leprous sore. 23But if the bright spot stays in one place, *and* has not spread, it *is* the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24"Or if the body receives a burn on its skin by fire, and the raw *flesh* of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white or white, 25then the priest shall examine it; and indeed *if* the hair of the bright spot has turned white, and it appears deeper than the skin, it *is* leprosy broken out in the burn. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It *is* a leprous sore. 26But if the priest examines it, and indeed *there are* no white hairs in the bright spot, and it *is* not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him seven days. 27And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day. If it has at all spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It *is* a leprous sore. 28But if the bright spot stays in one place, *and* has not spread on the skin, but has faded, it *is* a swelling from the burn. The priest shall pronounce him clean, for it *is* the scar from the burn.

29"If a man or woman has a sore on the head or the beard, 30then the priest shall examine the sore; and indeed if it appears deeper than the skin, *and there is* in it thin yellow hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It *is* a scaly leprosy of the head or beard. 31But if the priest examines the scaly sore, and indeed it does not appear deeper than the skin, and *there is* no black hair in it, then the priest shall isolate *the one who has* the scale seven days. 32And on the seventh day the priest shall examine the sore; and indeed *if* the scale has not spread, and there is no yellow hair in it, and the scale does not appear deeper than the skin, 33he shall shave himself, but the scale he shall not shave. And the priest shall isolate *the one who has* the scale another seven days. 34On the seventh day the priest shall examine the scale; and indeed *if* the scale has not spread over the skin, and does not appear deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. He shall wash his clothes and be clean. 35But if the scale should at all spread over the skin after his cleansing, 36then the priest shall examine him; and indeed *if* the scale has spread over the skin, the priest need not seek for yellow hair. He *is* unclean. 37But if the scale appears to be at a standstill, and there is black hair grown up in it, the scale has healed. He *is* clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38"If a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the body, *specifically* white bright spots, 39then the priest shall look; and indeed *if* the bright spots on the skin of the body *are* dull white, it *is* a white spot *that* grows on the skin. He *is* clean.

40"As for the man whose hair has fallen from his head, he *is* bald, *but* he *is* clean. 41He whose hair has fallen from his forehead, he *is* bald on the forehead, *but* he *is* clean. 42And if there is on the bald head or bald forehead a reddish-white sore, it *is* leprosy breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead. 43Then the priest shall examine it; and indeed *if* the swelling of the sore *is* reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy on the skin of the body, 44he is a leprous man. He *is* unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his sore *is* on his head.

45"Now the leper on whom the sore *is,* his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!' 46He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He *is* unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling *shall be* outside the camp.

### *The Law Concerning Leprous Garments*

47"Also, if a garment has a leprous plague[a] in it, *whether it is* a woolen garment or a linen garment, 48whether *it is* in the warp or woof of linen or wool, whether in leather or in anything made of leather, 49and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it *is* a leprous plague and shall be shown to the priest. 50The priest shall examine the plague and isolate *that which has* the plague seven days. 51And he shall examine the plague on the seventh day. If the plague has spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, in the leather *or* in anything made of leather, the plague *is* an active leprosy. It *is* unclean. 52He shall therefore burn that garment in which is the plague, whether warp or woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of leather, for it *is* an active leprosy; *the garment* shall be burned in the fire.

53"But if the priest examines *it,* and indeed the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, 54then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* in which *is* the plague; and he shall isolate it another seven days. 55Then the priest shall examine the plague after it has been washed; and indeed *if* the plague has not changed its color, though the plague has not spread, it *is* unclean, and you shall burn it in the fire; it continues eating away, *whether* the damage *is* outside or inside. 56If the priest examines *it,* and indeed the plague has faded after washing it, then he shall tear it out of the garment, whether out of the warp or out of the woof, or out of the leather. 57But if it appears again in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it *is* a spreading *plague;* you shall burn with fire that in which is the plague. 58And if you wash the garment, either warp or woof, or whatever is made of leather, if the plague has disappeared from it, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean.

59"This *is* the law of the leprous plague in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp or woof, or in anything made of leather, to pronounce it clean or to pronounce it unclean."

### *The Ritual for Cleansing Healed Lepers*

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest. 3And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine *him;* and indeed, *if* the leprosy is healed in the leper, 4then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living *and* clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. 5And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. 6As for the living bird, he shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water. 7And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose in the open field. 8He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days. 9But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows—all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes and wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

10"And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and one log of oil. 11Then the priest who makes *him* clean shall present the man who is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 12And the priest shall take one male lamb and offer it as a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *as* a wave offering before the LORD. 13Then he shall kill the lamb in the place where he kills the sin offering and the burnt offering, in a holy place; for as the sin offering *is* the priest's, so *is* the trespass offering. It *is* most holy. 14The priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of

**13:47** [a]A mold, fungus, or similar infestation, and so in verses 47–59

his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. 15And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand. 16Then the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD. 17And of the rest of the oil in his hand, the priest shall put *some* on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the trespass offering. 18The rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD.

19"Then the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Afterward he shall kill the burnt offering. 20And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. So the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21"But if he *is* poor and cannot afford it, then he shall take one male lamb *as* a trespass offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, one-tenth *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, a log of oil, 22and two turtledoves or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford: one shall be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering. 23He shall bring them to the priest on the eighth day for his cleansing, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, before the LORD. 24And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *as* a wave offering before the LORD. 25Then he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. 26And the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand. 27Then the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left hand seven times before the LORD. 28And the priest shall put *some* of the oil that *is* in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass offering. 29The rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the LORD. 30And he shall offer one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, such as he can afford— 31such as he is able to afford, the one *as* a sin offering and the other *as* a burnt offering, with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before the LORD. 32This *is* the law *for one* who had a leprous sore, who cannot afford the usual cleansing."

### *The Law Concerning Leprous Houses*

33And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 34"When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give you as a possession, and I put the leprous plague[a] in a house in the land of your possession, 35and he who owns the house comes and tells the priest, saying, 'It seems to me that *there is* some plague in the house,' 36then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes *into it* to examine the plague, that all that *is* in the house may not be made unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to examine the house. 37And he shall examine the plague; and indeed *if* the plague *is* on the walls of the house with ingrained streaks, greenish or reddish, which appear to be deep in the wall, 38then the priest shall go out of the house, to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. 39And the priest shall come again on the seventh day and look; and indeed *if* the plague has spread on the walls of the house, 40then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which *is* the plague, and they shall cast them into an unclean place outside the city. 41And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside, all around, and the dust that they scrape off they shall pour out in an unclean place outside the city. 42Then they shall take other stones and put *them* in the place of *those* stones, and he shall take other mortar and plaster the house.

43"Now if the plague comes back and breaks out in the house, after he has taken away the stones, after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered, 44then the priest shall come and look; and indeed *if* the plague has spread in the house, it *is* an active leprosy in the house. It *is* unclean. 45And he shall break down the house, its stones, its timber, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall carry *them* outside the city to an unclean place. 46Moreover he who goes into the house at all while it is shut up shall be unclean until

**14:34** [a]Decomposition by mildew, mold, dry rot, etc., and so in verses 34–53

evening. 47And he who lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48"But if the priest comes in and examines *it,* and indeed the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49And he shall take, to cleanse the house, two birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. 50Then he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water; 51and he shall take the cedar wood, the hyssop, the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times. 52And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and the running water and the living bird, with the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet. 53Then he shall let the living bird loose outside the city in the open field, and make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean.

54"This *is* the law for any leprous sore and scale, 55for the leprosy of a garment and of a house, 56for a swelling and a scab and a bright spot, 57to teach when *it is* unclean and when *it is* clean. This *is* the law of leprosy."

### *The Law Concerning Bodily Discharges*

15 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When any man has a discharge from his body, his discharge *is* unclean. 3And this shall be his uncleanness in regard to his discharge—whether his body runs with his discharge, or his body is stopped up by his discharge, it *is* his uncleanness. 4Every bed is unclean on which he who has the discharge lies, and everything on which he sits shall be unclean. 5And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 6He who sits on anything on which he who has the discharge sat shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 7And he who touches the body of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 8If he who has the discharge spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 9Any saddle on which he who has the discharge rides shall be unclean. 10Whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until evening. He who carries *any of* those things shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 11And whomever the one who has the discharge touches, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 12The vessel of earth that he who has the discharge touches shall be broken, and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13'And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, wash his clothes, and bathe his body in running water; then he shall be clean. 14On the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and give them to the priest. 15Then the priest shall offer them, the one *as* a sin offering and the other *as* a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD because of his discharge.

16'If any man has an emission of semen, then he shall wash all his body in water, and be unclean until evening. 17And any garment and any leather on which there is semen, it shall be washed with water, and be unclean until evening. 18Also, when a woman lies with a man, and *there is* an emission of semen, they shall bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

19'If a woman has a discharge, *and* the discharge from her body is blood, she shall be set apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening. 20Everything that she lies on during her impurity shall be unclean; also everything that she sits on shall be unclean. 21Whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 22And whoever touches anything that she sat on shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. 23If *anything* is on *her* bed or on anything on which she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until evening. 24And if any man lies with her at all, so that her impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25'If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her *customary* impurity, or if it runs beyond her *usual time of* impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her *customary* impurity. She *shall be* unclean. 26Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the

bed of her impurity; and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. 27Whoever touches those things shall be unclean; he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

28"But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. 29And on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 30Then the priest shall offer the one *as* a sin offering and the other *as* a burnt offering, and the priest shall make atonement for her before the LORD for the discharge of her uncleanness.

31"Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that *is* among them. 32This *is* the law for one who has a discharge, and *for him* who emits semen and is unclean thereby, 33and for her who is indisposed because of her *customary* impurity, and for one who has a discharge, either man or woman, and for him who lies with her who is unclean.'"

### *The Day of Atonement*

**16** Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered *profane fire* before the LORD, and died; 2and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

3"Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy *Place:* with *the blood of* a young bull as a sin offering, and *of* a ram as a burnt offering. 4He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These *are* holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. 5And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

6"Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. 7He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 8Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it *as* a sin offering. 10But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, *and* to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

11"And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which *is* for himself. 12Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring *it* inside the veil. 13And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* on the Testimony, lest he die. 14He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle *it* with his finger on the mercy seat on the east *side;* and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which *is* for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. 16So he shall make atonement for the Holy *Place,* because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy *Place,* until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. 18And he shall go out to the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. 19Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy *Place,* the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. 21Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send *it* away into the

wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. 22The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

23"Then Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of meeting, shall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy *Place,* and shall leave them there. 24And he shall wash his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25The fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar. 26And he who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. 27The bull *for* the sin offering and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy *Place,* shall be carried outside the camp. And they shall burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal. 28Then he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

29"*This* shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether* a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. 30For on that day *the priest* shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. 31It *is* a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. *It is* a statute forever. 32And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; 33then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary,[a] and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

### *The Sanctity of Blood*

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying: 3"Whatever man of the house of Israel who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or who kills *it* outside the camp, 4and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting to offer an offering to the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, the guilt of bloodshed shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people, 5to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest, and offer them *as* peace offerings to the LORD. 6And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet aroma to the LORD. 7They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations."'

8"Also you shall say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, 9and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.' 12Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'

13"Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; 14for *it is* the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

15"And every person who eats what died *naturally* or what was torn *by beasts, whether he is* a native of your own country or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean.

**16:33** [a]That is, the Most Holy Place

16But if he does not wash *them* or bathe his body,
then he shall bear his guilt."

*Laws of Sexual Morality*

18 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2"Speak to the children of Israel, and say
to them: 'I am the LORD your God. 3According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where
you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the
doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in
their ordinances. 4You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them:
I *am* the LORD your God. 5You shall therefore keep
My statutes and My judgments, which if a man
does, he shall live by them: I *am* the LORD.

6"None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I *am* the LORD. 7The nakedness of your father or the
nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover.
She *is* your mother; you shall not uncover her
nakedness. 8The nakedness of your father's wife
you shall not uncover; it *is* your father's nakedness. 9The nakedness of your sister, the daughter
of your father, or the daughter of your mother,
*whether* born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover. 10The nakedness of
your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter,
their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs
*is* your own nakedness. 11The nakedness of your
father's wife's daughter, begotten by your father—
she *is* your sister—you shall not uncover her
nakedness. 12You shall not uncover the nakedness
of your father's sister; she *is* near of kin to your father. 13You shall not uncover the nakedness of
your mother's sister, for she *is* near of kin to your
mother. 14You shall not uncover the nakedness of
your father's brother. You shall not approach his
wife; she *is* your aunt. 15You shall not uncover the
nakedness of your daughter-in-law—she *is* your
son's wife—you shall not uncover her nakedness.
16You shall not uncover the nakedness of your
brother's wife; it *is* your brother's nakedness. 17You
shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and
her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her
nakedness. They *are* near of kin to her. It *is*
wickedness. 18Nor shall you take a woman as a
rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while
the other is alive.

19"Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her *customary* impurity. 20Moreover you shall not lie
carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her. 21And you shall not let any of your
descendants pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor
shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the
LORD. 22You shall not lie with a male as with a
woman. It *is* an abomination. 23Nor shall you mate
with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor
shall any woman stand before an animal to mate
with it. It *is* perversion.

24"Do not defile yourselves with any of these
things; for by all these the nations are defiled,
which I am casting out before you. 25For the land
is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its
iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. 26You shall therefore keep My statutes
and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of
these abominations, *either* any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you
27(for all these abominations the men of the land
have done, who *were* before you, and thus the
land is defiled), 28lest the land vomit you out
also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you. 29For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons
who commit *them* shall be cut off from among
their people.

30"Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so
that *you* do not commit *any* of these abominable
customs which were committed before you, and
that you do not defile yourselves by them: I *am*
the LORD your God.'"

**INCEST** **1 The Bible Forbids Incestuous Relationships**

▶ *See* **LEVITICUS 18:6**

In this verse and the ones that follow it (through verse 18), the Bible is clear that sexual contact should never take place between children and their parents; brothers and sisters; grandchildren and their grandparents; nephews, nieces, and their aunts and uncles; daughters-in-law and sons-in-law with their parents-in-law; and stepchildren and stepparents (Deuteronomy 22:30; 27:20).

▶ *Now turn to page 281 for 2 Samuel 13:11–14 and Point 2. Incest in the Old Testament.*

*Moral and Ceremonial Laws*

19 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the
children of Israel, and say to them: 'You
shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy.
3 'Every one of you shall revere his mother and
his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I *am* the LORD
your God.
4 'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves
molded gods: I *am* the LORD your God.
5 'And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace offering
to the LORD, you shall offer it of your own free will.
6 It shall be eaten the same day you offer *it,* and on
the next day. And if any remains until the third
day, it shall be burned in the fire. 7 And if it is eaten
at all on the third day, it *is* an abomination. It shall
not be accepted. 8 Therefore *everyone* who eats it
shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned
the hallowed *offering* of the LORD; and that person
shall be cut off from his people.
9 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you
shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor
shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.
10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall
you gather *every* grape of your vineyard; you shall
leave them for the poor and the stranger: I *am* the
LORD your God.
11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to
one another. 12 And you shall not swear by My
name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of
your God: I *am* the LORD.
13 'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob
*him.* The wages of him who is hired shall not re-
main with you all night until morning. 14 You shall
not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block be-
fore the blind, but shall fear your God: I *am* the
LORD.
15 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You
shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the per-
son of the mighty. In righteousness you shall
judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go about *as* a
talebearer among your people; nor shall you take
a stand against the life of your neighbor: I *am* the
LORD.
17 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart.
You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not
bear sin because of him. 18 You shall not take
vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the chil-
dren of your people, but you shall love your
neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.
19 'You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let
your livestock breed with another kind. You shall
not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a
garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.
20 'Whoever lies carnally with a woman who *is*
betrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has
not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom,
for this there shall be scourging; *but* they shall not
be put to death, because she was not free. 21 And
he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, to
the door of the tabernacle of meeting, a ram as a
trespass offering. 22 The priest shall make atone-
ment for him with the ram of the trespass offer-
ing before the LORD for his sin which he has
committed. And the sin which he has committed
shall be forgiven him.
23 'When you come into the land, and have
planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall
count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it
shall be as uncircumcised to you. *It* shall not be
eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be
holy, a praise to the LORD. 25 And in the fifth year
you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its
increase: I *am* the LORD your God.
26 'You shall not eat *anything* with the blood, nor
shall you practice divination or soothsaying.
27 You shall not shave around the sides of your head,
nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.
28 You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for
the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I *am* the
LORD.
29 'Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her
to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and
the land become full of wickedness.
30 'You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence
My sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.
31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spir-
its; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them:
I *am* the LORD your God.
32 'You shall rise before the gray headed and
honor the presence of an old man, and fear your
God: I *am* the LORD.
33 'And if a stranger dwells with you in your
land, you shall not mistreat him. 34 The stranger
who dwells among you shall be to you as one born
among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for
you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the
LORD your God.
35 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in
measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 You
shall have honest scales, honest weights, an hon-
est ephah, and an honest hin: I *am* the LORD your
God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
37 'Therefore you shall observe all My statutes

and all My judgments, and perform them: I *am* the LORD.'"

### *Penalties for Breaking the Law*

20 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives *any* of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given *some* of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. 4And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives *some* of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, 5then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.

6"And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. 7Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD your God. 8And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you.

9"For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood *shall be* upon him.

10"The man who commits adultery with *another* man's wife, *he* who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. 11The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them. 12If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood *shall be* upon them. 13If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them. 14If a man marries a woman and her mother, it *is* wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you. 15If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. 16If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *is* upon them.

17"If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it *is* a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. 18If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people.

19"You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister nor of your father's sister, for that would uncover his near of kin. They shall bear their guilt. 20If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. 21If a man takes his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22"You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. 23And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them. 24But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I *am* the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. 25You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

27"A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood *shall be* upon them.'"

### *Regulations for Conduct of Priests*

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: 'None shall defile himself for the dead among his people, 2except for his relatives

who are nearest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother; [3]also his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband, for her he may defile himself. [4]*Otherwise* he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

[5]"They shall not make any bald *place* on their heads, nor shall they shave the edges of their beards nor make any cuttings in their flesh. [6]They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, *and* the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy. [7]They shall not take a wife *who is* a harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for *the priest*[a] is holy to his God. [8]Therefore you shall consecrate him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I the LORD, who sanctify you, *am* holy. [9]The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire.

[10]'*He who is* the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; [11]nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother; [12]nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD. [13]And he shall take a wife in her virginity. [14]A widow or a divorced woman or a defiled woman *or* a harlot—these he shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin of his own people as wife. [15]Nor shall he profane his posterity among his people, for I the LORD sanctify him.'"

[16]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [17]"Speak to Aaron, saying: 'No man of your descendants in *succeeding* generations, who has *any* defect, may approach to offer the bread of his God. [18]For any man who has a defect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred *face* or any *limb* too long, [19]a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, [20]or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or *a man* who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch. [21]No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. [22]He may eat the bread of his God, *both* the most holy and the holy; [23]only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them.'"

[24]And Moses told *it* to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name *by* what they dedicate to Me: I *am* the LORD. [3]Say to them: 'Whoever of all your descendants throughout your generations, who goes near the holy things which the children of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has uncleanness upon him, that person shall be cut off from My presence: I *am* the LORD.

[4]"Whatever man of the descendants of Aaron, who *is* a leper or has a discharge, shall not eat the holy offerings until he is clean. And whoever touches anything made unclean *by* a corpse, or a man who has had an emission of semen, [5]or whoever touches any creeping thing by which he would be made unclean, or any person by whom he would become unclean, whatever his uncleanness may be— [6]the person who has touched any such thing shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat the holy *offerings* unless he washes his body with water. [7]And when the sun goes down he shall be clean; and afterward he may eat the holy *offerings,* because it *is* his food. [8]Whatever dies *naturally* or is torn *by beasts* he shall not eat, to defile himself with it: I *am* the LORD.

[9]"They shall therefore keep My ordinance, lest they bear sin for it and die thereby, if they profane it: I the LORD sanctify them.

[10]"No outsider shall eat the holy *offering;* one who dwells with the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat the holy thing. [11]But if the priest buys a person with his money, he may eat it; and one who is born in his house may eat his food. [12]If the priest's daughter is married to an outsider, she may not eat of the holy offerings. [13]But if the priest's daughter is a widow or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house as in her youth, she may eat her father's food; but no outsider shall eat it.

[14]"And if a man eats the holy *offering* unintentionally, then he shall restore a holy *offering* to the priest, and add one-fifth to it. [15]They shall not

**21:7** [a]Literally *he*

profane the holy *offerings* of the children of Israel, which they offer to the LORD, [16]or allow them to bear the guilt of trespass when they eat their holy *offerings;* for I the LORD sanctify them.'"

### *Offerings Accepted and Not Accepted*

[17]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [18]"Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who offers his sacrifice for any of his vows or for any of his freewill offerings, which they offer to the LORD as a burnt offering— [19]*you shall offer* of your own free will a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats. [20]Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it shall not be acceptable on your behalf. [21]And whoever offers a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, to fulfill *his* vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle or the sheep, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it. [22]Those *that are* blind or broken or maimed, or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to the LORD. [23]Either a bull or a lamb that has any limb too long or too short you may offer *as* a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

[24]"You shall not offer to the LORD what is bruised or crushed, or torn or cut; nor shall you make *any offering of them* in your land. [25]Nor from a foreigner's hand shall you offer any of these as the bread of your God, because their corruption *is* in them, *and* defects *are* in them. They shall not be accepted on your behalf.'"

[26]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [27]"When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall be seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thereafter it shall be accepted as an offering made by fire to the LORD. [28]*Whether it is* a cow or ewe, do not kill both her and her young on the same day. [29]And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer *it* of your own free will. [30]On the same day it shall be eaten; you shall leave none of it until morning: I *am* the LORD.

[31]"Therefore you shall keep My commandments, and perform them: I *am* the LORD. [32]You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel. I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you, [33]who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD."

### *Feasts of the LORD*

**23** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, these *are* My feasts.

### *The Sabbath*

[3]"Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work *on it;* it *is* the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

### *The Passover and Unleavened Bread*

[4]"These *are* the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. [5]On the fourteenth *day* of the first month at twilight *is* the LORD's Passover. [6]And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. [7]On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. [8]But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work *on it.*'"

### *The Feast of Firstfruits*

[9]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [10]"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. [11]He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. [12]And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD. [13]Its grain offering *shall be* two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering *shall be* of wine, one-fourth of a hin. [14]You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

### *The Feast of Weeks*

[15]"And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. [16]Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer

a new grain offering to the LORD. 17You shall bring from your dwellings two wave *loaves* of two-tenths *of an ephah.* They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. *They are* the first-fruits to the LORD. 18And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be *as* a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD. 19Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering. 20The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *as* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. 21And you shall proclaim on the same day *that* it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work *on it. It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.'"

### *The Feast of Trumpets*

23Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, you shall have a sabbath-*rest,* a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25You shall do no customary work *on it;* and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.'"

### *The Day of Atonement*

26And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 27"Also the tenth *day* of this seventh month *shall be* the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. 28And you shall do no work on that same day, for it *is* the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. 29For any person who is not afflicted *in soul* on that same day shall be cut off from his people. 30And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32It *shall be* to you a sabbath of *solemn* rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth *day* of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath."

### *The Feast of Tabernacles*

33Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 34"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles *for* seven days to the LORD. 35On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work *on it.* 36*For* seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a sacred assembly, *and* you shall do no customary work *on it.*

37"These *are* the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day— 38besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD.

39"Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD *for* seven days; on the first day *there shall be* a sabbath-*rest,* and on the eighth day a sabbath-*rest.* 40And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. 41You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. 42You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, 43that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.'"

44So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

### *Care of the Tabernacle Lamps*

24 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. 3Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD

continually; *it shall be* a statute forever in your generations. 4He shall be in charge of the lamps on the pure *gold* lampstand before the LORD continually.

### *The Bread of the Tabernacle*

5"And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths *of an ephah* shall be in each cake. 6You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure *gold* table before the LORD. 7And you shall put pure frankincense on *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 8Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. 9And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it *is* most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute."

### *The Penalty for Blasphemy*

10Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this Israelite *woman's* son and a man of Israel fought each other in the camp. 11And the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the name *of the LORD* and cursed; and so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name *was* Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.) 12Then they put him in custody, that the mind of the LORD might be shown to them.

13And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 14"Take outside the camp him who has cursed; then let all who heard *him* lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15"Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. 16And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name *of the LORD,* he shall be put to death.

17'Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death. 18Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal.

19'If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him— 20fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him. 21And whoever kills an animal shall restore it; but whoever kills a man shall be put to death. 22You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I *am* the LORD your God.'"

23Then Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they took outside the camp him who had cursed, and stoned him with stones. So the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

### *The Sabbath of the Seventh Year*

25 And the LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to the LORD. 3Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; 4but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the LORD. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. 5What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, *for* it is a year of rest for the land. 6And the sabbath *produce* of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, 7for your livestock and the beasts that *are* in your land—all its produce shall be for food.

### *The Year of Jubilee*

8'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. 9Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. 10And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. 11That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather *the grapes* of your untended vine. 12For it *is* the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.

13'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession. 14And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another. 15According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you. 16According to the multitude of years you

shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you *according* to the number *of the years* of the crops. [17]Therefore you shall not oppress one another, but you shall fear your God; for I *am* the LORD your God.

### *Provisions for the Seventh Year*

[18]"So you shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them; and you will dwell in the land in safety. [19]Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety.

[20]"And if you say, "What shall we eat in the seventh year, since we shall not sow nor gather in our produce?" [21]Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years. [22]And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat old produce until the ninth year; until its produce comes in, you shall eat *of* the old *harvest.*

### *Redemption of Property*

[23]"The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land *is* Mine; for you *are* strangers and sojourners with Me. [24]And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land.

[25]"If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold *some* of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold. [26]Or if the man has no one to redeem it, but he himself becomes able to redeem it, [27]then let him count the years since its sale, and restore the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he may return to his possession. [28]But if he is not able to have *it* restored to himself, then what was sold shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee; and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

[29]"If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year he may redeem it. [30]But if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee. [31]However the houses of villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall be released in the Jubilee. [32]Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, *and* the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time. [33]And if a man purchases a house from the Levites, then the house that was sold in the city of his possession shall be released in the Jubilee; for the houses in the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel. [34]But the field of the common-land of their cities may not be sold, for it *is* their perpetual possession.

### *Lending to the Poor*

[35]"If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you. [36]Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you. [37]You shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit. [38]I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan *and* to be your God.

### *The Law Concerning Slavery*

[39]"And if *one of* your brethren *who dwells* by you becomes poor, and sells himself to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a slave. [40]As a hired servant *and* a sojourner he shall be with you, *and* shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee. [41]And *then* he shall depart from you—he and his children with him—and shall return to his own family. He shall return to the possession of his fathers. [42]For they *are* My servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves. [43]You shall not rule over him with rigor, but you shall fear your God. [44]And as for your male and female slaves whom you may have—from the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves. [45]Moreover you may buy the children of the strangers who dwell among you, and their families who are with you, which they beget in your land; and they shall become your property. [46]And you may take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them as* a possession; they shall be your permanent slaves. But regarding your brethren, the children of Israel, you shall not rule over one another with rigor.

[47]"Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and *one of* your brethren *who dwells* by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger *or* sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family, [48]after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him; [49]or his uncle or his uncle's son

may redeem him; or *anyone* who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him; or if he is able he may redeem himself. 50Thus he shall reckon with him who bought him: The price of his release shall be according to the number of years, from the year that he was sold to him until the Year of Jubilee; *it shall be* according to the time of a hired servant for him. 51If *there are* still many years *remaining,* according to them he shall repay the price of his redemption from the money with which he was bought. 52And if there remain but a few years until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall reckon with him, *and* according to his years he shall repay him the price of his redemption. 53He shall be with him as a yearly hired servant, and he shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight. 54And if he is not redeemed in these *years,* then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee—he and his children with him. 55For the children of Israel *are* servants to Me; they *are* My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

### *Promise of Blessing and Retribution*

**26** 'You shall not make idols for yourselves;
neither a carved image nor a *sacred* pillar shall you rear up for yourselves;
nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it;
for I *am* the LORD your God.
2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary:
I *am* the LORD.

3 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,
4 then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
5 Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing;
you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.
6 I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make *you* afraid;
I will rid the land of evil beasts,
and the sword will not go through your land.
7 You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.
8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight;
your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.

9 'For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.
10 You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.
11 I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.
12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.
13 I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that *you* should not be their slaves;
I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.

14 'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments,
15 and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, *but* break My covenant,
16 I also will do this to you:
I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart.
And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies.
Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.

18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
19 I will break the pride of your power;
I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.
20 And your strength shall be spent in vain;
for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.

21 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.
22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number;
and your highways shall be desolate.

23 'And if by these things you are not reformed
by Me, but walk contrary to Me,
24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I
will punish you yet seven times for your
sins.
25 And I will bring a sword against you that will
execute the vengeance of the covenant;
when you are gathered together within your
cities I will send pestilence among you;
and you shall be delivered into the hand of
the enemy.
26 When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten
women shall bake your bread in one oven,
and they shall bring back your bread by
weight, and you shall eat and not be satis-
fied.

27 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but
walk contrary to Me,
28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury;
and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for
your sins.
29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you
shall eat the flesh of your daughters.
30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your
incense altars, and cast your carcasses on
the lifeless forms of your idols;
and My soul shall abhor you.
31 I will lay your cities waste and bring your
sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not
smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.
32 I will bring the land to desolation, and your
enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished
at it.
33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw
out a sword after you;
your land shall be desolate and your cities
waste.
34 Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long
as it lies desolate and you *are* in your ene-
mies' land;
then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.
35 As long as *it* lies desolate it shall rest—
for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths
when you dwelt in it.

36 'And as for those of you who are left, I will
send faintness into their hearts in the lands
of their enemies;
the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to
flee;
they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword,
and they shall fall when no one pursues.
37 They shall stumble over one another, as it
were before a sword, when no one pursues;
and you shall have no *power* to stand before
your enemies.
38 You shall perish among the nations, and the
land of your enemies shall eat you up.
39 And those of you who are left shall waste away
in their iniquity in your enemies' lands;
also in their fathers' iniquities, which are with
them, they shall waste away.

40 '*But* if they confess their iniquity and the iniq-
uity of their fathers, with their unfaithful-
ness in which they were unfaithful to Me,
and that they also have walked contrary to
Me,
41 and *that* I also have walked contrary to them
and have brought them into the land of
their enemies;
if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled,
and they accept their guilt—
42 then I will remember My covenant with Ja-
cob, and My covenant with Isaac and My
covenant with Abraham I will remember;
I will remember the land.
43 The land also shall be left empty by them, and
will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate
without them;
they will accept their guilt, because they de-
spised My judgments and because their
soul abhorred My statutes.
44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of
their enemies, I will not cast them away,
nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy
them and break My covenant with them;
for I *am* the LORD their God.
45 But for their sake I will remember the cov-
enant of their ancestors, whom I brought
out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the
nations, that I might be their God:
I *am* the LORD.'"

46 These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws which the LORD made between Himself and the children of Israel on Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

### *Redeeming Persons and Property Dedicated to God*

27 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say
to them: 'When a man consecrates by a
vow certain persons to the LORD, according to

your valuation, [3]if your valuation is of a male from twenty years old up to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. [4]If it *is* a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels; [5]and if from five years old up to twenty years old, then your valuation for a male shall be twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels; [6]and if from a month old up to five years old, then your valuation for a male shall be five shekels of silver, and for a female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver; [7]and if from sixty years old and above, if *it is* a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

[8]"But if he is too poor to pay your valuation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall set a value for him; according to the ability of him who vowed, the priest shall value him.

[9]"If *it is* an animal that men may bring as an offering to the LORD, all that *anyone* gives to the LORD shall be holy. [10]He shall not substitute it or exchange it, good for bad or bad for good; and if he at all exchanges animal for animal, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy. [11]If *it is* an unclean animal which they do not offer as a sacrifice to the LORD, then he shall present the animal before the priest; [12]and the priest shall set a value for it, whether it is good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be. [13]But if he *wants* at all *to* redeem it, then he must add one-fifth to your valuation.

[14]"And when a man dedicates his house *to be* holy to the LORD, then the priest shall set a value for it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand. [15]If he who dedicated it *wants to* redeem his house, then he must add one-fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall be his.

[16]"If a man dedicates to the LORD *part* of a field of his possession, then your valuation shall be according to the seed for it. A homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver. [17]If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand. [18]But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money due according to the years that remain till the Year of Jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your valuation. [19]And if he who dedicates the field ever wishes to redeem it, then he must add one-fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall belong to him. [20]But if he does not want to redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed anymore; [21]but the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a devoted field; it shall be the possession of the priest.

[22]"And if a man dedicates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not the field of his possession, [23]then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of your valuation, up to the Year of Jubilee, and he shall give your valuation on that day *as* a holy *offering* to the LORD. [24]In the Year of Jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to the one who *owned* the land as a possession. [25]And all your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs to the shekel.

[26]"But the firstborn of the animals, which should be the LORD's firstborn, no man shall dedicate; whether *it is* an ox or sheep, it *is* the LORD's. [27]And if *it is* an unclean animal, then he shall redeem *it* according to your valuation, and shall add one-fifth to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

[28]"Nevertheless no devoted *offering* that a man may devote to the LORD of all that he has, *both* man and beast, or the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted *offering is* most holy to the LORD. [29]No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, *but* shall surely be put to death. [30]And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD's. It *is* holy to the LORD. [31]If a man wants at all to redeem *any* of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. [32]And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD. [33]He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.'"

[34]These *are* the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES CALLED

# NUMBERS

### *The First Census of Israel*

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: 2"Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male individually, 3from twenty years old and above—all who *are able to* go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. 4And with you there shall be a man from every tribe, each one the head of his father's house.

5"These are the names of the men who shall stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; 6from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; 7from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; 8from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; 9from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; 10from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; 11from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; 12from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; 13from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran; 14from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;[a] 15from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan." 16These *were* chosen from the congregation, leaders of their fathers' tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel.

17Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name, 18and they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month; and they recited their ancestry by families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one individually. 19As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

20Now the children of Reuben, Israel's oldest son, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 21those who were numbered of the tribe of Reuben *were* forty-six thousand five hundred.

22From the children of Simeon, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, of those who were numbered, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 23those who were numbered of the tribe of Simeon *were* fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

24From the children of Gad, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 25those who were numbered of the tribe of Gad *were* forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26From the children of Judah, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 27those who were numbered of the tribe of Judah *were* seventy-four thousand six hundred.

28From the children of Issachar, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 29those who were numbered of the tribe of Issachar *were* fifty-four thousand four hundred.

30From the children of Zebulun, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 31those who were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun *were* fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

32From the sons of Joseph, the children of Ephraim, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 33those who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim *were* forty thousand five hundred.

34From the children of Manasseh, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war: 35those who were numbered of the tribe of Manasseh *were* thirty-two thousand two hundred.

36From the children of Benjamin, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house,

**1:14** [a]Spelled *Reuel* in 2:14

according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war:
37 those who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin *were* thirty-five thousand four hundred.

38 From the children of Dan, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war:
39 those who were numbered of the tribe of Dan *were* sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

40 From the children of Asher, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war:
41 those who were numbered of the tribe of Asher *were* forty-one thousand five hundred.

42 From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war:
43 those who were numbered of the tribe of Naphtali *were* fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44 These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each one representing his father's house.
45 So all who were numbered of the children of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to* go to war in Israel—
46 all who were numbered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe;
48 for the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying:
49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor take a census of them among the children of Israel;
50 but you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle.
51 And when the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. The outsider who comes near shall be put to death.
52 The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies;
53 but the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony."

54 Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they did.

### *The Tribes and Leaders by Armies*

2 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:
2 "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting.
3 On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* the leader of the children of Judah."
4 And his army was numbered at seventy-four thousand six hundred.

5 "Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel the son of Zuar *shall be* the leader of the children of Issachar."
6 And his army was numbered at fifty-four thousand four hundred.

7 "Then *comes* the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the son of Helon *shall be* the leader of the children of Zebulun."
8 And his army was numbered at fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
9 "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Judah, one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred—these shall break camp first.

10 "On the south side *shall be* the standard of the forces with Reuben according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur."
11 And his army was numbered at forty-six thousand five hundred.

12 "Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the children of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai."
13 And his army was numbered at fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

14 "Then *comes* the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the children of Gad *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Reuel."[a]
15 And his army was numbered at forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.
16 "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Reuben, one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty—they shall be the second to break camp.

17 "And the tabernacle of meeting shall move out with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps; as they camp, so they shall move out, everyone in his place, by their standards.

18 "On the west side *shall be* the standard of the

**2:14** [a] Spelled *Deuel* in 1:14 and 7:42

forces with Ephraim according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud." [19]And his army was numbered at forty thousand five hundred.

[20]"Next to him *comes* the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the children of Manasseh *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur." [21]And his army was numbered at thirty-two thousand two hundred.

[22]"Then *comes* the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the children of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni." [23]And his army was numbered at thirty-five thousand four hundred. [24]"All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Ephraim, one hundred and eight thousand one hundred—they shall be the third to break camp.

[25]"The standard of the forces with Dan *shall be* on the north side according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai." [26]And his army was numbered at sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

[27]"Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran." [28]And his army was numbered at forty-one thousand five hundred.

[29]"Then *comes* the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan." [30]And his army was numbered at fifty-three thousand four hundred. [31]"All who were numbered of the forces with Dan, one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred—they shall break camp last, with their standards."

[32]These *are* the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces *were* six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty. [33]But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

[34]Thus the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses; so they camped by their standards and so they broke camp, each one by his family, according to their fathers' houses.

### *The Sons of Aaron*

3 Now these *are* the records of Aaron and Moses when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai. [2]And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [3]These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he consecrated to minister as priests. [4]Nadab and Abihu had died before the LORD when they offered profane fire before the LORD in the Wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests in the presence of Aaron their father.

### *The Levites Serve in the Tabernacle*

[5]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [6]"Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. [7]And they shall attend to his needs and the needs of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of meeting, to do the work of the tabernacle. [8]Also they shall attend to all the furnishings of the tabernacle of meeting, and to the needs of the children of Israel, to do the work of the tabernacle. [9]And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they *are* given entirely to him[a] from among the children of Israel. [10]So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall attend to their priesthood; but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

[11]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [12]"Now behold, I Myself have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be Mine, [13]because all the firstborn *are* Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I *am* the LORD."

### *Census of the Levites Commanded*

[14]Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying: [15]"Number the children of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families; you shall number every male from a month old and above."

[16]So Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded. [17]These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [18]And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. [19]And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel. [20]And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and

**3:9** [a]Samaritan Pentateuch and Septuagint read *Me.*

Mushi. These *are* the families of the Levites by their fathers' houses.

[21]From Gershon *came* the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimites; these *were* the families of the Gershonites. [22]Those who were numbered, according to the number of all the males from a month old and above—of those who were numbered *there were* seven thousand five hundred. [23]The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle westward. [24]And the leader of the father's house of the Gershonites *was* Eliasaph the son of Lael. [25]The duties of the children of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting *included* the tabernacle, the tent with its covering, the screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, [26]the screen for the door of the court, the hangings of the court which *are* around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords, according to all the work relating to them.

[27]From Kohath *came* the family of the Amramites, the family of the Izharites, the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these *were* the families of the Kohathites. [28]According to the number of all the males, from a month old and above, *there were* eight thousand six[a] hundred keeping charge of the sanctuary. [29]The families of the children of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle. [30]And the leader of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites *was* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. [31]Their duty *included* the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the utensils of the sanctuary with which they ministered, the screen, and all the work relating to them.

[32]And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *was to be* chief over the leaders of the Levites, *with* oversight of those who kept charge of the sanctuary.

[33]From Merari *came* the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these *were* the families of Merari. [34]And those who were numbered, according to the number of all the males from a month old and above, *were* six thousand two hundred. [35]The leader of the fathers' house of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail. These *were* to camp on the north side of the tabernacle. [36]And the appointed duty of the children of Merari *included* the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, its utensils, all the work relating to them, [37]and the pillars of the court all around, with their sockets, their pegs, and their cords.

[38]Moreover those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tabernacle of meeting, *were* Moses, Aaron, and his sons, keeping charge of the sanctuary, to meet the needs of the children of Israel; but the outsider who came near was to be put to death. [39]All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, by their families, all the males from a month old and above, *were* twenty-two thousand.

### *Levites Dedicated Instead of the Firstborn*

[40]Then the LORD said to Moses: "Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and above, and take the number of their names. [41]And you shall take the Levites for Me—I *am* the LORD—instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of Israel." [42]So Moses numbered all the firstborn among the children of Israel, as the LORD commanded him. [43]And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names from a month old and above, of those who were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three.

[44]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [45]"Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites shall be Mine: I *am* the LORD. [46]And for the redemption of the two hundred and seventy-three of the firstborn of the children of Israel, who are more than the number of the Levites, [47]you shall take five shekels for each one individually; you shall take *them* in the currency of the shekel of the sanctuary, the shekel of twenty gerahs. [48]And you shall give the money, with which the excess number of them is redeemed, to Aaron and his sons."

[49]So Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above those who were redeemed by the Levites. [50]From the firstborn of the children of Israel he took the money, one thousand three hundred and sixty-five *shekels,* according to the shekel of the sanctuary. [51]And Moses gave their redemption money to Aaron and his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

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**3:28** [a]Some manuscripts of the Septuagint read *three.*

### *Duties of the Sons of Kohath*

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 2"Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the children of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' house, 3from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting.

4"This *is* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of meeting, *relating to* the most holy things: 5When the camp prepares to journey, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the Testimony with it. 6Then they shall put on it a covering of badger skins, and spread over *that* a cloth entirely of blue; and they shall insert its poles.

7"On the table of showbread they shall spread a blue cloth, and put on it the dishes, the pans, the bowls, and the pitchers for pouring; and the showbread[a] shall be on it. 8They shall spread over them a scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles. 9And they shall take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand of the light, with its lamps, its wick-trimmers, its trays, and all its oil vessels, with which they service it. 10Then they shall put it with all its utensils in a covering of badger skins, and put *it* on a carrying beam.

11"Over the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles. 12Then they shall take all the utensils of service with which they minister in the sanctuary, put *them* in a blue cloth, cover them with a covering of badger skins, and put *them* on a carrying beam. 13Also they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth over it. 14They shall put on it all its implements with which they minister there—the firepans, the forks, the shovels, the basins, and all the utensils of the altar—and they shall spread on it a covering of badger skins, and insert its poles. 15And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is set to go, then the sons of Kohath shall come to carry *them;* but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die.

"These *are* the things in the tabernacle of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

16"The appointed duty of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *is* the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the daily grain offering, the anointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle, of all that *is* in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

17Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 18"Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19but do this in regard to them, that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint each of them to his service and his task. 20But they shall not go in to watch while the holy things are being covered, lest they die."

### *Duties of the Sons of Gershon*

21Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 22"Also take a census of the sons of Gershon, by their fathers' house, by their families. 23From thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, you shall number them, all who enter to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting. 24This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and carrying: 25They shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle and the tabernacle of meeting *with* its covering, the covering of badger skins that *is* on it, the screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, 26the screen for the door of the gate of the court, the hangings of the court which *are* around the tabernacle and altar, and their cords, all the furnishings for their service and all that is made for these things: so shall they serve.

27"Aaron and his sons shall assign all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, all their tasks and all their service. And you shall appoint to them all their tasks as their duty. 28This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting. And their duties *shall be* under the authority[a] of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

### *Duties of the Sons of Merari*

29"*As for* the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families and by their fathers' house. 30From thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. 31And this *is* what they must carry as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, 32and the pillars around the court with their sockets, pegs, and cords, with all their

**4:7** [a]Literally *the continual bread* **4:28** [a]Literally *hand*

furnishings and all their service; and you shall assign *to each man* by name the items he must carry. [33]This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Merari, as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting, under the authority[a] of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

### *Census of the Levites*

[34]And Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families and by their fathers' house, [35]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tabernacle of meeting; [36]and those who were numbered by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. [37]These *were* the ones who were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all who might serve in the tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

[38]And those who were numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families and by their fathers' house, [39]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tabernacle of meeting— [40]those who were numbered by their families, by their fathers' house, were two thousand six hundred and thirty. [41]These *are* the ones who were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all who might serve in the tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

[42]Those of the families of the sons of Merari who were numbered, by their families, by their fathers' house, [43]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tabernacle of meeting— [44]those who were numbered by their families were three thousand two hundred. [45]These *are* the ones who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

[46]All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' houses, [47]from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who came to do the work of service and the work of bearing burdens in the tabernacle of meeting— [48]those who were numbered were eight thousand five hundred and eighty.

[49]According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, each according to his service and according to his task; thus were they numbered by him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

### *Ceremonially Unclean Persons Isolated*

5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2]"Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled by a corpse. [3]You shall put out both male and female; you shall put them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell." [4]And the children of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did.

### *Confession and Restitution*

[5]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [6]"Speak to the children of Israel: 'When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the LORD, and that person is guilty, [7]then he shall confess the sin which he has committed. He shall make restitution for his trespass in full, plus one-fifth of it, and give *it* to the one he has wronged. [8]But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him. [9]Every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring to the priest, shall be his. [10]And every man's holy things shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.'"

### *Concerning Unfaithful Wives*

[11]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [12]"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'If any man's wife goes astray and behaves unfaithfully toward him, [13]and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and *there was* no witness against her, nor was she caught— [14]if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself— [15]then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall bring the offering required for her, one-

**4:33** [a]Literally *hand*

tenth of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, because it *is* a grain offering of jealousy, an offering for remembering, for bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16"And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD. 17The priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel, and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put *it* into the water. 18Then the priest shall stand the woman before the LORD, uncover the woman's head, and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which *is* the grain offering of jealousy. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse. 19And the priest shall put her under oath, and say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness *while* under your husband's *authority,* be free from this bitter water that brings a curse. 20But if you have gone astray *while* under your husband's *authority,* and if you have defiled yourself and some man other than your husband has lain with you"— 21then the priest shall put the woman under the oath of the curse, and he shall say to the woman—"the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your thigh rot and your belly swell; 22and may this water that causes the curse go into your stomach, and make *your* belly swell and *your* thigh rot."

Then the woman shall say, "Amen, so be it."

23"Then the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall scrape *them* off into the bitter water. 24And he shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter her *to become* bitter. 25Then the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, shall wave the offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar; 26and the priest shall take a handful of the offering, as its memorial portion, burn *it* on the altar, and afterward make the woman drink the water. 27When he has made her drink the water, then it shall be, if she has defiled herself and behaved unfaithfully toward her husband, that the water that brings a curse will enter her *and become* bitter, and her belly will swell, her thigh will rot, and the woman will become a curse among her people. 28But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall be free and may conceive children.

29"This *is* the law of jealousy, when a wife, *while* under her husband's *authority,* goes astray and defiles herself, 30or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her. 31Then the man shall be free from iniquity, but that woman shall bear her guilt.'"

### *The Law of the Nazirite*

6 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, 3he shall separate himself from wine and *similar* drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from *similar* drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. 4All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin.

5"All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. *Then* he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. 6All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. 7He shall not make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God *is* on his head. 8All the days of his separation he shall be holy to the LORD.

9"And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. 10Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting; 11and the priest shall offer one as a sin offering and *the* other as a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned in regard to the corpse; and he shall sanctify his head that same day. 12He shall consecrate to the LORD the days of his separation, and bring a male lamb in its first year as a trespass offering; but the former days shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13"Now this *is* the law of the Nazirite: When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 14And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as

a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram without blemish as a peace offering, [15]a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their grain offering with their drink offerings.

[16]"Then the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering; [17]and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering. [18]Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put *it* on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.

[19]"And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and put *them* upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his consecrated *hair,* [20]and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD; they *are* holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering. After that the Nazirite may drink wine.'

[21]"This is the law of the Nazirite who vows to the LORD the offering for his separation, and besides that, whatever else his hand is able to provide; according to the vow which he takes, so he must do according to the law of his separation."

### *The Priestly Blessing*

[22]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [23]"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

[24] "The LORD bless you and keep you;
[25] The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
[26] The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."'

[27]"So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

### *Offerings of the Leaders*

7 Now it came to pass, when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them. [2]Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who *were* the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering. [3]And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for *every* two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle.

[4]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [5]"Accept *these* from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, *to* every man according to his service." [6]So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. [7]Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service; [8]and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the authority[a] of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. [9]But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs *was* the service of the holy things, *which* they carried on their shoulders.

[10]Now the leaders offered the dedication *offering* for the altar when it was anointed; so the leaders offered their offering before the altar. [11]For the LORD said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

[12]And the one who offered his offering on the first day *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah. [13]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [14]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [15]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [16]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [17]and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

[18]On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented *an offering.* [19]*For* his offering he offered one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [20]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [21]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [22]one kid of the

**7:8** [a]Literally *hand*

goats as a sin offering; [23]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

[24]On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the children of Zebulun, *presented an offering.* [25]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [26]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [27]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [28]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [29]and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

[30]On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the children of Reuben, *presented an offering.* [31]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [32]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [33]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [34]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [35]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

[36]On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon, *presented an offering.* [37]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [38]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [39]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [40]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [41]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

[42]On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel,[a] leader of the children of Gad, *presented an offering.* [43]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [44]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [45]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [46]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [47]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

[48]On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the children of Ephraim, *presented an offering.* [49]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [50]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [51]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [52]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [53]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

[54]On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the children of Manasseh, *presented an offering.* [55]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [56]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [57]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [58]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [59]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

[60]On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the children of Benjamin, *presented an offering.* [61]His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; [62]one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; [63]one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; [64]one kid of the goats as a sin offering; [65]and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

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**7:42** [a]Spelled *Reuel* in 2:14

66On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan, *presented an offering.* 67His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; 68one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; 69one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; 70one kid of the goats as a sin offering; 71and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the children of Asher, *presented an offering.* 73His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; 74one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; 75one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; 76one kid of the goats as a sin offering; 77and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali, *presented an offering.* 79His offering *was* one silver platter, the weight of which *was* one hundred and thirty *shekels,* and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; 80one gold pan of ten *shekels,* full of incense; 81one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; 82one kid of the goats as a sin offering; 83and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar from the leaders of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans. 85Each silver platter *weighed* one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy *shekels.* All the silver of the vessels *weighed* two thousand four hundred *shekels,* according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 86The twelve gold pans full of incense *weighed* ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the pans *weighed* one hundred and twenty *shekels.* 87All the oxen for the burnt offering *were* twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs in their first year twelve, with their grain offering, and the kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve. 88And all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This *was* the dedication *offering* for the altar after it was anointed.

89Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that *was* on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

### *Arrangement of the Lamps*

8 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"Speak to Aaron, and say to him, 'When you arrange the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.'" 3And Aaron did so; he arranged the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. 4Now this workmanship of the lampstand *was* hammered gold; from its shaft to its flowers it *was* hammered work. According to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

### *Cleansing and Dedication of the Levites*

5Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 6"Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them *ceremonially.* 7Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purification on them, and let them shave all their body, and let them wash their clothes, and *so* make themselves clean. 8Then let them take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another young bull as a sin offering. 9And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel. 10So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites; 11and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD *like* a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD. 12Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls, and you shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

13"And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron
and his sons, and then offer them *like* a wave of-
fering to the LORD. 14Thus you shall separate the
Levites from among the children of Israel, and the
Levites shall be Mine. 15After that the Levites shall
go in to service the tabernacle of meeting. So you
shall cleanse them and offer them *like* a wave of-
fering. 16For they *are* wholly given to Me from
among the children of Israel; I have taken them
for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the
firstborn of all the children of Israel. 17For all the
firstborn among the children of Israel *are* Mine,
*both* man and beast; on the day that I struck all
the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified
them to Myself. 18I have taken the Levites instead
of all the firstborn of the children of Israel. 19And
I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his
sons from among the children of Israel, to do the
work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of
meeting, and to make atonement for the children
of Israel, that there be no plague among the chil-
dren of Israel when the children of Israel come
near the sanctuary."

20Thus Moses and Aaron and all the congrega-
tion of the children of Israel did to the Levites; ac-
cording to all that the LORD commanded Moses
concerning the Levites, so the children of Israel
did to them. 21And the Levites purified them-
selves and washed their clothes; then Aaron pre-
sented them *like* a wave offering before the LORD,
and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse
them. 22After that the Levites went in to do their
work in the tabernacle of meeting before Aaron
and his sons; as the LORD commanded Moses
concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24"This
*is* what *pertains* to the Levites: From twenty-five
years old and above one may enter to perform
service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting;
25and at the age of fifty years they must cease per-
forming this work, and shall work no more.
26They may minister with their brethren in the
tabernacle of meeting, to attend to needs, but
they *themselves* shall do no work. Thus you shall
do to the Levites regarding their duties."

### *The Second Passover*

9 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilder-
ness of Sinai, in the first month of the second
year after they had come out of the land of
Egypt, saying: 2"Let the children of Israel keep the
Passover at its appointed time. 3On the fourteenth
day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at
its appointed time. According to all its rites and
ceremonies you shall keep it." 4So Moses told the
children of Israel that they should keep the
Passover. 5And they kept the Passover on the four-
teenth day of the first month, at twilight, in the
Wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD
commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did.

6Now there were *certain* men who were defiled
by a human corpse, so that they could not keep
the Passover on that day; and they came before
Moses and Aaron that day. 7And those men said to
him, "We *became* defiled by a human corpse. Why
are we kept from presenting the offering of the
LORD at its appointed time among the children of
Israel?"

8And Moses said to them, "Stand still, that I
may hear what the LORD will command concern-
ing you."

9Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
10"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If any-
one of you or your posterity is unclean because of
a corpse, or *is* far away on a journey, he may still
keep the LORD's Passover. 11On the fourteenth day
of the second month, at twilight, they may keep it.
They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter
herbs. 12They shall leave none of it until morning,
nor break one of its bones. According to all the or-
dinances of the Passover they shall keep it. 13But
the man who *is* clean and is not on a journey, and
ceases to keep the Passover, that same person
shall be cut off from among his people, because
he did not bring the offering of the LORD at its ap-
pointed time; that man shall bear his sin.

14'And if a stranger dwells among you, and
would keep the LORD's Passover, he must do so ac-
cording to the rite of the Passover and according
to its ceremony; you shall have one ordinance,
both for the stranger and the native of the land.'"

### *The Cloud and the Fire*

15Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised
up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of
the Testimony; from evening until morning it was
above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire.
16So it was always: the cloud covered it *by day,* and
the appearance of fire by night. 17Whenever the
cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle,
after that the children of Israel would journey;
and in the place where the cloud settled, there the
children of Israel would pitch their tents. 18At the
command of the LORD the children of Israel

would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. 20So it was, when the cloud was above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the LORD they would remain encamped, and according to the command of the LORD they would journey. 21So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey. 22*Whether it was* two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey. 23At the command of the LORD they remained encamped, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed; they kept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

### *Two Silver Trumpets*

10 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps. 3When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 4But if they blow *only* one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you. 5When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey. 6When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys. 7And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. 8The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

9"When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. 10Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I *am* the LORD your God."

### *Departure from Sinai*

11Now it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. 12And the children of Israel set out from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys; then the cloud settled down in the Wilderness of Paran. 13So they started out for the first time according to the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14The standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out first according to their armies; over their army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 15Over the army of the tribe of the children of Issachar *was* Nethanel the son of Zuar. 16And over the army of the tribe of the children of Zebulun *was* Eliab the son of Helon.

17Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle.

18And the standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their armies; over their army *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur. 19Over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 20And over the army of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. (The tabernacle would be prepared for their arrival.)

22And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud. 23Over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 24And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25Then the standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26Over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran. 27And over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan.

28Thus *was* the order of march of the children

of Israel, according to their armies, when they began their journey.

29Now Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel[a] the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well; for the LORD has promised good things to Israel."

30And he said to him, "I will not go, but I will depart to my *own* land and to my relatives."

31So *Moses* said, "Please do not leave, inasmuch as you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. 32And it shall be, if you go with us—indeed it shall be—that whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you."

33So they departed from the mountain of the LORD on a journey of three days; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them for the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. 34And the cloud of the LORD *was* above them by day when they went out from the camp.

35So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said:

"Rise up, O LORD!
Let Your enemies be scattered,
And let those who hate You flee before You."

36And when it rested, he said:

"Return, O LORD,
*To* the many thousands of Israel."

### *The People Complain*

11 Now *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard *it,* and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed *some* in the outskirts of the camp. 2Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. 3So he called the name of the place Taberah,[a] because the fire of the LORD had burned among them.

4Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat? 5We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6but now our whole being *is* dried up; *there is* nothing at all except this manna *before* our eyes!"

7Now the manna *was* like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. 8The people went about and gathered *it,* ground *it* on millstones or beat *it* in the mortar, cooked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. 9And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it.

10Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. 11So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me? 12Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? 13Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden *is* too heavy for me. 15If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!"

### *The Seventy Elders*

16So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that *is* upon you and will put *the same* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear *it* yourself alone. 18Then you shall say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For *it was* well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. 19You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, 20but *for* a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"'"

**10:29** [a]Septuagint reads *Raguel* (compare Exodus 2:18).
**11:3** [a]Literally *Burning*

21 And Moses said, "The people whom I *am*
among *are* six hundred thousand men on foot; yet
You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they
may eat *for* a whole month.' 22 Shall flocks and
herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough
for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gath-
ered together for them, to provide enough for
them?"

23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Has the LORD's
arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether
what I say will happen to you or not."

24 So Moses went out and told the people the
words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy
men of the elders of the people and placed them
around the tabernacle. 25 Then the LORD came
down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of
the Spirit that *was* upon him, and placed *the same*
upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when
the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied,
although they never did *so* again.[a]

26 But two men had remained in the camp: the
name of one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other
Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now
they *were* among those listed, but who had not
gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in
the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses,
and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in
the camp."

28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,
*one* of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses
my lord, forbid them!"

29 Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for
my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were
prophets *and* that the LORD would put His Spirit
upon them!" 30 And Moses returned to the camp,
he and the elders of Israel.

### *The LORD Sends Quail*

31 Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it
brought quail from the sea and left *them* flut-
tering near the camp, about a day's journey on
this side and about a day's journey on the other
side, all around the camp, and about two cubits
above the surface of the ground. 32 And the people
stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next
day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least
gathered ten homers); and they spread *them* out
for themselves all around the camp. 33 But while
the meat *was* still between their teeth, before it
was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused
against the people, and the LORD struck the peo-
ple with a very great plague. 34 So he called the
name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah,[a] because
there they buried the people who had yielded to
craving.

35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to
Hazeroth, and camped at Hazeroth.

### *Dissension of Aaron and Miriam*

12 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against
Moses because of the Ethiopian woman
whom he had married; for he had mar-
ried an Ethiopian woman. 2 So they said, "Has the
LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He
not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard
*it.* 3 (Now the man Moses *was* very humble, more
than all men who *were* on the face of the earth.)

4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and
Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of
meeting!" So the three came out. 5 Then the LORD
came down in the pillar of cloud and stood *in* the
door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Mir-
iam. And they both went forward. 6 Then He said,

"Hear now My words:
If there is a prophet among you,
*I*, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a
vision;
I speak to him in a dream.
7 Not so with My servant Moses;
He *is* faithful in all My house.
8 I speak with him face to face,
Even plainly, and not in dark sayings;
And he sees the form of the LORD.
Why then were you not afraid
To speak against My servant Moses?"

9 So the anger of the LORD was aroused against
them, and He departed. 10 And when the cloud
departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly
Miriam *became* leprous, as *white as* snow. Then
Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was,
a leper. 11 So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord!
Please do not lay *this* sin on us, in which we have
done foolishly and in which we have sinned.
12 Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh
is half consumed when he comes out of his
mother's womb!"

13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying,
"Please heal her, O God, I pray!"

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her father
had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed

**11:25** [a]Targum and Vulgate read *did not cease.* **11:34** [a]Literally *Graves of Craving*

seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received *again.*"
15So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in *again.* 16And afterward the people moved from Hazeroth and camped in the Wilderness of Paran.

### *Spies Sent into Canaan*

13 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."

3So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who *were* heads of the children of Israel. 4Now these *were* their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur; 5from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori; 6from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh; 7from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph; 8from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea[a] the son of Nun; 9from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu; 10from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi; 11from the tribe of Joseph, *that is,* from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi; 12from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli; 13from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael; 14from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi; 15from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16These *are* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea[a] the son of Nun, Joshua.

17Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this *way* into the South, and go up to the mountains, 18and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it *are* strong or weak, few or many; 19whether the land they dwell in *is* good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit *are* like camps or strongholds; 20whether the land *is* rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time *was* the season of the first ripe grapes.

21So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. 22And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, *were* there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. *They* also *brought* some of the pomegranates and figs. 24The place was called the Valley of Eshcol,[a] because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there. 25And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.

26Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. 28Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

30Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

31But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we." 32And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. 33There we saw the giants[a] (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

### *Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan*

14 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives

**13:8** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Oshea.* **13:16** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Oshea.* **13:24** [a]Literally *Cluster*
**13:33** [a]Hebrew *nephilim*

and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" 4So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

5Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. 8If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'[a] 9Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them."

10And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

### *Moses Intercedes for the People*

11Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? 12I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

13And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear *it,* for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, 14and they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, *are* among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. 15Now *if* You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, 16'Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.' 17And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 18'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty,* visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation.*'[a] 19Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

20Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; 21but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD— 22because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, 23they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. 24But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. 25Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea."

### *Death Sentence on the Rebels*

26And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 27"How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. 28Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: 29The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. 30Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. 31But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. 32But *as for* you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. 33And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. 34According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, *namely* forty years, and you shall know My rejection. 35I the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.'"

36Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the

**14:8** [a]Exodus 3:8 **14:18** [a]Exodus 34:6, 7

land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, [37]those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD. [38]But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

### *A Futile Invasion Attempt*

[39]Then Moses told these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly. [40]And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Here we are, and we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned!"

[41]And Moses said, "Now why do you transgress the command of the LORD? For this will not succeed. [42]Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD *is* not among you. [43]For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; because you have turned away from the LORD, the LORD will not be with you."

[44]But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop. Nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed from the camp. [45]Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back as far as Hormah.

### *Laws of Grain and Drink Offerings*

**15** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you, [3]and you make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or in your appointed feasts, to make a sweet aroma to the LORD, from the herd or the flock, [4]then he who presents his offering to the LORD shall bring a grain offering of one-tenth *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of oil; [5]and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering you shall prepare with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb. [6]Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil; [7]and as a drink offering you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a sweet aroma to the LORD. [8]And when you prepare a young bull as a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or as a peace offering to the LORD, [9]then shall be offered with the young bull a grain offering of three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil; [10]and you shall bring as the drink offering half a hin of wine as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

[11]'Thus it shall be done for each young bull, for each ram, or for each lamb or young goat. [12]According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do with everyone according to their number. [13]All who are native-born shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD. [14]And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever *is* among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do. [15]One ordinance *shall be* for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells *with you,* an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. [16]One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.'"[a]

[17]Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [18]"'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land to which I bring you, [19]then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up a heave offering to the LORD. [20]You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal *as* a heave offering; as a heave offering of the threshing floor, so shall you offer it up. [21]Of the first of your ground meal you shall give to the LORD a heave offering throughout your generations.

### *Laws Concerning Unintentional Sin*

[22]'If you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses— [23]all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations— [24]then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering. [25]So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offer-

**15:16** [a]Compare Exodus 12:49

ing made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintended sin. 26It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people *did it* unintentionally.

27"And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering. 28So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. 29You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, *for* him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them.

### *Law Concerning Presumptuous Sin*

30"But the person who does *anything* presumptuously, *whether he is* native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people. 31Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt *shall be* upon him.'"

### *Penalty for Violating the Sabbath*

32Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. 33And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. 34They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.

35Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." 36So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died.

### *Tassels on Garments*

37Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 38"Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. 39And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you *may* not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, 40and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God. 41I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God."

### *Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron*

16 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men;* 2and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. 3They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "*You take* too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation *is* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

4So when Moses heard *it,* he fell on his face; 5and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who *is* His and *who is* holy, and will cause *him* to come near to Him. That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him. 6Do this: Take censers, Korah and all your company; 7put fire in them and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow, and it shall be *that* the man whom the LORD chooses *is* the holy one. *You take* too much upon yourselves, you sons of Levi!"

8Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi: 9*Is it* a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to serve them; 10and that He has brought you near *to Himself,* you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also? 11Therefore you and all your company *are* gathered together against the LORD. And what *is* Aaron that you complain against him?"

12And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, "We will not come up! 13*Is it* a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you should keep acting like a prince over us? 14Moreover you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!"

15Then Moses was very angry, and said to the

LORD, "Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them."

16And Moses said to Korah, "Tomorrow, you and all your company be present before the LORD—you and they, as well as Aaron. 17Let each take his censer and put incense in it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censers; both you and Aaron, each *with* his censer." 18So every man took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the tabernacle of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

20And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 21"Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."

22Then they fell on their faces, and said, "O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and You be angry with all the congregation?"

23So the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24"Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'"

25Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. 26And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins." 27So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little children.

28And Moses said: "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for *I have* not *done them* of my own will. 29If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, *then* the LORD has not sent me. 30But if the LORD creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the LORD."

31Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, 32and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all *their* goods. 33So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. 34Then all Israel who *were* around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up *also!*"

35And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

36Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 37"Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, to pick up the censers out of the blaze, for they are holy, and scatter the fire some distance away. 38The censers of these men who sinned against their own souls, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar. Because they presented them before the LORD, therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel." 39So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned up had presented, and they were hammered out as a covering on the altar, 40*to be* a memorial to the children of Israel that no outsider, who *is* not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as the LORD had said to him through Moses.

### *Complaints of the People*

41On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD." 42Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. 43Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting.

44And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 45"Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."

And they fell on their faces.

46So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense *on it,* and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun." 47Then Aaron took *it* as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. 48And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped. 49Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred,

besides those who died in the Korah incident. 50So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

### *The Budding of Aaron's Rod*

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and get from them a rod from each father's house, all their leaders according to their fathers' houses—twelve rods. Write each man's name on his rod. 3And you shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi. For there shall be one rod for the head of *each* father's house. 4Then you shall place them in the tabernacle of meeting before the Testimony, where I meet with you. 5And it shall be *that* the rod of the man whom I choose will blossom; thus I will rid Myself of the complaints of the children of Israel, which they make against you."

6So Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and each of their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods. 7And Moses placed the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds. 9Then Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD to all the children of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

10And the LORD said to Moses, "Bring Aaron's rod back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die." 11Thus did Moses; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

12So the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Surely we die, we perish, we all perish! 13Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall we all utterly die?"

### *Duties of Priests and Levites*

18 Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You and your sons and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity *related to* the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity *associated with* your priesthood. 2Also bring with you your brethren of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be joined with you and serve you while you and your sons *are* with you before the tabernacle of witness. 3They shall attend to your needs and all the needs of the tabernacle; but they shall not come near the articles of the sanctuary and the altar, lest they die—they and you also. 4They shall be joined with you and attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, for all the work of the tabernacle; but an outsider shall not come near you. 5And you shall attend to the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the altar, that there *may* be no more wrath on the children of Israel. 6Behold, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; *they are* a gift to you, given by the LORD, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. 7Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and behind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood *to you* as a gift for service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

### *Offerings for Support of the Priests*

8And the LORD spoke to Aaron: "Here, I Myself have also given you charge of My heave offerings, all the holy gifts of the children of Israel; I have given them as a portion to you and your sons, as an ordinance forever. 9This shall be yours of the most holy things *reserved* from the fire: every offering of theirs, every grain offering and every sin offering and every trespass offering which they render to Me, *shall be* most holy for you and your sons. 10In a most holy *place* you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you.

11"This also *is* yours: the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and your sons and daughters with you, as an ordinance forever. everyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

12"All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits which they offer to the LORD, I have given them to you. 13Whatever first ripe fruit is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

14"Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours.

15"Everything that first opens the womb of all flesh, which they bring to the LORD, whether man or beast, shall be yours; nevertheless the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem. 16And those redeemed of the devoted things you shall redeem when one month old, according to your valuation, for five shekels of silver, according to the shekel of

the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs. 17But the firstborn of a cow, the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you shall not redeem; they *are* holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and burn their fat *as* an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD. 18And their flesh shall be yours, just as the wave breast and the right thigh are yours.

19"All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever; it *is* a covenant of salt forever before the LORD with you and your descendants with you."

20Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I *am* your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.

### *Tithes for Support of the Levites*

21"Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting. 22Hereafter the children of Israel shall not come near the tabernacle of meeting, lest they bear sin and die. 23But the Levites shall perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; *it shall be* a statute forever, throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. 24For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up *as* a heave offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance; therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.'"

### *The Tithe of the Levites*

25Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 26"Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: 'When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe. 27And your heave offering shall be reckoned to you as though *it were* the grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress. 28Thus you shall also offer a heave offering to the LORD from all your tithes which you receive from the children of Israel, and you shall give the LORD's heave offering from it to Aaron the priest. 29Of all your gifts you shall offer up every heave offering due to the LORD, from all the best of them, the consecrated part of them.' 30Therefore you shall say to them: 'When you have lifted up the best of it, then *the rest* shall be accounted to the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor and as the produce of the winepress. 31You may eat it in any place, you and your households, for it *is* your reward for your work in the tabernacle of meeting. 32And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. But you shall not profane the holy gifts of the children of Israel, lest you die.'"

### *Laws of Purification*

19 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 2"This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without blemish, in which there *is* no defect *and* on which a yoke has never come. 3You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him; 4and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting. 5Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned. 6And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and cast *them* into the midst of the fire burning the heifer. 7Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening. 8And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening. 9Then a man *who is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store *them* outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the water of purification;[a] it *is* for purifying from sin. 10And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.

11"He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven days. 12He shall purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; *then* he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean. 13Whoever

**19:9** [a]Literally *impurity*

touches the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness *is* still on him.

14"This *is* the law when a man dies in a tent: All who come into the tent and all who *are* in the tent shall be unclean seven days; 15and every open vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, *is* unclean. 16Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17"And for an unclean *person* they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel. 18A clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the water, sprinkle *it* on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave. 19The clean *person* shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean.

20"But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he *is* unclean. 21It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening. 22Whatever the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.'"

### *Moses' Error at Kadesh*

20 Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there and was buried there.

2Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. 3And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! 4Why have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? 5And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It *is* not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor *is* there any water to drink." 6So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

7Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 8"'Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." 9So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.

10And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

12Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

13This *was* the water of Meribah,[a] because the children of Israel contended with the LORD, and He was hallowed among them.

### *Passage Through Edom Refused*

14Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom. "Thus says your brother Israel: 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us, 15how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers. 16When we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent the Angel and brought us up out of Egypt; now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border. 17Please let us pass through your country. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, nor will we drink water from wells; we will go along the King's Highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.'"

18Then Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through my *land,* lest I come out against you with the sword."

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**20:13** [a]Literally *Contention*

19So the children of Israel said to him, "We will
go by the Highway, and if I or my livestock drink
any of your water, then I will pay for it; let me only
pass through on foot, nothing *more.*"
20Then he said, "You shall not pass through." So
Edom came out against them with many men and
with a strong hand. 21Thus Edom refused to give
Israel passage through his territory; so Israel
turned away from him.

### *Death of Aaron*

22Now the children of Israel, the whole congre-
gation, journeyed from Kadesh and came to
Mount Hor. 23And the LORD spoke to Moses and
Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of
Edom, saying: 24"Aaron shall be gathered to his
people, for he shall not enter the land which I have
given to the children of Israel, because you re-
belled against My word at the water of Meribah.
25Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them
up to Mount Hor; 26and strip Aaron of his gar-
ments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron
shall be gathered *to his people* and die there." 27So
Moses did just as the LORD commanded, and they
went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the con-
gregation. 28Moses stripped Aaron of his gar-
ments and put them on Eleazar his son; and
Aaron died there on the top of the mountain.
Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the
mountain. 29Now when all the congregation saw
that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel
mourned for Aaron thirty days.

### *Canaanites Defeated at Hormah*

21 The king of Arad, the Canaanite, who
dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was
coming on the road to Atharim. Then he
fought against Israel and took *some* of them pris-
oners. 2So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and
said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into
my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities."
3And the LORD listened to the voice of Israel and
delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly de-
stroyed them and their cities. So the name of that
place was called Hormah.[a]

### *The Bronze Serpent*

4Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the
Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of
Edom; and the soul of the people became very
discouraged on the way. 5And the people spoke
against God and against Moses: "Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilder-
ness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our
soul loathes this worthless bread." 6So the LORD
sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit
the people; and many of the people of Israel died.
7Therefore the people came to Moses, and said,
"We have sinned, for we have spoken against the
LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He
take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed
for the people.
8Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery *ser-
pent,* and set it on a pole; and it shall be that every-
one who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."
9So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a
pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone,
when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

### *From Mount Hor to Moab*

10Now the children of Israel moved on and
camped in Oboth. 11And they journeyed from
Oboth and camped at Ije Abarim, in the wilder-
ness which *is* east of Moab, toward the sunrise.
12From there they moved and camped in the Val-
ley of Zered. 13From there they moved and
camped on the other side of the Arnon, which *is*
in the wilderness that extends from the border of
the Amorites; for the Arnon *is* the border of
Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14There-
fore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD:

"Waheb in Suphah,[a]
The brooks of the Arnon,
15 And the slope of the brooks
That reaches to the dwelling of Ar,
And lies on the border of Moab."

16From there *they went* to Beer, which *is* the well
where the LORD said to Moses, "Gather the people
together, and I will give them water." 17Then Israel
sang this song:

"Spring up, O well!
All of you sing to it—
18 The well the leaders sank,
Dug by the nation's nobles,
By the lawgiver, with their staves."

And from the wilderness *they went* to Mat-
tanah, 19from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from Nahaliel
to Bamoth, 20and from Bamoth, *in* the valley that
*is* in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah
which looks down on the wasteland.[a]

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**21:3** [a]Literally *Utter Destruction* **21:14** [a]Ancient unknown places; Vulgate reads *What He did in the Red Sea.*
**21:20** [a]Hebrew *Jeshimon*

*King Sihon Defeated*

21 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of
the Amorites, saying, 22 "Let me pass through your
land. We will not turn aside into fields or vine-
yards; we will not drink water from wells. We will
go by the King's Highway until we have passed
through your territory." 23 But Sihon would not
allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon
gathered all his people together and went out
against Israel in the wilderness, and he came to
Jahaz and fought against Israel. 24 Then Israel de-
feated him with the edge of the sword, and took
possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jab-
bok, as far as the people of Ammon; for the bor-
der of the people of Ammon *was* fortified. 25 So
Israel took all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all
the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all
its villages. 26 For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon
king of the Amorites, who had fought against the
former king of Moab, and had taken all his land
from his hand as far as the Arnon. 27 Therefore
those who speak in proverbs say:

"Come to Heshbon, let it be built;
Let the city of Sihon be repaired.

28 "For fire went out from Heshbon,
A flame from the city of Sihon;
It consumed Ar of Moab,
The lords of the heights of the Arnon.
29 Woe to you, Moab!
You have perished, O people of Chemosh!
He has given his sons as fugitives,
And his daughters into captivity,
To Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 "But we have shot at them;
Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon.
Then we laid waste as far as Nophah,
Which *reaches* to Medeba."

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.
32 Then Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took
its villages and drove out the Amorites who *were*
there.

*King Og Defeated*

33 And they turned and went up by the way to
Bashan. So Og king of Bashan went out against
them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
34 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him,
for I have delivered him into your hand, with all
his people and his land; and you shall do to him
as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who
dwelt at Heshbon." 35 So they defeated him, his
sons, and all his people, until there was no sur-
vivor left him; and they took possession of his
land.

*Balak Sends for Balaam*

22 Then the children of Israel moved, and
camped in the plains of Moab on the
side of the Jordan *across from* Jericho.
2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel
had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was ex-
ceedingly afraid of the people because they *were*
many, and Moab was sick with dread because of
the children of Israel. 4 So Moab said to the elders
of Midian, "Now this company will lick up every-
thing around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the
field." And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king of the
Moabites at that time. 5 Then he sent messengers
to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which *is* near
the River[a] in the land of the sons of his people,[b] to
call him, saying: "Look, a people has come from
Egypt. See, they cover the face of the earth, and
are settling next to me! 6 Therefore please come at
once, curse this people for me, for they *are* too
mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat
them and drive them out of the land, for I know
that he whom you bless *is* blessed, and he whom
you curse is cursed."
7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian
departed with the diviner's fee in their hand, and
they came to Balaam and spoke to him the words
of Balak. 8 And he said to them, "Lodge here
tonight, and I will bring back word to you, as the
LORD speaks to me." So the princes of Moab
stayed with Balaam.
9 Then God came to Balaam and said, "Who *are*
these men with you?"
10 So Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zip-
por, king of Moab, has sent to me, *saying,* 11 'Look,
a people has come out of Egypt, and they cover
the face of the earth. Come now, curse them for
me; perhaps I shall be able to overpower them
and drive them out.'"
12 And God said to Balaam, "You shall not go
with them; you shall not curse the people, for they
*are* blessed."
13 So Balaam rose in the morning and said to
the princes of Balak, "Go back to your land, for the
LORD has refused to give me permission to go
with you."

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**22:5** [a]That is, the Euphrates [b]Or *the people of Amau*

14 And the princes of Moab rose and went to
Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us."
15 Then Balak again sent princes, more numer-
ous and more honorable than they. 16 And they
came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says
Balak the son of Zippor: 'Please let nothing hinder
you from coming to me; 17 for I will certainly
honor you greatly, and I will do whatever you say
to me. Therefore please come, curse this people
for me.'"
18 Then Balaam answered and said to the ser-
vants of Balak, "Though Balak were to give me his
house full of silver and gold, I could not go be-
yond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or
more. 19 Now therefore, please, you also stay here
tonight, that I may know what more the LORD will
say to me."
20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to
him, "If the men come to call you, rise *and* go with
them; but only the word which I speak to you—
that you shall do." 21 So Balaam rose in the morn-
ing, saddled his donkey, and went with the
princes of Moab.

### *Balaam, the Donkey, and the Angel*

22 Then God's anger was aroused because he
went, and the Angel of the LORD took His stand in
the way as an adversary against him. And he was
riding on his donkey, and his two servants *were*
with him. 23 Now the donkey saw the Angel of the
LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword
in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of
the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck
the donkey to turn her back onto the road.
24 Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow
path between the vineyards, *with* a wall on this
side and a wall on that side. 25 And when the don-
key saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself
against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot
against the wall; so he struck her again. 26 Then
the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a
narrow place where there *was* no way to turn ei-
ther to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when
the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay
down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was
aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff.
28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the don-
key, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to
you, that you have struck me these three times?"
29 And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you
have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my
hand, for now I would kill you!"
30 So the donkey said to Balaam, "*Am* I not your
donkey on which you have ridden, ever since *I be-
came* yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do
this to you?"
And he said, "No."
31 Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he
saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way
with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed
his head and fell flat on his face. 32 And the Angel
of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck
your donkey these three times? Behold, I have
come out to stand against you, because *your* way
is perverse before Me. 33 The donkey saw Me and
turned aside from Me these three times. If she
had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also
have killed you by now, and let her live."
34 And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, "I
have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the
way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases
You, I will turn back."
35 Then the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam,
"Go with the men, but only the word that I speak
to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with
the princes of Balak.
36 Now when Balak heard that Balaam was com-
ing, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab,
which *is* on the border at the Arnon, the boundary
of the territory. 37 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did
I not earnestly send to you, calling for you? Why
did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor
you?"
38 And Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come
to you! Now, have I any power at all to say any-
thing? The word that God puts in my mouth, that
I must speak." 39 So Balaam went with Balak, and
they came to Kirjath Huzoth. 40 Then Balak offered
oxen and sheep, and he sent *some* to Balaam and
to the princes who *were* with him.

### *Balaam's First Prophecy*

41 So it was, the next day, that Balak took Balaam
and brought him up to the high places of Baal,
that from there he might observe the extent of the
people.

**23** Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven
altars for me here, and prepare for me
here seven bulls and seven rams."
2 And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and
Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on
*each* altar. 3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by
your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the
LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He

shows me I will tell you." So he went to a desolate height. 4And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on *each* altar a bull and a ram."

5Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." 6So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab.

7And he took up his oracle and said:

"Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram,
From the mountains of the east.
'Come, curse Jacob for me,
And come, denounce Israel!'

8 "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?
And how shall I denounce *whom* the LORD has not denounced?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him;
There! A people dwelling alone,
Not reckoning itself among the nations.

10 "Who can count the dust[a] of Jacob,
Or number one-fourth of Israel?
Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let my end be like his!"

11Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed *them* bountifully!"

12So he answered and said, "Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?"

### *Balaam's Second Prophecy*

13Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only the outer part of them, and shall not see them all; curse them for me from there." 14So he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

15And he said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet[a] *the* LORD over there."

16Then the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak." 17So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?"

18Then he took up his oracle and said:

"Rise up, Balak, and hear!
Listen to me, son of Zippor!

19 "God *is* not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?
20 Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;
He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

21 "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,
Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel.
The LORD his God *is* with him,
And the shout of a King *is* among them.
22 God brings them out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox.

23 "For *there is* no sorcery against Jacob,
Nor any divination against Israel.
It now must be said of Jacob
And of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'
24 Look, a people rises like a lioness,
And lifts itself up like a lion;
It shall not lie down until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain."

25Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all!"

26So Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'All that the LORD speaks, that I must do'?"

### *Balaam's Third Prophecy*

27Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there." 28So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that overlooks the wasteland.[a] 29Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me here seven altars, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams." 30And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on *every* altar.

**24** Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

3Then he took up his oracle and said:

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**23:10** [a]Or *dust cloud* **23:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Syriac reads *call;* Septuagint reads *go and ask God*. **23:28** [a]Hebrew *Jeshimon*

"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
The utterance of the man whose eyes are opened,
4 The utterance of him who hears the words of God,
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Who falls down, with eyes wide open:

5 "How lovely are your tents, O Jacob!
Your dwellings, O Israel!
6 Like valleys that stretch out,
Like gardens by the riverside,
Like aloes planted by the LORD,
Like cedars beside the waters.
7 He shall pour water from his buckets,
And his seed *shall be* in many waters.

"His king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 "God brings him out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox;
He shall consume the nations, his enemies;
He shall break their bones
And pierce *them* with his arrows.
9 'He bows down, he lies down as a lion;
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?'[a]

"Blessed *is* he who blesses you,
And cursed *is* he who curses you."

10Then Balak's anger was aroused against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and look, you have bountifully blessed *them* these three times! 11Now therefore, flee to your place. I said I would greatly honor you, but in fact, the LORD has kept you back from honor."

12So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, 13'If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD, to do good or bad of my own will. What the LORD says, that I must speak'? 14And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days."

### *Balaam's Fourth Prophecy*

15So he took up his oracle and said:

"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
And the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened;
16 The utterance of him who hears the words of God,
And has the knowledge of the Most High,
*Who* sees the vision of the Almighty,
*Who* falls down, with eyes wide open:

17 "I see Him, but not now;
I behold Him, but not near;
A Star shall come out of Jacob;
A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,
And batter the brow of Moab,
And destroy all the sons of tumult.[a]

18 "And Edom shall be a possession;
Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession,
While Israel does valiantly.
19 Out of Jacob One shall have dominion,
And destroy the remains of the city."

20Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said:

"Amalek *was* first among the nations,
But *shall be* last until he perishes."

21Then he looked on the Kenites, and he took up his oracle and said:

"Firm is your dwelling place,
And your nest is set in the rock;
22 Nevertheless Kain shall be burned.
How long until Asshur carries you away captive?"

23Then he took up his oracle and said:

"Alas! Who shall live when God does this?
24 But ships *shall come* from the coasts of Cyprus,[a]
And they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber,
And so shall *Amalek*,[b] until he perishes."

25So Balaam rose and departed and returned to his place; Balak also went his way.

### *Israel's Harlotry in Moab*

25 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove,[a] and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. 2They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.

4Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders

**24:9** [a]Genesis 49:9 **24:17** [a]Hebrew *Sheth* (compare Jeremiah 48:45) **24:24** [a]Hebrew *Kittim* [b]Literally *he* or *that one*
**25:1** [a]Hebrew *Shittim*

before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

5So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor."

6And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 7Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it,* he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; 8and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. 9And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

10Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 11"Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.'"

14Now the name of the Israelite who was killed, who was killed with the Midianite woman, *was* Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father's house among the Simeonites. 15And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed *was* Cozbi the daughter of Zur; he *was* head of the people of a father's house in Midian.

16Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 17"Harass the Midianites, and attack them; 18for they harassed you with their schemes by which they seduced you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midian, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Peor."

### *The Second Census of Israel*

26 And it came to pass, after the plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying: 2"Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel from twenty years old and above, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go to war in Israel." 3So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho, saying: 4"*Take a census of the people* from twenty years old and above, just as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt."

5Reuben *was* the firstborn of Israel. The children of Reuben *were: of* Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; *of* Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6*of* Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; *of* Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7These *are* the families of the Reubenites: those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty. 8And the son of Pallu *was* Eliab. 9The sons of Eliab *were* Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These *are* the Dathan and Abiram, representatives of the congregation, who contended against Moses and Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD; 10and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men; and they became a sign. 11Nevertheless the children of Korah did not die.

12The sons of Simeon according to their families *were: of* Nemuel,[a] the family of the Nemuelites; *of* Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; *of* Jachin,[b] the family of the Jachinites; 13*of* Zerah,[a] the family of the Zarhites; *of* Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. 14These *are* the families of the Simeonites: twenty-two thousand two hundred.

15The sons of Gad according to their families *were: of* Zephon,[a] the family of the Zephonites; *of* Haggi, the family of the Haggites; *of* Shuni, the family of the Shunites; 16*of* Ozni,[a] the family of the Oznites; *of* Eri, the family of the Erites; 17*of* Arod,[a] the family of the Arodites; *of* Areli, the family of the Arelites. 18These *are* the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them: forty thousand five hundred.

19The sons of Judah *were* Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. 20And the sons of Judah according to their families were: *of* Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; *of* Perez, the family of the Parzites; *of* Zerah, the family of the Zarhites. 21And the sons of Perez were: *of* Hezron,

**26:12** [a]Spelled *Jemuel* in Genesis 46:10 and Exodus 6:15 [b]Called *Jarib* in 1 Chronicles 4:24 **26:13** [a]Called *Zohar* in Genesis 46:10 **26:15** [a]Called *Ziphion* in Genesis 46:16 **26:16** [a]Called *Ezbon* in Genesis 46:16 **26:17** [a]Spelled *Arodi* in Samaritan Pentateuch, Syriac, and Genesis 46:16

the family of the Hezronites; *of* Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. [22]These *are* the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them: seventy-six thousand five hundred.

[23]The sons of Issachar according to their families *were: of* Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puah,[a] the family of the Punites;[b] [24]of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. [25]These *are* the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them: sixty-four thousand three hundred.

[26]The sons of Zebulun according to their families *were:* of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. [27]These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them: sixty thousand five hundred.

[28]The sons of Joseph according to their families, by Manasseh and Ephraim, *were:* [29]The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begot Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites. [30]These *are* the sons of Gilead: *of* Jeezer,[a] the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites; [31]*of* Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; *of* Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; [32]*of* Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; *of* Hepher, the family of the Hepherites. [33]Now Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. [34]These *are* the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them *were* fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

[35]These *are* the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher,[a] the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. [36]And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. [37]These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them: thirty-two thousand five hundred.

These *are* the sons of Joseph according to their families.

[38]The sons of Benjamin according to their families were: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; [39]of Shupham,[a] the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham,[b] the family of the Huphamites. [40]And the sons of Bela were Ard[a] and Naaman: *of Ard,* the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites. [41]These *are* the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them *were* forty-five thousand six hundred.

[42]These *are* the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham,[a] the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan according to their families. [43]All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, *were* sixty-four thousand four hundred.

[44]The sons of Asher according to their families *were:* of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites. [45]Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. [46]And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Serah. [47]These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them: fifty-three thousand four hundred.

[48]The sons of Naphtali according to their families *were:* of Jahzeel,[a] the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; [49]of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. [50]These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them *were* forty-five thousand four hundred.

[51]These *are* those who were numbered of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.

[52]Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [53]"To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names. [54]To a large *tribe* you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small *tribe* you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them. [55]But the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. [56]According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller."

[57]And these *are* those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Ger-

**26:23** [a]Hebrew *Puvah* (compare Genesis 46:13 and 1 Chronicles 7:1); Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Puah*. [b]Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Puaites*. **26:30** [a]Called *Abiezer* in Joshua 17:2 **26:35** [a]Called *Bered* in 1 Chronicles 7:20 **26:39** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Shephupham,* spelled *Shephuphan* in 1 Chronicles 8:5. [b]Called *Huppim* in Genesis 46:21 **26:40** [a]Called *Addar* in 1 Chronicles 8:3 **26:42** [a]Called *Hushim* in Genesis 46:23 **26:48** [a]Spelled *Jahziel* in 1 Chronicles 7:13

shon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, and the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begot Amram. 59The name of Amram's wife *was* Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she bore Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam. 60To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 61And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered profane fire before the LORD.

62Now those who were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and above; for they were not numbered among the other children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given to them among the children of Israel.

63These *are* those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho. 64But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest when they numbered the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Sinai. 65For the LORD had said of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." So there was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

### *Inheritance Laws*

27 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these *were* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 2And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, *by* the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying: 3"Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in company with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

5So Moses brought their case before the LORD.

6And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 7"The daughters of Zelophehad speak *what is* right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. 8And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. 9If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. 10If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. 11And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the relative closest to him in his family, and he shall possess it.'" And it shall be to the children of Israel a statute of judgment, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

### *Joshua the Next Leader of Israel*

12Now the LORD said to Moses: "Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel. 13And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered. 14For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes." (These *are* the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

15Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying: 16"Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, 17who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

18And the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom *is* the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; 19set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. 20And you shall give *some* of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the LORD for him by the judgment of the Urim. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him—all the congregation."

22So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. 23And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

*Daily Offerings*

28 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Command the children of Israel, and say to them, 'My offering, My food for My offerings made by fire as a sweet aroma to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me at their appointed time.'

3"And you shall say to them, 'This *is* the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs in their first year without blemish, day by day, as a regular burnt offering. 4The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, 5and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil. 6*It is* a regular burnt offering which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 7And its drink offering *shall be* one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a holy *place* you shall pour out the drink to the LORD as an offering. 8The other lamb you shall offer in the evening; as the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you shall offer *it* as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

*Sabbath Offerings*

9"And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering— 10*this is* the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

*Monthly Offerings*

11"At the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish; 12three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; 13and one-tenth *of an ephah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 14Their drink offering shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; this *is* the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year. 15Also one kid of the goats as a sin offering to the LORD shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

*Offerings at Passover*

16"On the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the Passover of the LORD. 17And on the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast; unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. 18On the first day *you shall have* a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. 19And you shall present an offering made by fire as a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. 20Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* you shall offer for a bull, and two-tenths for a ram; 21you shall offer one-tenth *of an ephah* for each of the seven lambs; 22also one goat *as* a sin offering, to make atonement for you. 23You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which *is* for a regular burnt offering. 24In this manner you shall offer the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven days, as a sweet aroma to the LORD; it shall be offered besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. 25And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.

*Offerings at the Feast of Weeks*

26"Also on the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new grain offering to the LORD at your *Feast of* Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. 27You shall present a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, 28with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram, 29and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; 30*also* one kid of the goats, to make atonement for you. 31Be sure they are without blemish. You shall present *them* with their drink offerings, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering.

*Offerings at the Feast of Trumpets*

29 'And in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you it is a day of blowing the trumpets. 2You shall offer a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the LORD: one young bull, one ram, *and* seven lambs in their first year, without blemish. 3Their grain offering *shall be* fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, 4and one-tenth for each of the seven

lambs; [5]also one kid of the goats *as* a sin offering, to make atonement for you; [6]besides the burnt offering with its grain offering for the New Moon, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

### *Offerings on the Day of Atonement*

[7]"On the tenth *day* of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work. [8]You shall present a burnt offering to the LORD *as* a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, *and* seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. [9]Their grain offering *shall be of* fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, [10]and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; [11]also one kid of the goats *as* a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

### *Offerings at the Feast of Tabernacles*

[12]"On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days. [13]You shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to the LORD: thirteen young bulls, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs in their first year. They shall be without blemish. [14]Their grain offering *shall be of* fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams, [15]and one-tenth for each of the fourteen lambs; [16]also one kid of the goats *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[17]"On the second day *present* twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish, [18]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [19]also one kid of the goats *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

[20]"On the third day *present* eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish, [21]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [22]also one goat *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[23]"On the fourth day *present* ten bulls, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs in their first year, without blemish, [24]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [25]also one kid of the goats *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[26]"On the fifth day *present* nine bulls, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish, [27]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [28]also one goat *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[29]"On the sixth day *present* eight bulls, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish, [30]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [31]also one goat *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[32]"On the seventh day *present* seven bulls, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish, [33]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [34]also one goat *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[35]"On the eighth day you shall have a sacred assembly. You shall do no customary work. [36]You shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven lambs in their first year without blemish, [37]and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; [38]also one goat *as* a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

[39]"These you shall present to the LORD at your appointed feasts (besides your vowed offerings and your freewill offerings) as your burnt offerings and your grain offerings, as your drink offerings and your peace offerings.'"

[40]So Moses told the children of Israel everything, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

*The Law Concerning Vows*

30 Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, "This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded: 2If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

3"Or if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds *herself* by some agreement while in her father's house in her youth, 4and her father hears her vow and the agreement by which she has bound herself, and her father holds his peace, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement with which she has bound herself shall stand. 5But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will release her, because her father overruled her.

6"If indeed she takes a husband, while bound by her vows or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she bound herself, 7and her husband hears *it,* and makes no response to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her agreements by which she bound herself shall stand. 8But if her husband overrules her on the day that he hears *it,* he shall make void her vow which she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the LORD will release her.

9"Also any vow of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

10"If she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an agreement with an oath, 11and her husband heard *it,* and made no response to her *and* did not overrule her, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement by which she bound herself shall stand. 12But if her husband truly made them void on the day he heard *them,* then whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and the LORD will release her. 13Every vow and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband may confirm it, or her husband may make it void. 14Now if her husband makes no response whatever to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all the agreements that bind her; he confirms them, because he made no response to her on the day that he heard *them.* 15But if he does make them void after he has heard *them,* then he shall bear her guilt."

16These *are* the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.

*Vengeance on the Midianites*

31 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2"Take vengeance on the Midianites for the children of Israel. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people."

3So Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm some of yourselves for war, and let them go against the Midianites to take vengeance for the LORD on Midian. 4A thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war."

5So there were recruited from the divisions of Israel one thousand from *each* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. 6Then Moses sent them to the war, one thousand from *each* tribe; he sent them to the war with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with the holy articles and the signal trumpets in his hand. 7And they warred against the Midianites, just as the LORD commanded Moses, and they killed all the males. 8They killed the kings of Midian with *the rest of* those who were killed—Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. Balaam the son of Beor they also killed with the sword.

9And the children of Israel took the women of Midian captive, with their little ones, and took as spoil all their cattle, all their flocks, and all their goods. 10They also burned with fire all the cities where they dwelt, and all their forts. 11And they took all the spoil and all the booty—of man and beast.

*Return from the War*

12Then they brought the captives, the booty, and the spoil to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho. 13And Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went to meet them outside the camp. 14But Moses was angry with the officers of the army, *with* the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, who had come from the battle.

15And Moses said to them: "Have you kept all the women alive? 16Look, these *women* caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam,

to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD. 17Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known a man intimately. 18But keep alive for yourselves all the young girls who have not known a man intimately. 19And as for you, remain outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day. 20Purify every garment, everything made of leather, everything woven of goats' *hair,* and everything made of wood."

21Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to the battle, "This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses: 22Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23everything that can endure fire, you shall put through the fire, and it shall be clean; and it shall be purified with the water of purification. But all that cannot endure fire you shall put through water. 24And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may come into the camp."

### *Division of the Plunder*

25Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 26"Count up the plunder that was taken—of man and beast—you and Eleazar the priest and the chief fathers of the congregation; 27and divide the plunder into two parts, between those who took part in the war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation. 28And levy a tribute for the LORD on the men of war who went out to battle: one of every five hundred of the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep; 29take *it* from their half, and give *it* to Eleazar the priest as a heave offering to the LORD. 30And from the children of Israel's half you shall take one of every fifty, drawn from the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep, from all the livestock, and give them to the Levites who keep charge of the tabernacle of the LORD." 31So Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32The booty remaining from the plunder, which the men of war had taken, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, 33seventy-two thousand cattle, 34sixty-one thousand donkeys, 35and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of women who had not known a man intimately. 36And the half, the portion for those who had gone out to war, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep; 37and the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five. 38The cattle *were* thirty-six thousand, of which the LORD's tribute *was* seventy-two. 39The donkeys *were* thirty thousand five hundred, of which the LORD's tribute *was* sixty-one. 40The persons *were* sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tribute *was* thirty-two persons. 41So Moses gave the tribute *which was* the LORD's heave offering to Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

42And from the children of Israel's half, which Moses separated from the men who fought— 43now the half belonging to the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep, 44thirty-six thousand cattle, 45thirty thousand five hundred donkeys, 46and sixteen thousand persons— 47and from the children of Israel's half Moses took one of every fifty, drawn from man and beast, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

48Then the officers who *were* over thousands of the army, the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, came near to Moses; 49and they said to Moses, "Your servants have taken a count of the men of war who *are* under our command, and not a man of us is missing. 50Therefore we have brought an offering for the LORD, what every man found of ornaments of gold: armlets and bracelets and signet rings and earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD." 51So Moses and Eleazar the priest received the gold from them, all the fashioned ornaments. 52And all the gold of the offering that they offered to the LORD, from the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. 53(The men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.) 54And Moses and Eleazar the priest received the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of meeting as a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

### *The Tribes Settling East of the Jordan*

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock; and when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that indeed the region *was* a place for livestock, 2the children

of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, 3"Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Shebam, Nebo, and Beon, 4the country which the LORD defeated before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock." 5Therefore they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not take us over the Jordan."

6And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben: "Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here? 7Now why will you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them? 8Thus your fathers did when I sent them away from Kadesh Barnea to see the land. 9For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them. 10So the LORD's anger was aroused on that day, and He swore an oath, saying, 11'Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me, 12except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the LORD.' 13So the LORD's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone. 14And look! You have risen in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the LORD against Israel. 15For if you turn away from following Him, He will once again leave them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people."

16Then they came near to him and said: "We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones, 17but we ourselves will be armed, ready *to go* before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place; and our little ones will dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. 18We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance. 19For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan."

20Then Moses said to them: "If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before the LORD for the war, 21and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him, 22and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you may return and be blameless before the LORD and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. 23But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out. 24Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do what has proceeded out of your mouth."

25And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying: "Your servants will do as my lord commands. 26Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock will be there in the cities of Gilead; 27but your servants will cross over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, just as my lord says."

28So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel. 29And Moses said to them: "If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every man armed for battle before the LORD, and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead as a possession. 30But if they do not cross over armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

31Then the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying: "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do. 32We will cross over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, but the possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us on this side of the Jordan."

33So Moses gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the surrounding country. 34And the children of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer, 35Atroth and Shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah, 36Beth Nimrah and Beth Haran, fortified cities, and folds for sheep. 37And the children of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kirjathaim, 38Nebo and Baal Meon (*their* names being changed) and Shibmah; and they gave *other* names to the cities which they built.

39And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who *were* in it. 40So Moses

gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelt in it. 41Also Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its small towns, and called them Havoth Jair.[a] 42Then Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and he called it Nobah, after his own name.

### *Israel's Journey from Egypt Reviewed*

33 These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. 2Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD. And these *are* their journeys according to their starting points:

3They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians. 4For the Egyptians were burying all *their* firstborn, whom the LORD had killed among them. Also on their gods the LORD had executed judgments.

5Then the children of Israel moved from Rameses and camped at Succoth. 6They departed from Succoth and camped at Etham, which *is* on the edge of the wilderness. 7They moved from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth, which *is* east of Baal Zephon; and they camped near Migdol. 8They departed from before Hahiroth[a] and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah. 9They moved from Marah and came to Elim. At Elim *were* twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there.

10They moved from Elim and camped by the Red Sea. 11They moved from the Red Sea and camped in the Wilderness of Sin. 12They journeyed from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah. 13They departed from Dophkah and camped at Alush. 14They moved from Alush and camped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15They departed from Rephidim and camped in the Wilderness of Sinai. 16They moved from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah. 17They departed from Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth. 18They departed from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah. 19They departed from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perez. 20They departed from Rimmon Perez and camped at Libnah. 21They moved from Libnah and camped at Rissah. 22They journeyed from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah. 23They went from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher. 24They moved from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah. 25They moved from Haradah and camped at Makheloth. 26They moved from Makheloth and camped at Tahath. 27They departed from Tahath and camped at Terah. 28They moved from Terah and camped at Mithkah. 29They went from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah. 30They departed from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth. 31They departed from Moseroth and camped at Bene Jaakan. 32They moved from Bene Jaakan and camped at Hor Hagidgad. 33They went from Hor Hagidgad and camped at Jotbathah. 34They moved from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah. 35They departed from Abronah and camped at Ezion Geber. 36They moved from Ezion Geber and camped in the Wilderness of Zin, which *is* Kadesh. 37They moved from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary of the land of Edom.

38Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the command of the LORD, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first *day* of the fifth month. 39Aaron *was* one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

40Now the king of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

41So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah. 42They departed from Zalmonah and camped at Punon. 43They departed from Punon and camped at Oboth. 44They departed from Oboth and camped at Ije Abarim, at the border of Moab. 45They departed from Ijim[a] and camped at Dibon Gad. 46They moved from Dibon Gad and camped at Almon Diblathaim. 47They moved from Almon Diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. 48They departed from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho. 49They camped by the Jordan, from Beth Jesimoth as far as the Abel Acacia Grove[a] in the plains of Moab.

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**32:41** [a]Literally *Towns of Jair* **33:8** [a]Many Hebrew manuscripts, Samaritan Pentateuch, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *from Pi Hahiroth* (compare verse 7). **33:45** [a]Same as *Ije Abarim,* verse 44 **33:49** [a]Hebrew *Abel Shittim*

### *Instructions for the Conquest of Canaan*

50 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of
Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho, saying,
51 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:
'When you have crossed the Jordan into the land
of Canaan, 52 then you shall drive out all the in-
habitants of the land from before you, destroy all
their engraved stones, destroy all their molded
images, and demolish all their high places; 53 you
shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land and
dwell in it, for I have given you the land to pos-
sess. 54 And you shall divide the land by lot as an
inheritance among your families; to the larger
you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the
smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there
everyone's *inheritance* shall be whatever falls to
him by lot. You shall inherit according to the
tribes of your fathers. 55 But if you do not drive out
the inhabitants of the land from before you, then
it shall be that those whom you let remain *shall be*
irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides,
and they shall harass you in the land where you
dwell. 56 Moreover it shall be *that* I will do to you as
I thought to do to them.'"

### *The Appointed Boundaries of Canaan*

34 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Command the children of Israel, and
say to them: 'When you come into the
land of Canaan, this *is* the land that shall fall to
you as an inheritance—the land of Canaan to its
boundaries. 3 Your southern border shall be from
the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom;
then your southern border shall extend eastward
to the end of the Salt Sea; 4 your border shall turn
from the southern side of the Ascent of Akrab-
bim, continue to Zin, and be on the south of
Kadesh Barnea; then it shall go on to Hazar
Addar, and continue to Azmon; 5 the border shall
turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and it
shall end at the Sea.

6 "As for the western border, you shall have the
Great Sea for a border; this shall be your western
border.

7 "And this shall be your northern border: From
the Great Sea you shall mark out your *border* line to
Mount Hor; 8 from Mount Hor you shall mark out
*your border* to the entrance of Hamath; then the di-
rection of the border shall be toward Zedad; 9 the
border shall proceed to Ziphron, and it shall end at
Hazar Enan. This shall be your northern border.

10 "You shall mark out your eastern border from
Hazar Enan to Shepham; 11 the border shall go
down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of
Ain; the border shall go down and reach to the
eastern side of the Sea of Chinnereth; 12 the border
shall go down along the Jordan, and it shall end at
the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with its sur-
rounding boundaries.'"

13 Then Moses commanded the children of Is-
rael, saying: "This *is* the land which you shall in-
herit by lot, which the LORD has commanded to
give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe. 14 For
the tribe of the children of Reuben according to
the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the
children of Gad according to the house of their fa-
thers, have received *their inheritance;* and the
half-tribe of Manasseh has received its inheri-
tance. 15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have re-
ceived their inheritance on this side of the Jordan,
*across from* Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise."

### *The Leaders Appointed to Divide the Land*

16 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
17 "These *are* the names of the men who shall di-
vide the land among you as an inheritance:
Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.
18 And you shall take one leader of every tribe to
divide the land for the inheritance. 19 These *are* the
names of the men: from the tribe of Judah, Caleb
the son of Jephunneh; 20 from the tribe of the chil-
dren of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud;
21 from the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of
Chislon; 22 a leader from the tribe of the children
of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli; 23 from the sons of
Joseph: a leader from the tribe of the children of
Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod, 24 and a
leader from the tribe of the children of Ephraim,
Kemuel the son of Shiphtan; 25 a leader from the
tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the
son of Parnach; 26 a leader from the tribe of
the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan;
27 a leader from the tribe of the children of Asher,
Ahihud the son of Shelomi; 28 and a leader from
the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the
son of Ammihud."

29 These *are* the ones the LORD commanded to
divide the inheritance among the children of Is-
rael in the land of Canaan.

### *Cities for the Levites*

35 And the LORD spoke to Moses in the
plains of Moab by the Jordan *across*
*from* Jericho, saying: 2 "Command the
children of Israel that they give the Levites cities

to dwell in from the inheritance of their possession, and you shall *also* give the Levites common-land around the cities. 3They shall have the cities to dwell in; and their common-land shall be for their cattle, for their herds, and for all their animals. 4The common-land of the cities which you will give the Levites *shall extend* from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits all around. 5And you shall measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, on the south side two thousand cubits, on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. The city *shall be* in the middle. This shall belong to them as common-land for the cities.

6"'Now among the cities which you will give to the Levites *you shall appoint* six cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee. And to these you shall add forty-two cities. 7So all the cities you will give to the Levites *shall be* forty-eight; these *you shall give* with their common-land. 8And the cities which you will give *shall be* from the possession of the children of Israel; from the larger *tribe* you shall give many, from the smaller you shall give few. Each shall give some of its cities to the Levites, in proportion to the inheritance that each receives."

### *Cities of Refuge*

9Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 10"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11then you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally may flee there. 12They shall be cities of refuge for you from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment. 13And of the cities which you give, you shall have six cities of refuge. 14You shall appoint three cities on this side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall appoint in the land of Canaan, *which* will be cities of refuge. 15These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there.

16'But if he strikes him with an iron implement, so that he dies, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17And if he strikes him with a stone in the hand, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18Or *if* he strikes him with a wooden hand weapon, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death. 20If he pushes him out of hatred or, while lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies, 21or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck *him* shall surely be put to death. He *is* a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22'However, if he pushes him suddenly without enmity, or throws anything at him without lying in wait, 23or uses a stone, by which a man could die, throwing *it* at him without seeing *him,* so that he dies, while he was not his enemy or seeking his harm, 24then the congregation shall judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood according to these judgments. 25So the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge where he had fled, and he shall remain there until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil. 26But if the manslayer at any time goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled, 27and the avenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood, 28because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.

29'And these *things* shall be a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 30Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not *sufficient* testimony against a person for the death *penalty.* 31Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who *is* guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death. 32And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the priest. 33So you shall not pollute the land where you *are;* for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. 34Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.'"

*Marriage of Female Heirs*

36 Now the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the leaders, the chief fathers of the children of Israel. 2And they said: "The LORD commanded my lord *Moses* to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel, and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters. 3Now if they are married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so it will be taken from the lot of our inheritance. 4And when the Jubilee of the children of Israel comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."

5Then Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying: "What the tribe of the sons of Joseph speaks is right. 6This *is* what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only within the family of their father's tribe.' 7So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be the wife of one of the family of her father's tribe, so that the children of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers. 9Thus no inheritance shall change hands from *one* tribe to another, but every tribe of the children of Israel shall keep its own inheritance."

10Just as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad; 11for Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to the sons of their father's brothers. 12They were married into the families of the children of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's family.

13These *are* the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded the children of Israel by the hand of Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES CALLED

# DEUTERONOMY

### *The Previous Command to Enter Canaan*

1 These *are* the words which Moses spoke to
all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the
wilderness, in the plain[a] opposite Suph,[b] be-
tween Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Diza-
hab. 2*It is* eleven days' *journey* from Horeb by way
of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3Now it came to
pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on
the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spoke to
the children of Israel according to all that the LORD
had given him as commandments to them, 4after
he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites, who
dwelt in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who
dwelt at Ashtaroth in[a] Edrei.

5On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab,
Moses began to explain this law, saying, 6"'The
LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You
have dwelt long enough at this mountain. 7Turn
and take your journey, and go to the mountains of
the Amorites, to all the neighboring *places* in the
plain,[a] in the mountains and in the lowland, in
the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the
Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great
river, the River Euphrates. 8See, I have set the land
before you; go in and possess the land which the
LORD swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob—to give to them and their descen-
dants after them.'

### *Tribal Leaders Appointed*

9"'And I spoke to you at that time, saying: 'I
alone am not able to bear you. 10The LORD your
God has multiplied you, and here you *are* today, as
the stars of heaven in multitude. 11May the LORD
God of your fathers make you a thousand times
more numerous than you are, and bless you as He
has promised you! 12How can I alone bear your
problems and your burdens and your complaints?
13Choose wise, understanding, and knowledge-
able men from among your tribes, and I will
make them heads over you.' 14And you answered
me and said, 'The thing which you have told *us* to
do *is* good.' 15So I took the heads of your tribes,
wise and knowledgeable men, and made them
heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of
hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and
officers for your tribes.

16"'Then I commanded your judges at that time,
saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your brethren, and
judge righteously between a man and his brother
or the stranger who is with him. 17You shall not
show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the
small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid
in any man's presence, for the judgment *is* God's.
The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and
I will hear it.' 18And I commanded you at that time
all the things which you should do.

### *Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land*

19"'So we departed from Horeb, and went
through all that great and terrible wilderness
which you saw on the way to the mountains of the
Amorites, as the LORD our God had commanded
us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. 20And I said
to you, 'You have come to the mountains of the
Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us.
21Look, the LORD your God has set the land before
you; go up *and* possess *it,* as the LORD God of your
fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be dis-
couraged.'

22"'And every one of you came near to me and
said, 'Let us send men before us, and let them
search out the land for us, and bring back word to
us of the way by which we should go up, and of
the cities into which we shall come.'

23"'The plan pleased me well; so I took twelve of
your men, one man from *each* tribe. 24And they
departed and went up into the mountains, and
came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.
25They also took *some* of the fruit of the land in
their hands and brought *it* down to us; and they
brought back word to us, saying, '*It is* a good land
which the LORD our God is giving us.'

26"'Nevertheless you would not go up, but re-
belled against the command of the LORD your
God; 27and you complained in your tents, and
said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought
us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the
hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28Where can
we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our
hearts, saying, "The people *are* greater and taller
than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to

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**1:1** [a]Hebrew *arabah* [b]One manuscript of the Septuagint, also Targum and Vulgate, read *Red Sea.* **1:4** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *and* (compare Joshua 12:4). **1:7** [a]Hebrew *arabah*

heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”’

29“Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. 30The Lord your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ 32Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God, 33who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

### *The Penalty for Israel’s Rebellion*

34“And the Lord heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying, 35‘Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, 36except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the Lord.’ 37The Lord was also angry with me for your sakes, saying, ‘Even you shall not go in there. 38Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39‘Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. 40But *as for* you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.’

41“Then you answered and said to me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord; we will go up and fight, just as the Lord our God commanded us.’ And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain.

42“And the Lord said to me, ‘Tell them, “Do not go up nor fight, for I *am* not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies.”’ 43So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the Lord, and presumptuously went up into the mountain. 44And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back from Seir to Hormah. 45Then you returned and wept before the Lord, but the Lord would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.

46“So you remained in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you spent *there.*

### *The Desert Years*

2 “Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness of the Way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me, and we skirted Mount Seir for many days.

2“And the Lord spoke to me, saying: 3“You have skirted this mountain long enough; turn northward. 4And command the people, saying, “You *are about to* pass through the territory of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully. 5Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you *any* of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau *as* a possession. 6You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.

7“For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God *has been* with you; you have lacked nothing.”’

8“And when we passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from the road of the plain, away from Elath and Ezion Geber, we turned and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab. 9Then the Lord said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you *any* of their land *as* a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot *as* a possession.’”

10(The Emim had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. 11They were also regarded as giants,[a] like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim. 12The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the Lord gave them.)

13“‘Now rise and cross over the Valley of the Zered.’ So we crossed over the Valley of the Zered. 14And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered *was* thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the

**2:11** [a]Hebrew *rephaim*

midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them. 15For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.

16"So it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people, 17that the LORD spoke to me, saying: 18'This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab. 19And *when* you come near the people of Ammon, do not harass them or meddle with them, for I will not give you *any* of the land of the people of Ammon *as* a possession, because I have given it to the descendants of Lot *as* a possession.'"

20(That was also regarded as a land of giants;[a] giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the LORD destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, 22just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day. 23And the Avim, who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza—the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and dwelt in their place.)

24"'Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess *it,* and engage him in battle. 25This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

### *King Sihon Defeated*

26"And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 27'Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left. 28You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on foot, 29just as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD our God is giving us.'

30"But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as *it is* this day.

31"And the LORD said to me, 'See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess *it,* that you may inherit his land.' 32Then Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Jahaz. 33And the LORD our God delivered him over to us; so we defeated him, his sons, and all his people. 34We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the men, women, and little ones of every city; we left none remaining. 35We took only the livestock as plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we took. 36From Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* in the ravine, as far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; the LORD our God delivered all to us. 37Only you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon—anywhere along the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the mountains, or wherever the LORD our God had forbidden us.

### *King Og Defeated*

3 "Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2And the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.'

3"So the LORD our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining. 4And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 5All these cities *were* fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns. 6And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city. 7But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.

8"And at that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on this side of the Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon 9(the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir), 10all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan, as far as Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11"For only Og king of Bashan remained of the

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**2:20** [a]Hebrew *rephaim*

remnant of the giants.[a] Indeed his bedstead *was* an iron bedstead. (*Is* it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits *is* its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

### *The Land East of the Jordan Divided*

12"And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the River Arnon, and half the mountains of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites. 13The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.[a] 14Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and called Bashan after his own name, Havoth Jair,[a] to this day.)

15"Also I gave Gilead to Machir. 16And to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the River Arnon, the middle of the river as *the* border, as far as the River Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon; 17the plain also, with the Jordan as *the* border, from Chinnereth as far as the east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

18"Then I commanded you at that time, saying: 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. 19But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you, 20until the LORD has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.'

21"And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass. 22You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.'

### *Moses Forbidden to Enter the Land*

23"Then I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying: 24'O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god *is there* in heaven or on earth who can do *anything* like Your works and Your mighty *deeds?* 25I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.'

26"But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold *it* with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan. 28But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'

29"So we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

### *Moses Commands Obedience*

4 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. 2You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. 3Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. 4But you who held fast to the LORD your God *are* alive today, every one of you.

5"Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according *to them* in the land which you go to possess. 6Therefore be careful to observe *them;* for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.'

7"For what great nation *is there* that has God *so* near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him? 8And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? 9Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, 10*especially concerning* the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear

**3:11** [a]Hebrew *rephaim* **3:13** [a]Hebrew *rephaim* **3:14** [a]Literally *Towns of Jair*

Me all the days they live on the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.'

11"Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; *you* only *heard* a voice. 13So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

### *Beware of Idolatry*

15"Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, 16lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, 17the likeness of any animal that *is* on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, 18the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that *is* in the water beneath the earth. 19And *take heed,* lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and *when* you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage. 20But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day. 21Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. 22But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land. 23Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. 24For the LORD your God *is* a consuming fire, a jealous God.

25"When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, 26I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong *your* days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. 28And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. 29But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30When

## REDEDICATION

### 1 Rededication Because of a Lack of Fulfillment in Life

► *See* **Deuteronomy 4:29**

Moses spoke this promise to the nation of Israel right after warning them that if they did not remain faithful then God would drive them from the "Promised Land" that they were about to enter. But, as Moses reveals here, God is merciful and forgiving when His wayward children return to Him. Many aspects of society can distract us from God. Whether by entertainment, careers, or the everyday cares of life, we can be sidetracked from the priorities of God. We neglect to seek His direction and will for our lives. Eventually, as we move farther from God's purposes, life can lose its meaning. Boredom and frustration may set in. We sense that there must be more to the Christian life than what we are currently experiencing.

Christians will experience joy when they are fulfilling God's intended purpose. Rededication may be a time to sharpen our focus on God's plan and purpose for life. Under the lordship of Christ, His desires become our desires and our hearts become more in tune with God's purposes.

A specific time and place of rededication can ignite our hearts with passion for Jesus. We once again delight in the Lord by spending time with Him in prayer and in the Word. We have a renewed sense of His purpose and plan for life.

If you feel your Christian life lacks fulfillment and you desire to renew your relationship with Christ, stop now and pray. Ask Jesus to fill your heart in a new way and to help you focus on His intended purposes for your life. Write down this date. Share your decision with a friend.

► *Now turn to page 1151 for Hebrews 9:14 and Point 2. Rededication Because of Unconfessed Sin.*

you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice [31](for the LORD your God *is* a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

[32]"For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and *ask* from one end of heaven to the other, whether *any* great *thing* like this has happened, or *anything* like it has been heard. [33]Did *any* people *ever* hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? [34]Or did God *ever* try to go *and* take for Himself a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? [35]To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself *is* God; *there is* none other besides Him. [36]Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. [37]And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power, [38]driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land *as* an inheritance, as *it is* this day. [39]Therefore know this day, and consider *it* in your heart, that the LORD Himself *is* God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; *there is* no other. [40]You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

### *Cities of Refuge East of the Jordan*

[41]Then Moses set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, [42]that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without having hated him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of these cities he might live: [43]Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

### *Introduction to God's Law*

[44]Now this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. [45]These *are* the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt, [46]on this side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel defeated after they came out of Egypt. [47]And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who *were* on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, [48]from Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, even to Mount Sion[a] (that is, Hermon), [49]and all the plain on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the slopes of Pisgah.

### *The Ten Commandments Reviewed*

5 And Moses called all Israel, and said to them:
"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.
[2]The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. [3]The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who *are* here today, all of us who *are* alive. [4]The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. [5]I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. *He* said:

6 'I *am* the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7 'You shall have no other gods before Me.

8 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; [9]you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, [10]but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**4:48** [a]Syriac reads *Sirion* (compare 3:9).

11 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your
God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him*
guiltless who takes His name in vain.
12 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as
the LORD your God commanded you. 13Six
days you shall labor and do all your work,
14but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the
LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work:
you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor
your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any
of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is*
within your gates, that your male servant
and your female servant may rest as well as
you. 15And remember that you were a slave
in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your
God brought you out from there by a
mighty hand and by an outstretched arm;
therefore the LORD your God commanded
you to keep the Sabbath day.
16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the
LORD your God has commanded you, that
your days may be long, and that it may be
well with you in the land which the LORD
your God is giving you.
17 'You shall not murder.
18 'You shall not commit adultery.
19 'You shall not steal.
20 'You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbor.
21 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and
you shall not desire your neighbor's house,
his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that *is*
your neighbor's.'

22"These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

### *The People Afraid of God's Presence*

23"So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. 24And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he *still* lives. 25Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die. 26For who *is there* of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we *have,* and lived? 27You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do *it.*'

28"Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right *in* all that they have spoken. 29Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! 30Go and say to them, "Return to your tents." 31But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the land which I am giving them to possess.'

32"Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* you may prolong *your* days in the land which you shall possess.

### *The Greatest Commandment*

6 "Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, 2that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it,* that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—'a land flowing with milk and honey.'[a]

4"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one![a] 5You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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**6:3** [a]Exodus 3:8 **6:4** [a]Or *The LORD is our God, the LORD alone* (that is, the only one)

6"And these words which I command you today
shall be in your heart. 7You shall teach them dili-
gently to your children, and shall talk of them
when you sit in your house, when you walk by the
way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
8You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and
they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9You
shall write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.

*Caution Against Disobedience*

10"So it shall be, when the LORD your God
brings you into the land of which He swore to
your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give
you large and beautiful cities which you did not
build, 11houses full of all good things, which you
did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig,
vineyards and olive trees which you did not
plant—when you have eaten and are full—
12*then* beware, lest you forget the LORD who
brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the
house of bondage. 13You shall fear the LORD your
God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His
name. 14You shall not go after other gods, the gods
of the peoples who *are* all around you 15(for the
LORD your God *is* a jealous God among you), lest
the anger of the LORD your God be aroused
against you and destroy you from the face of the
earth.

16"You shall not tempt the LORD your God as
you tempted *Him* in Massah. 17You shall diligently
keep the commandments of the LORD your God,
His testimonies, and His statutes which He has
commanded you. 18And you shall do *what is* right
and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be
well with you, and that you may go in and possess
the good land of which the LORD swore to your fa-
thers, 19to cast out all your enemies from before
you, as the LORD has spoken.

20"When your son asks you in time to come,
saying, 'What *is the meaning of* the testimonies,
the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD
our God has commanded you?' 21then you shall
say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in
Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt
with a mighty hand; 22and the LORD showed
signs and wonders before our eyes, great and se-
vere, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his house-
hold. 23Then He brought us out from there, that
He might bring us in, to give us the land of
which He swore to our fathers. 24And the LORD
commanded us to observe all these statutes, to
fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that
He might preserve us alive, as *it is* this day.
25Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are
careful to observe all these commandments
before the LORD our God, as He has com-
manded us.'

**WITNESSING TO CHILDREN**

**2 PARENTS BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN FOR CHRIST**

► *See* **DEUTERONOMY 6:6, 7**

The Bible often speaks about training children both through teaching and example. Though attending Sunday school and weekly worship services is important for children, a parent's example of Jesus' love and God's principles in everyday life is more important. Parents can only provide this example when they have their own deep and personal relationship with God. If both parents are in close relationship with God, then their home is more likely to be peaceful, stable, and God-centered. Children raised in this kind of environment can see what God is truly like, and have an opportunity to develop their own personal relationship with Him.

The Book of Proverbs talks about raising children in God's way: "Train up a child in the way he should go, / And when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Proper training results in positive habits that can last a lifetime. If we want our children to learn about God, we need to provide an atmosphere that encourages their spiritual development. Parents have a great responsibility to teach their children the Word of God and how to please God.

A child is ready for commitment to Christ as soon as he or she understands the meaning of sin and that Jesus is our Savior from sin. Be ready to explain the gospel in simple terms that a child can understand. Use the Bible, making sure that the child understands the meaning of each verse about God's plan for salvation. The next section will help you teach a child about salvation and how to pray to trust Christ. Follow these Bible verses and steps.

► *Now turn to page 1 for Genesis 1:1 and Point 3. How to Lead Children to Faith in Christ.*

### *A Chosen People*

7 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, 2and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them *and* utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. 3Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. 4For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. 5But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images,[a] and burn their carved images with fire.

6"For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. 7The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9"Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; 10and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. 11Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.

### *Blessings of Obedience*

12"Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers. 13And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you. 14You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock. 15And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay *them* on all those who hate you. 16Also you shall destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that *will be* a snare to you.

17"If you should say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?'— 18you shall not be afraid of them, *but* you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: 19the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. 20Moreover the LORD your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed. 21You shall not be terrified of them; for the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, *is* among you. 22And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become *too* numerous for you. 23But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed. 24And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them. 25You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it *is* an abomination to the LORD your God. 26Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it *is* an accursed thing.

### *Remember the LORD Your God*

8 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in

**7:5** [a]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities

and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. 2And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. 4Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, *so* the LORD your God chastens you.

6"Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

11"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, 12lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them;* 13and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— 17then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

18"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. 19Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

**FAITH** **3 FAITH THROUGH TRIALS**

► *See* **DEUTERONOMY 8:2–16**

God allowed the Israelites to experience many trials and difficulties in the wilderness before entering Canaan, the Promised Land. He did this to do them good—to "humble" them and "test" them and to help them learn to rely on Him and trust Him. As Christians, we are God's chosen people now and heaven is our promised land. The trials of this life are the "wilderness" that God uses to teach us to have faith in Him and to trust His promises.

Sometimes your faith may be tested when you experience difficulties and trials (see *Discipline from God; Suffering*). God promises that if you depend on Him, your testing will not destroy you. In fact, it will only serve to make you stronger and increase your faith. You can see God work through the most difficult circumstances. God also promises that even though you experience trials now, you can rejoice because Christ will return for you and you will spend eternity in heaven with God. First Peter 1:5–9 says: "[We] are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls."

► *Now turn to page 808 for Daniel 3:16–18 and Point 4. Faith Demonstrated in the Invisible.*

*Israel's Rebellions Reviewed*

9 "Hear, O Israel: You *are* to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, 2a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and *of whom* you heard *it said,* 'Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?' 3Therefore understand today that the LORD your God *is* He who goes over before you *as* a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.

4"'Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is driving them out from before you. 5*It is* not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart *that* you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you *are* a stiff-necked people.

7"Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. 8Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry *enough* with you to have destroyed you. 9When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water. 10Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them *were* all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. 11And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12"Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; they have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molded image.'

13"Furthermore the LORD spoke to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed they are a stiff-necked people. 14Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

15"So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands. 16And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God—had made for yourselves a molded calf! You had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you. 17Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes. 18And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. 19For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was angry with you, to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me at that time also. 20And the LORD was very angry with Aaron *and* would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21Then I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it *and* ground *it* very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that descended from the mountain.

22"Also at Taberah and Massah and Kibroth Hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath. 23Likewise, when the LORD sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and you did not believe Him nor obey His voice. 24You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25"Thus I prostrated myself before the LORD; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the LORD had said He would destroy you. 26Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said: 'O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on

their wickedness or their sin, [28]lest the land from which You brought us should say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness." [29]Yet they *are* Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.'

### *The Second Pair of Tablets*

10 "At that time the LORD said to me, 'Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. [2]And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.'

[3]"So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. [4]And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the LORD had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me. [5]Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, just as the LORD commanded me."

[6](Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah, where Aaron died, and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his stead. [7]From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of rivers of water. [8]At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day. [9]Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised him.)

[10]"As at the first time, I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; the LORD also heard me at that time, *and* the LORD chose not to destroy you. [11]Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, begin *your* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.'

### *The Essence of the Law*

[12]"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, [13]*and* to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? [14]Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, *also* the earth with all that *is* in it. [15]The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it is* this day. [16]Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. [17]For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. [18]He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. [19]Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. [20]You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. [21]He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. [22]Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

### *Love and Obedience Rewarded*

11 "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always. [2]Know today that *I do* not *speak* with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the LORD your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm— [3]His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land; [4]what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: how He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and *how* the LORD has destroyed them to this day; [5]what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place; [6]and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel— [7]but your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD which He did.

[8]"Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which

you cross over to possess, [9]and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'[a] [10]For the land which you go to possess *is* not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* by foot, as a vegetable garden; [11]but the land which you cross over to possess *is* a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, [12]a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God *are* always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

[13]"And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, [14]then I[a] will give *you* the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. [15]And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.' [16]Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, [17]lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

[18]"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [19]You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. [20]And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, [21]that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

[22]"For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him— [23]then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves. [24]Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea,[a] shall be your territory. [25]No man shall be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.

[26]"Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: [27]the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; [28]and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. [29]Now it shall be, when the LORD your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. [30]*Are* they not on the other side of the Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth trees of Moreh? [31]For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it. [32]And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes and judgments which I set before you today.

### *A Prescribed Place of Worship*

12 "These *are* the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. [2]You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. [3]And you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. [4]You shall not worship the LORD your God *with* such *things.*

[5]"But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. [6]There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. [7]And there you shall eat before the LORD

**11:9** [a]Exodus 3:8 **11:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *He*.
**11:24** [a]That is, the Mediterranean

your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

8"You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes— 9for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you. 10But *when* you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety, 11then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD. 12And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who *is* within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 13Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; 14but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15"However, you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike. 16Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water. 17You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or your new wine or your oil, of the firstborn of your herd or your flock, of any of your offerings which you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of the heave offering of your hand. 18But you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God chooses, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who *is* within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all to which you put your hands. 19Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

20"When the LORD your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires. 21If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the LORD has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your gates as much as your heart desires. 22Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them; the unclean and the clean alike may eat them. 23Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood *is* the life; you may not eat the life with the meat. 24You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth like water. 25You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do *what is* right in the sight of the LORD. 26Only the holy things which you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses. 27And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the meat. 28Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do *what is* good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

### *Beware of False Gods*

29"When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, 30take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' 31You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

### *Punishment of Apostates*

13 "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—'and let us serve them,' 3you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is

testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. 5But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

6"If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers, 7of the gods of the people which *are* all around you, near to you or far off from you, from *one* end of the earth to the *other* end of the earth, 8you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; 9but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. 10And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 11So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

12"If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell in, saying, 13'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods"'—which you have not known— 14then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And *if it is* indeed true *and* certain *that* such an abomination was committed among you, 15you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock—with the edge of the sword. 16And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the LORD your God. It shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again. 17So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers, 18because you have listened to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do *what is* right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

### *Improper Mourning*

14 "You *are* the children of the LORD your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. 2For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth.

### *Clean and Unclean Meat*

3"You shall not eat any detestable thing. 4These *are* the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, 5the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the mountain goat,[a] the antelope, and the mountain sheep. 6And you may eat every animal with cloven hooves, having the hoof split into two parts, *and that* chews the cud, among the animals. 7Nevertheless, of those that chew the cud or have cloven hooves, you shall not eat, *such as* these: the camel, the hare, and the rock hyrax; for they chew the cud but do not have cloven hooves; they *are* unclean for you. 8Also the swine is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet *does* not *chew* the cud; you shall not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

9"These you may eat of all that *are* in the waters: you may eat all that have fins and scales. 10And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it *is* unclean for you.

11"All clean birds you may eat. 12But these you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, 13the red kite, the falcon, and the kite after their kinds; 14every raven after its kind; 15the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after their kinds; 16the little owl, the screech owl, the white owl, 17the jackdaw, the carrion vulture, the fisher owl, 18the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat.

19"Also every creeping thing that flies is unclean for you; they shall not be eaten.

20"You may eat all clean birds.

21"You shall not eat anything that dies *of itself;* you may give it to the alien who *is* within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God.

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**14:5** [a]Or *addax*

"You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

*Tithing Principles*

22"You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. 23And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. 24But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry *the tithe, or* if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, 25then you shall exchange *it* for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. 26And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27You shall not forsake the Levite who *is* within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

28"At the end of *every* third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store *it* up within your gates. 29And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who *are* within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

*Debts Canceled Every Seven Years*

15 "At the end of *every* seven years you shall grant a release *of debts.* 2And this *is* the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent *anything* to his neighbor shall release *it;* he shall not require *it* of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the LORD's release. 3Of a foreigner you may require *it;* but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother, 4except when there may be no poor among you; for the LORD will greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess *as* an inheritance— 5only if you carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today. 6For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

*Generosity to the Poor*

7"If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, 8but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs. 9Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the LORD against you, and it become sin among you. 10You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand. 11For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'

*The Law Concerning Bondservants*

12"If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13And when you send him away free from you, you shall not let him go away empty-handed; 14you shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. *From what* the LORD your God has blessed you with, you shall give to him. 15You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today. 16And if it happens that he says to you, 'I will not go away from you,' because he loves you and your house, since he prospers with you, 17then you shall take an awl and thrust *it* through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise. 18It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.

*The Law Concerning Firstborn Animals*

19"All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall sanctify to the LORD

your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20You and your household shall eat *it* before the LORD your God year by year in the place which the LORD chooses. 21But if there is a defect in it, *if it is* lame or blind *or has* any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God. 22You may eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean *person* alike *may eat it,* as *if it were* a gazelle or a deer. 23Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

### *The Passover Reviewed*

16 "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night. 2Therefore you shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God, from the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD chooses to put His name. 3You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, *that is,* the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall *any* of the meat which you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until morning.

5"You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you; 6but at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt. 7And you shall roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD your God chooses, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. 8Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there *shall be* a sacred assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no work *on it.*

### *The Feast of Weeks Reviewed*

9"You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from *the time* you begin *to put* the sickle to the grain. 10Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you. 11You shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who *is* within your gates, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who *are* among you, at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. 12And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

### *The Feast of Tabernacles Reviewed*

13"You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. 14And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who *are* within your gates. 15Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.

16"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. 17Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

### *Justice Must Be Administered*

18"You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. 19You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. 20You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

21"You shall not plant for yourself any tree, as a wooden image, near the altar which you build for yourself to the LORD your God. 22You shall not set up a *sacred* pillar, which the LORD your God hates.

17 "You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish *or* defect, for that *is* an abomination to the LORD your God.

2"If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the

sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His
covenant, 3who has gone and served other gods
and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or
any of the host of heaven, which I have not com-
manded, 4and it is told you, and you hear *of it,*
then you shall inquire diligently. And if *it is* in-
deed true *and* certain that such an abomination
has been committed in Israel, 5then you shall
bring out to your gates that man or woman who
has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone
to death that man or woman with stones. 6Who-
ever is deserving of death shall be put to death on
the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall
not be put to death on the testimony of one wit-
ness. 7The hands of the witnesses shall be the first
against him to put him to death, and afterward
the hands of all the people. So you shall put away
the evil from among you.

8"If a matter arises which is too hard for you to
judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, be-
tween one judgment or another, or between one
punishment or another, matters of controversy
within your gates, then you shall arise and go up
to the place which the LORD your God chooses.
9And you shall come to the priests, the Levites,
and to the judge *there* in those days, and inquire
*of them;* they shall pronounce upon you the sen-
tence of judgment. 10You shall do according to the
sentence which they pronounce upon you in that
place which the LORD chooses. And you shall be
careful to do according to all that they order you.
11According to the sentence of the law in which
they instruct you, according to the judgment
which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not
turn aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left from the
sentence which they pronounce upon you. 12Now
the man who acts presumptuously and will not
heed the priest who stands to minister there be-
fore the LORD your God, or the judge, that man
shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Is-
rael. 13And all the people shall hear and fear, and
no longer act presumptuously.

### *Principles Governing Kings*

14"When you come to the land which the LORD
your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell
in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the
nations that *are* around me,' 15you shall surely set
a king over you whom the LORD your God
chooses; *one* from among your brethren you
shall set as king over you; you may not set a for-
eigner over you, who *is* not your brother. 16But he
shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause
the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses,
for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not re-
turn that way again.' 17Neither shall he multiply
wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor
shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for him-
self.

18"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of
his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a
copy of this law in a book, from *the one* before
the priests, the Levites. 19And it shall be with
him, and he shall read it all the days of his life,
that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and
be careful to observe all the words of this law
and these statutes, 20that his heart may not be
lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn
aside from the commandment *to* the right hand
or *to* the left, and that he may prolong *his* days in
his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of
Israel.

### *The Portion of the Priests and Levites*

18 "The priests, the Levites—all the tribe
of Levi—shall have no part nor inheri-
tance with Israel; they shall eat the of-
ferings of the LORD made by fire, and His portion.
2Therefore they shall have no inheritance among
their brethren; the LORD is their inheritance, as He
said to them.

3"And this shall be the priest's due from the
people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether
*it is* bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the
shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach. 4The first-
fruits of your grain and your new wine and your
oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you
shall give him. 5For the LORD your God has cho-
sen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister
in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for-
ever.

6"So if a Levite comes from any of your gates,
from where he dwells among all Israel, and comes
with all the desire of his mind to the place which
the LORD chooses, 7then he may serve in the name
of the LORD his God as all his brethren the Levites
*do,* who stand there before the LORD. 8They shall
have equal portions to eat, besides what comes
from the sale of his inheritance.

### *Avoid Wicked Customs*

9"When you come into the land which the
LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn
to follow the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *anyone*
who makes his son or his daughter pass through
the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a
soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sor-
cerer, 11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium,
or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For
all who do these things *are* an abomination to the
LORD, and because of these abominations the
LORD your God drives them out from before you.
13 You shall be blameless before the LORD your
God. 14 For these nations which you will dispos-
sess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as
for you, the LORD your God has not appointed
such for you.

### *A New Prophet Like Moses*

15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a
Prophet like me from your midst, from your
brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all
you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the
day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear
again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see
this great fire anymore, lest I die.'

17 "And the LORD said to me: 'What they have
spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a
Prophet like you from among their brethren, and
will put My words in His mouth, and He shall
speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it
shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words,
which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of
him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a
word in My name, which I have not commanded
him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other
gods, that prophet shall die.' 21 And if you say in
your heart, 'How shall we know the word which
the LORD has not spoken?'— 22 when a prophet
speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does
not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing
which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has
spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid
of him.

### *Three Cities of Refuge*

19 "When the LORD your God has cut off
the nations whose land the LORD your
God is giving you, and you dispossess
them and dwell in their cities and in their houses,
2 you shall separate three cities for yourself in the
midst of your land which the LORD your God is
giving you to possess. 3 You shall prepare roads for
yourself, and divide into three parts the territory
of your land which the LORD your God is giving
you to inherit, that any manslayer may flee there.

4 "And this *is* the case of the manslayer who
flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his
neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him
in time past— 5 as when *a man* goes to the woods
with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand
swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree,
and the head slips from the handle and strikes his
neighbor so that he dies—he shall flee to one of
these cities and live; 6 lest the avenger of blood,
while his anger is hot, pursue the manslayer and
overtake him, because the way is long, and kill
him, though he *was* not deserving of death, since
he had not hated the victim in time past. 7 There-
fore I command you, saying, 'You shall separate
three cities for yourself.'

8 "Now if the LORD your God enlarges your ter-
ritory, as He swore to your fathers, and gives you
the land which He promised to give to your fa-
thers, 9 and if you keep all these commandments
and do them, which I command you today, to love
the LORD your God and to walk always in His
ways, then you shall add three more cities for
yourself besides these three, 10 lest innocent blood
be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD
your God is giving you *as* an inheritance, and *thus*
guilt of bloodshed be upon you.

11 "But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait
for him, rises against him and strikes him mor-
tally, so that he dies, and he flees to one of these
cities, 12 then the elders of his city shall send and

**THE OCCULT** **1 CONDEMNED BY GOD**

► *See* **DEUTERONOMY 18:10–12**

The occult is clearly condemned by God. A search of God's Word will provide many similar references, but this one in Deuteronomy covers many aspects of the occult.

Our culture may at times be enamored with the occult and at other times make light of it. The Bible, however, assures us that there are indeed evil powers: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

► *Now turn to page 362 for 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14 and Point 2. Punished by God.*

bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. 13Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.

### *Property Boundaries*

14"You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

### *The Law Concerning Witnesses*

15"One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established. 16If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, *if* the witness *is* a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, 19then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. 20And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. 21Your eye shall not pity: life *shall be* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

### *Principles Governing Warfare*

**20** "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God *is* with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. 2So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. 3And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; 4for the LORD your God *is* He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

5"Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying: 'What man *is there* who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. 6Also what man *is there* who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. 7And what man *is there* who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.'

8"The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man *is there who is* fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint[a] like his heart.' 9And so it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

10"When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. 11And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people *who are* found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you. 12Now if *the city* will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it. 13And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword. 14But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you. 15Thus you shall do to all the cities *which are* very far from you, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.

16"But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you *as* an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, 17but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you, 18lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.

19"When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field *is* man's *food.* 20Only the trees which you know *are* not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

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**20:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *lest he make his brother's heart faint.*

*The Law Concerning Unsolved Murder*

21 "If *anyone* is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess, *and* it is not known who killed him, 2then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure *the distance* from the slain man to the surrounding cities. 3And it shall be *that* the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer which has not been worked *and* which has not pulled with a yoke. 4The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be *settled.* 6And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain *man* shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley. 7Then they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen *it.* 8Provide atonement, O LORD, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood. 9So you shall put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you when you do *what is* right in the sight of the LORD.

*Female Captives*

10"When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive, 11and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your wife, 12then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails. 13She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. 14And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall set her free, but you certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally, because you have humbled her.

*Firstborn Inheritance Rights*

15"If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, *both* the loved and the unloved, and *if* the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, 16then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, *that* he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the *true* firstborn. 17But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife *as* the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

*The Rebellious Son*

18"If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and *who,* when they have chastened him, will not heed them, 19then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

*Miscellaneous Laws*

22"If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance; for he who is hanged *is* accursed of God.

22 "You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray, and hide yourself from them; you shall certainly bring them back to your brother. 2And if your brother *is* not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it to your own house, and it shall remain with you until your brother seeks it; then you shall restore it to him. 3You shall do the same with his donkey, and so shall you do with his garment; with any lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost and you have found, you shall do likewise; you must not hide yourself.

4"You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him lift *them* up again.

5"A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.

6"If a bird's nest happens to be before you along

the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young; 7you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, that it may be well with you and *that* you may prolong *your* days.

8"When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it.

9"You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled.

10"You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11"You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, *such as* wool and linen mixed together.

12"You shall make tassels on the four corners of the clothing with which you cover *yourself.*

### *Laws of Sexual Morality*

13"If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, 14and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, 'I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she *was* not a virgin,' 15then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out *the evidence of* the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate. 16And the young woman's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her. 17Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, "I found your daughter *was* not a virgin," and yet these *are the evidences of* my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him; 19and they shall fine him one hundred *shekels* of silver and give *them* to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.

20"But if the thing is true, *and evidences of* virginity are not found for the young woman, 21then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house. So you shall put away the evil from among you.

22"If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.

23"If a young woman *who is* a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, 24then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor's wife; so you shall put away the evil from among you.

25"But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. 26But you shall do nothing to the young woman; *there is* in the young woman no sin *deserving* of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so *is* this matter. 27For he found her in the countryside, *and* the betrothed young woman cried out, but *there was* no one to save her.

28"If a man finds a young woman *who is* a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, 29then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days.

30"A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's bed.

### *Those Excluded from the Congregation*

**23** "He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter the assembly of the LORD.

2"One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his *descendants* shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

3"An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his *descendants* shall enter the assembly of the LORD forever, 4because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia,[a] to curse you. 5Nevertheless the

**23:4** [a]Hebrew *Aram Naharaim*

LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you. 6You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.

7"You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he *is* your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land. 8The children of the third generation born to them may enter the assembly of the LORD.

### *Cleanliness of the Campsite*

9"When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing. 10If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence in the night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come inside the camp. 11But it shall be, when evening comes, that he shall wash with water; and when the sun sets, he may come into the camp.

12"Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; 13and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse. 14For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.

### *Miscellaneous Laws*

15"You shall not give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you. 16He may dwell with you in your midst, in the place which he chooses within one of your gates, where it seems best to him; you shall not oppress him.

17"There shall be no *ritual* harlot[a] of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted[b] one of the sons of Israel. 18You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.

19"You shall not charge interest to your brother—interest on money *or* food *or* anything that is lent out at interest. 20To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, that the LORD your God may bless you in all to which you set your hand in the land which you are entering to possess.

21"When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you. 22But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you. 23That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth.

24"When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put *any* in your container. 25When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.

### *Law Concerning Divorce*

24 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, 2when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's *wife,* 3*if* the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, 4*then* her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that *is* an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance.

### *Miscellaneous Laws*

5"When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

6"No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge, for he takes *one's* living in pledge.

7"If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you.

8"Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy, that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, *so* you shall be careful to do. 9Re-

**23:17** [a]Hebrew *qedeshah,* feminine of *qadesh* (see note *b*)
[b]Hebrew *qadesh,* that is, one practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals

member what the LORD your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt!

10"When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. 11You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. 12And if the man *is* poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. 13You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God.

14"You shall not oppress a hired servant *who is* poor and needy, *whether* one of your brethren or one of the aliens who *is* in your land within your gates. 15Each day you shall give *him* his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he *is* poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the LORD, and it be sin to you.

16"Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

17"You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge. 18But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

19"When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 21When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 22And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

25 "If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that *the judges* may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked, 2then it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. 3Forty blows he may give him *and* no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

4"You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out *the grain.*

### *Marriage Duty of the Surviving Brother*

5"If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be *married* to a stranger outside *the family;* her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6And it shall be *that* the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. 7But if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.' 8Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But *if* he stands firm and says, 'I do not want to take her,' 9then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and answer and say, 'So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.' 10And his name shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed.'

### *Miscellaneous Laws*

11"If *two* men fight together, and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one attacking him, and puts out her hand and seizes him by the genitals, 12then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not pity *her.*

13"You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light. 14You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. 15You shall have a perfect and just weight, a

**HONESTY** **4 HONESTY IN TRANSACTIONS**

► *See* **DEUTERONOMY 25:13–16**

God instructed the nation of Israel to be honest in its daily business transactions. God hates cheating, and this message was clear throughout the Bible. He expects you to be honest in your transactions and business

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perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. 16For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.

### *Destroy the Amalekites*

17"Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you *were* tired and weary; and he did not fear God. 19Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess *as* an inheritance, *that* you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.

### *Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes*

**26** "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put *it* in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. 3And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your[a] God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.'

4"Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. 5And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: 'My father *was* a Syrian,[a] about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey";[a] 10and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.'

"Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. 11So you shall rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who *is* among you.

12"When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year—the year of tithing—and have given *it* to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled, 13then you shall say before the LORD your God: 'I have removed the holy *tithe* from *my* house, and also have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten *them.* 14I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed *any* of it for an unclean *use,* nor given *any* of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. 15Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey."'[a]

### *A Special People of God*

16"This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. 17Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. 18Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that *you* should keep all His commandments, 19and that

**26:3** [a]Septuagint reads *my.* **26:5** [a]Or *Aramean* **26:9** [a]Exodus 3:8 **26:15** [a]Exodus 3:8

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dealings. If greed and covetousness often control you internally, this can lead to dishonesty. The material world sometimes offers an outward test of your inner attitudes.

► *Now turn to page 578 for Proverbs 8:6–8 and Point 5. Honesty in Speech.*

He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken."

### *The Law Inscribed on Stones*

27 Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: "Keep all the commandments which I command you today. 2And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime. 3You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the LORD your God is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,'[a] just as the LORD God of your fathers promised you. 4Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, *that* on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime. 5And there you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron *tool* on them. 6You shall build with whole stones the altar of the LORD your God, and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God. 7You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God. 8And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law."

9Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, "'Take heed and listen, O Israel: This day you have become the people of the LORD your God. 10Therefore you shall obey the voice of the LORD your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

### *Curses Pronounced from Mount Ebal*

11And Moses commanded the people on the same day, saying, 12"'These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin; 13and these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14"'And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel: 15'Cursed *is* the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets *it* up in secret.'

"And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'

16'Cursed *is* the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

17'Cursed *is* the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

18'Cursed *is* the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

19'Cursed *is* the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

20'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

21'Cursed *is* the one who lies with any kind of animal.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

22'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

23'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his mother-in-law.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

24'Cursed *is* the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

25'Cursed *is* the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

26'Cursed *is* the one who does not confirm *all* the words of this law by observing them.'

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

### *Blessings on Obedience*

28 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

3"'Blessed *shall* you *be* in the city, and blessed *shall* you *be* in the country.

4"'Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

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**27:3** [a]Exodus 3:8

5"Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

6"Blessed *shall* you *be* when you come in, and blessed *shall* you *be* when you go out.

7"The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8"The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

9"The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. 10Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. 11And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. 12The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 13And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them.* 14So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, *to* the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

### *Curses on Disobedience*

15"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16"Cursed *shall* you *be* in the city, and cursed *shall* you *be* in the country.

17"Cursed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

18"Cursed *shall be* the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

19"Cursed *shall* you *be* when you come in, and cursed *shall* you *be* when you go out.

20"The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. 21The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. 22The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. 23And your heavens which *are* over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you *shall be* iron. 24The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25"The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth. 26Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten *them* away. 27The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. 28The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart. 29And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save *you.*

30"You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes. 31Your ox *shall be* slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey *shall be* violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep *shall be* given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue *them.* 32Your sons and your daughters *shall be* given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail *with longing* for them all day long; and *there shall be* no strength in your hand. 33A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. 34So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see. 35The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

36"The LORD will bring you and the king whom
you set over you to a nation which neither you nor
your fathers have known, and there you shall
serve other gods—wood and stone. 37And you
shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a
byword among all nations where the LORD will
drive you.

38"You shall carry much seed out to the field but
gather little in, for the locust shall consume it.
39You shall plant vineyards and tend *them,* but
you shall neither drink *of* the wine nor gather the
*grapes;* for the worms shall eat them. 40You shall
have olive trees throughout all your territory, but
you shall not anoint *yourself* with the oil; for your
olives shall drop off. 41You shall beget sons and
daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they
shall go into captivity. 42Locusts shall consume all
your trees and the produce of your land.

43"The alien who *is* among you shall rise higher
and higher above you, and you shall come down
lower and lower. 44He shall lend to you, but you
shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and
you shall be the tail.

45"Moreover all these curses shall come upon
you and pursue and overtake you, until you are
destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of
the LORD your God, to keep His commandments
and His statutes which He commanded you.
46And they shall be upon you for a sign and a
wonder, and on your descendants forever.

47"Because you did not serve the LORD your
God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abun-
dance of everything, 48therefore you shall serve
your enemies, whom the LORD will send against
you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in
need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron
on your neck until He has destroyed you. 49The
LORD will bring a nation against you from afar,
from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle
flies, a nation whose language you will not under-
stand, 50a nation of fierce countenance, which
does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the
young. 51And they shall eat the increase of your
livestock and the produce of your land, until you
are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or
new wine or oil, *or* the increase of your cattle or
the offspring of your flocks, until they have de-
stroyed you.

52"They shall besiege you at all your gates until
your high and fortified walls, in which you trust,
come down throughout all your land; and they
shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all
your land which the LORD your God has given you.
53You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh
of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD
your God has given you, in the siege and desper-
ate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.
54The sensitive and very refined man among you
will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife
of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children
whom he leaves behind, 55so that he will not give
any of them the flesh of his children whom he will
eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and
desperate straits in which your enemy shall dis-
tress you at all your gates. 56The tender and deli-
cate woman among you, who would not venture
to set the sole of her foot on the ground because
of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse[a] to
the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her
daughter, 57her placenta which comes out from
between her feet and her children whom she
bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of
everything in the siege and desperate straits in
which your enemy shall distress you at all your
gates.

58"If you do not carefully observe all the words
of this law that are written in this book, that you
may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE
LORD YOUR GOD, 59then the LORD will bring
upon you and your descendants extraordinary
plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and se-
rious and prolonged sicknesses. 60Moreover He
will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of
which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
61Also every sickness and every plague, which *is*
not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD
bring upon you until you are destroyed. 62You
shall be left few in number, whereas you were as
the stars of heaven in multitude, because you
would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.
63And it shall be, *that* just as the LORD rejoiced
over you to do you good and multiply you, so the
LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and
bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked
from off the land which you go to possess.

64"Then the LORD will scatter you among all
peoples, from one end of the earth to the other,
and there you shall serve other gods, which nei-
ther you nor your fathers have known—wood
and stone. 65And among those nations you shall
find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a
resting place; but there the LORD will give you a

**28:56** [a]Literally *her eye shall be evil toward*

trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.
66Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you
shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of
life. 67In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it
were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh,
that it were morning!' because of the fear which
terrifies your heart, and because of the sight
which your eyes see.

68"And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in
ships, by the way of which I said to you, 'You shall
never see it again.' And there you shall be offered
for sale to your enemies as male and female
slaves, but no one will buy *you.*"

### *The Covenant Renewed in Moab*

29 These *are* the words of the covenant
which the LORD commanded Moses to
make with the children of Israel in the
land of Moab, besides the covenant which He
made with them in Horeb.

2Now Moses called all Israel and said to them:
"You have seen all that the LORD did before your
eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all
his servants and to all his land— 3the great tri-
als which your eyes have seen, the signs, and
those great wonders. 4Yet the LORD has not given
you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears
to hear, to this *very* day. 5And I have led you forty
years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not
worn out on you, and your sandals have not
worn out on your feet. 6You have not eaten bread,
nor have you drunk wine or *similar* drink, that
you may know that I *am* the LORD your God.
7And when you came to this place, Sihon king of
Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out
against us to battle, and we conquered them. 8We
took their land and gave it as an inheritance to
the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to half the
tribe of Manasseh. 9Therefore keep the words of
this covenant, and do them, that you may pros-
per in all that you do.

10"All of you stand today before the LORD your
God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders
and your officers, all the men of Israel, 11your lit-
tle ones and your wives—also the stranger who *is*
in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood
to the one who draws your water— 12that you
may enter into covenant with the LORD your God,
and into His oath, which the LORD your God
makes with you today, 13that He may establish you
today as a people for Himself, and *that* He may be
God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just
as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob.

14"I make this covenant and this oath, not with
you alone, 15but with *him* who stands here with us
today before the LORD our God, as well as with
*him* who *is* not here with us today 16(for you know
that we dwelt in the land of Egypt and that we
came through the nations which you passed by,
17and you saw their abominations and their idols
which *were* among them—wood and stone and
silver and gold); 18so that there may not be among
you man or woman or family or tribe, whose
heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to
go *and* serve the gods of these nations, and that
there may not be among you a root bearing bitter-
ness or wormwood; 19and so it may not happen,
when he hears the words of this curse, that he
blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have
peace, even though I follow the dictates[a] of my
heart'—as though the drunkard could be in-
cluded with the sober.

20"The LORD would not spare him; for then the
anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn
against that man, and every curse that is written
in this book would settle on him, and the LORD
would blot out his name from under heaven.
21And the LORD would separate him from all the
tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the
curses of the covenant that are written in this
Book of the Law, 22so that the coming generation
of your children who rise up after you, and the
foreigner who comes from a far land, would say,
when they see the plagues of that land and the
sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it:

23'The whole land *is* brimstone, salt, and burn-
ing; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any
grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom
and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the
LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.' 24All
nations would say, 'Why has the LORD done so to
this land? What does the heat of this great anger
mean?' 25Then *people* would say: 'Because they
have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of
their fathers, which He made with them when He
brought them out of the land of Egypt; 26for they
went and served other gods and worshiped them,
gods that they did not know and that He had not
given to them. 27Then the anger of the LORD was
aroused against this land, to bring on it every
curse that is written in this book. 28And the LORD

**29:19** [a]Or *stubbornness*

uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.'

29"The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are* revealed *belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

### *The Blessing of Returning to God*

30 "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, 2and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. 5Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. 6And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

7"Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today. 9The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, *and* if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

### *The Choice of Life or Death*

11"For this commandment which I command you today *is* not *too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off. 12It *is* not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 14But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

15"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. 17But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. 19I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

### *Joshua the New Leader of Israel*

31 Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. 2And he said to them: "I *am* one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.' 3The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said. 4And the LORD will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them. 5The LORD will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you. 6Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

7Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the

land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. 8And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

*The Law to Be Read Every Seven Years*

9So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. 10And Moses commanded them, saying: "At the end of *every* seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles, 11when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. 12Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who *is* within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, 13and *that* their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

*Prediction of Israel's Rebellion*

14Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the days approach when you must die; call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting, that I may inaugurate him."

So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of meeting. 15Now the LORD appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle.

16And the LORD said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go *to be* among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. 17Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God *is* not among us?' 18And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

19"Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. 20When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant. 21Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today,

**FEAR** **2 FEAR IS AN INDICATOR OF DISTRUST**

► *See* **DEUTERONOMY 31:8**

The Israelites were about to enter the land God had promised them. This land was full of enemy armies, and Moses was reminding the people to trust God to defeat all their enemies. If you are afraid, it is an indication that you are not trusting God to defeat your "enemies"—which can include obstacles of any kind. The Bible encourages you to trust God completely, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Fear can point out an area of your life in which you do not trust Him. When you have faith, or confidence in God's ability to care for you regardless of the circumstances, you will not be afraid. If you are truly seeking to do God's will, there is no need to fear (see *Trusting God; Will of God*). When you learn more about God by studying the Bible and realize that change can only be brought about by your submission to God, this can eliminate much of your fear. When Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they became aware of their powerlessness. When they were separated from God because of sin, they realized how much they needed His love, care, and guidance. Christians have been reconciled to God through Christ, and our relationship has been fully restored (see *Salvation*). Because of that, you can have faith in God's care for every aspect of your life. If you continue to live in fear, you should examine your heart for behaviors and attitudes that hinder your relationship with God (see *God's Forgiveness*).

► *Now turn to page 579 for Proverbs 9:10 and Point 3. What Does It Mean to "Fear God"?*

even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore *to give them.*"

22 Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel. 23 Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you."

24 So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying: 26 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; 27 for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. *If* today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death? 28 Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."

### *The Song of Moses*

30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:

32 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2 Let my teaching drop as the rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
As raindrops on the tender herb,
And as showers on the grass.
3 For I proclaim the name of the LORD:
Ascribe greatness to our God.
4 *He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect;
For all His ways *are* justice,
A God of truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright *is* He.

5 "They have corrupted themselves;
*They are* not His children,
Because of their blemish:
A perverse and crooked generation.
6 Do you thus deal with the LORD,
O foolish and unwise people?
*Is* He not your Father, *who* bought you?
Has He not made you and established you?

7 "Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations.
Ask your father, and he will show you;
Your elders, and they will tell you:
8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations,
When He separated the sons of Adam,
He set the boundaries of the peoples
According to the number of the children of Israel.
9 For the LORD's portion *is* His people;
Jacob *is* the place of His inheritance.

10 "He found him in a desert land
And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;
He encircled him, He instructed him,
He kept him as the apple of His eye.
11 As an eagle stirs up its nest,
Hovers over its young,
Spreading out its wings, taking them up,
Carrying them on its wings,
12 *So* the LORD alone led him,
And *there was* no foreign god with him.

13 "He made him ride in the heights of the earth,
That he might eat the produce of the fields;
He made him draw honey from the rock,
And oil from the flinty rock;
14 Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock,
With fat of lambs;
And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,
With the choicest wheat;
And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.

15 "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked;
You grew fat, you grew thick,
You are obese!
Then he forsook God *who* made him,
And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign *gods;*
With abominations they provoked Him to anger.
17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God,
*To gods* they did not know,
To new *gods,* new arrivals
That your fathers did not fear.

18 Of the Rock *who* begot you, you are
unmindful,
And have forgotten the God who fathered
you.

19 "And when the LORD saw *it,* He spurned *them,*
Because of the provocation of His sons and
His daughters.
20 And He said: 'I will hide My face from them,
I will see what their end *will be,*
For they *are* a perverse generation,
Children in whom *is* no faith.
21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by *what*
is not God;
They have moved Me to anger by their
foolish idols.
But I will provoke them to jealousy by *those*
*who are* not a nation;
I will move them to anger by a foolish
nation.
22 For a fire is kindled in My anger,
And shall burn to the lowest hell;
It shall consume the earth with her
increase,
And set on fire the foundations of the
mountains.

23 'I will heap disasters on them;
I will spend My arrows on them.
24 *They shall be* wasted with hunger,
Devoured by pestilence and bitter
destruction;
I will also send against them the teeth of
beasts,
With the poison of serpents of the dust.
25 The sword shall destroy outside;
*There shall be* terror within
For the young man and virgin,
The nursing child with the man of gray
hairs.
26 I would have said, "I will dash them in
pieces,
I will make the memory of them to cease
from among men,"
27 Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy,
Lest their adversaries should
misunderstand,
Lest they should say, "Our hand *is* high;
And it is not the LORD who has done all
this."'

28 "For they *are* a nation void of counsel,
Nor *is there any* understanding in them.
29 Oh, that they were wise, *that* they
understood this,
*That* they would consider their latter end!
30 How could one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Unless their Rock had sold them,
And the LORD had surrendered them?
31 For their rock *is* not like our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves *being*
judges.
32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom
And of the fields of Gomorrah;
Their grapes *are* grapes of gall,
Their clusters *are* bitter.
33 Their wine *is* the poison of serpents,
And the cruel venom of cobras.

34 'Is this not laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up among My treasures?
35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense;
Their foot shall slip in *due* time;
For the day of their calamity *is* at hand,
And the things to come hasten upon them.'

36 "For the LORD will judge His people
And have compassion on His servants,
When He sees that *their* power is gone,
And *there is* no one *remaining,* bond or
free.
37 He will say: 'Where *are* their gods,
The rock in which they sought refuge?
38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
*And* drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise and help you,
*And* be your refuge.

39 'Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He,
And *there is* no God besides Me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
Nor *is there any* who can deliver from My
hand.
40 For I raise My hand to heaven,
And say, "*As* I live forever,
41 If I whet My glittering sword,
And My hand takes hold on judgment,
I will render vengeance to My enemies,
And repay those who hate Me.
42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood,
And My sword shall devour flesh,
With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the heads of the leaders of the
enemy."'

43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, *with* His people;[a]
For He will avenge the blood of His servants,
And render vengeance to His adversaries;
He will provide atonement for His land *and*
His people."

44So Moses came with Joshua[a] the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. 45Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 46and he said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. 47For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

### *Moses to Die on Mount Nebo*

48Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: 49"Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; 50and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people; 51because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel. 52Yet you shall see the land before *you,* though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel."

### *Moses' Final Blessing on Israel*

33 Now this *is* the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2And he said:

"The LORD came from Sinai,
And dawned on them from Seir;
He shone forth from Mount Paran,
And He came with ten thousands of saints;
From His right hand
*Came* a fiery law for them.
3 Yes, He loves the people;
All His saints *are* in Your hand;
They sit down at Your feet;
*everyone* receives Your words.
4 Moses commanded a law for us,
A heritage of the congregation of Jacob.
5 And He was King in Jeshurun,
When the leaders of the people were
gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together.
6 "Let Reuben live, and not die,
*Nor* let his men be few."

7And this he said of Judah:

"Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah,
And bring him to his people;
Let his hands be sufficient for him,
And may You be a help against his
enemies."

8And of Levi he said:

"*Let* Your Thummim and Your Urim *be* with
Your holy one,
Whom You tested at Massah,
And with whom You contended at the waters
of Meribah,
9 Who says of his father and mother,
'I have not seen them';
Nor did he acknowledge his brothers,
Or know his own children;
For they have observed Your word
And kept Your covenant.
10 They shall teach Jacob Your judgments,
And Israel Your law.
They shall put incense before You,
And a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar.
11 Bless his substance, LORD,
And accept the work of his hands;
Strike the loins of those who rise against
him,
And of those who hate him, that they rise
not again."

12Of Benjamin he said:

"The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety
by Him,
*Who* shelters him all the day long;
And he shall dwell between His shoulders."

13And of Joseph he said:

"Blessed of the LORD *is* his land,
With the precious things of heaven, with the
dew,
And the deep lying beneath,

**32:43** [a]A Dead Sea Scroll fragment adds *And let all the gods (angels) worship Him* (compare Septuagint and Hebrews 1:6).
**32:44** [a]Hebrew *Hoshea* (compare Numbers 13:8, 16)

14 With the precious fruits of the sun,
With the precious produce of the months,
15 With the best things of the ancient
mountains,
With the precious things of the everlasting
hills,
16 With the precious things of the earth and its
fullness,
And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.
Let *the blessing* come 'on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him *who*
*was* separate from his brothers.'[a]
17 His glory *is like* a firstborn bull,
And his horns *like* the horns of the wild ox;
Together with them
He shall push the peoples
To the ends of the earth;
They *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim,
And they *are* the thousands of Manasseh."

18 And of Zebulun he said:

"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out,
And Issachar in your tents!
19 They shall call the peoples *to* the mountain;
There they shall offer sacrifices of
righteousness;
For they shall partake *of* the abundance of
the seas
And *of* treasures hidden in the sand."

20 And of Gad he said:

"Blessed *is* he who enlarges Gad;
He dwells as a lion,
And tears the arm and the crown of his
head.
21 He provided the first *part* for himself,
Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved
there.
He came *with* the heads of the people;
He administered the justice of the LORD,
And His judgments with Israel."

22 And of Dan he said:

"Dan *is* a lion's whelp;
He shall leap from Bashan."

23 And of Naphtali he said:

"O Naphtali, satisfied with favor,
And full of the blessing of the LORD,
Possess the west and the south."

24 And of Asher he said:

"Asher *is* most blessed of sons;
Let him be favored by his brothers,
And let him dip his foot in oil.
25 Your sandals *shall be* iron and bronze;
As your days, *so shall* your strength *be.*

26 "*There is* no one like the God of Jeshurun,
*Who* rides the heavens to help you,
And in His excellency on the clouds.
27 The eternal God *is your* refuge,
And underneath *are* the everlasting arms;
He will thrust out the enemy from before
you,
And will say, 'Destroy!'
28 Then Israel shall dwell in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of grain and new wine;
His heavens shall also drop dew.
29 Happy *are* you, O Israel!
Who *is* like you, a people saved by the
LORD,
The shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!
Your enemies shall submit to you,
And you shall tread down their high places."

### *Moses Dies on Mount Nebo*

34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,[a] 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the LORD said to him, "This *is* the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. 7 Moses *was* one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses ended.

**33:16** [a]Genesis 49:26 **34:2** [a]That is, the Mediterranean

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the
spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on
him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did
as the LORD had commanded Moses.
10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a
prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to
face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the
LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before
Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his
land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the
great terror which Moses performed in the sight
of all Israel.

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# JOSHUA

### *God's Commission to Joshua*

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to
Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore,
arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people,
to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3Every place that the sole of your
foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to
Moses. 4From the wilderness and this Lebanon as
far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the
land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward
the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.
5No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the
days of your life; as I was with Moses, *so* I will be
with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6Be
strong and of good courage, for to this people you
shall divide as an inheritance the land which I
swore to their fathers to give them. 7Only be
strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses
My servant commanded you; do not turn from it
to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8This Book of the Law shall
not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to
do according to all that is written in it. For then
you will make your way prosperous, and then you
will have good success. 9Have I not commanded
you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be
afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is*
with you wherever you go."

### *The Order to Cross the Jordan*

10Then Joshua commanded the officers of the
people, saying, 11"Pass through the camp and

**VICTORY**

## 2 Victory Through God's Word

► *See* **Joshua 1:7, 8**

Joshua was heading into battle against an enemy of Israel, God's people. In order for Joshua to be courageous, his strength could only come from the promises and commands of God. To defeat the enemy, Joshua needed to carefully obey God's Word. God's Word is powerful regardless of the enemy, so this advice also applies to us.

The writer of Psalm 119 said, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, / That I might not sin against You" (verse 11). Hiding God's Word means making it a part of your being rather than just reading something. You can hide God's Word in your heart through memorization and meditation. Many modern religions talk about meditation, often directing people to decide for themselves on what to focus their attention or even to empty their minds completely. Christians are commanded to meditate on the Word of God, the Bible. As you think deeply and continuously about God's Word, it will become part of you; and you will begin to understand how God wants you to live. As you apply biblical truths to your life, you will find courage and peace in difficult circumstances and victory over sin.

As you meditate on God's Word, begin to memorize verses that are especially meaningful to you. They will provide another means through which God can speak to you when you need help.

► *Now turn to page 916 for Matthew 26:41 and Point 3. Victory Through Prayer.*

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

## 5 The Word of God Provides Guidance

► *See* **Joshua 1:8**

A second resource is the Word of God. As a Christian, you must make the Word of God a daily priority. It's easy to depend on other sources for answers to your questions about family relationships. While there are many godly counselors and authors, you must not depend on those to the exclusion of the Bible, your greatest resource.

► *Now turn to page 1152 for Hebrews 10:24, 25 and Point 6. Fellowship Offers Support.*

command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

12And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, 13"Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.' 14Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, 15until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He *gave* you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

16So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses. 18Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

### *Rahab Hides the Spies*

2 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove[a] to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho."

So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. 2And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

3So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

4Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they *were* from. 5And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them." 6(But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) 7Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, 9and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. 10For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11And as soon as we heard *these things,* our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath. 12Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, 13and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

14So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

15Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall. 16And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."

17So the men said to her: "We *will be* blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, 18unless, *when* we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. 19So it shall be *that* whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* on his own head, and we *will be* guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head if a hand is laid on him. 20And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear."

21Then she said, "According to your words, so *be* it." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

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**2:1** [a]Hebrew *Shittim*

22 They departed and went to the mountain, and
stayed there three days until the pursuers re-
turned. The pursuers sought *them* all along the
way, but did not find *them.* 23 So the two men re-
turned, descended from the mountain, and
crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of
Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.
24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has de-
livered all the land into our hands, for indeed all
the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted
because of us."

### *Israel Crosses the Jordan*

3 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and
they set out from Acacia Grove[a] and came to
the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel,
and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it
was, after three days, that the officers went
through the camp; 3 and they commanded the
people, saying, "When you see the ark of the cov-
enant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the
Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from
your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a
space between you and it, about two thousand cu-
bits by measure. Do not come near it, that you
may know the way by which you must go, for you
have not passed *this* way before."

5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify your-
selves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders
among you." 6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests,
saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross
over before the people."

So they took up the ark of the covenant and
went before the people.

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will
begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that
they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will
be with you. 8 You shall command the priests who
bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you
have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan,
you shall stand in the Jordan.'"

9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come
here, and hear the words of the LORD your God."
10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that
the living God *is* among you, and *that* He will
without fail drive out from before you the
Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and
the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amo-
rites and the Jebusites: 11 Behold, the ark of the
covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing
over before you into the Jordan. 12 Now therefore,
take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of
Israel, one man from every tribe. 13 And it shall
come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the
priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of
all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan,
*that* the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the
waters that come down from upstream, and they
shall stand as a heap."

14 So it was, when the people set out from their
camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests
bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,
15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jor-
dan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark
dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan
overflows all its banks during the whole time of
harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from
upstream stood *still, and* rose in a heap very far
away at Adam, the city that *is* beside Zaretan. So
the waters that went down into the Sea of the
Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, *and* were cut off; and
the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then
the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the
LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of
the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry
ground, until all the people had crossed com-
pletely over the Jordan.

### *The Memorial Stones*

4 And it came to pass, when all the people had
completely crossed over the Jordan, that the
LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: 2 "Take for
yourselves twelve men from the people, one man
from every tribe, 3 and command them, saying,
'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out
of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where
the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them
over with you and leave them in the lodging place
where you lodge tonight.'"

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he
had appointed from the children of Israel, one
man from every tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them:
"Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God
into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you
take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the
number of the tribes of the children of Israel,
6 that this may be a sign among you when your
children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do
these stones *mean* to you?' 7 Then you shall answer
them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off
before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when
it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jor-

**3:1** [a]Hebrew *Shittim*

dan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."

8And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

10So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over. 11Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people. 12And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. 13About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, 16"Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan." 17Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." 18And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before.

19Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. 20And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. 21Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What *are* these stones?' 22then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; 23for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, 24that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

### *The Second Generation Circumcised*

5 So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we[a] had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

2At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." 3So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.[a] 4And this *is* the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt *who were* males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. 6For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *who were* men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD—to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey."[a] 7Then Joshua circumcised their sons *whom* He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

8So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. 9Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal[a] to this day.

10Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and

**5:1** [a]Following Kethib; Qere, some Hebrew manuscripts and editions, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *they.* **5:3** [a]Hebrew *Gibeath Haaraloth* **5:6** [a]Exodus 3:8 **5:9** [a]Literally *Rolling*

parched grain, on the very same day. 12Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

### *The Commander of the Army of the LORD*

13And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "*Are* You for us or for our adversaries?"

14So He said, "No, but *as* Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come."

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

15Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand *is* holy." And Joshua did so.

### *The Destruction of Jericho*

6 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, *and* the mighty men of valor. 3You shall march around the city, all *you* men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

6Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." 7And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD."

8So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. 9The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets. 10Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." 11So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around *it* once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

12And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets. 14And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

15But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! 17Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who *are* in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD."

20So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her." 23And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her rela-

tives and left them outside the camp of Israel. 24But they burned the city and all that *was* in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. 25And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26Then Joshua charged *them* at that time, saying, "Cursed *be* the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."

27So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

### *Defeat at Ai*

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi,[a] the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

2Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai. 3And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for *the people of Ai are* few." 4So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai. 5And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them *from* before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

6Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. 7And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord GOD, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! 8O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies? 9For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear *it,* and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?"

### *The Sin of Achan*

10So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? 11Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put *it* among their own stuff. 12Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you. 13Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the LORD God of Israel: "*There is* an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you." 14In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes. And it shall be *that* the tribe which the LORD takes shall come according to families; and the family which the LORD takes shall come by households; and the household which the LORD takes shall come man by man. 15Then it shall be *that* he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.'"

16So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken. 17He brought the clan of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarhites; and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. 18Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide *it* from me."

20And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: 21When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

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**7:1** [a]Called *Zimri* in 1 Chronicles 2:6

22So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to
the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with
the silver under it. 23And they took them from the
midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to
all the children of Israel, and laid them out before
the LORD. 24Then Joshua, and all Israel with him,
took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the gar-
ment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters,
his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all
that he had, and they brought them to the Valley
of Achor. 25And Joshua said, "Why have you trou-
bled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all
Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned
them with fire after they had stoned them with
stones.

26Then they raised over him a great heap of
stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned
from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the
name of that place has been called the Valley of
Achor[a] to this day.

### *The Fall of Ai*

8 Now the LORD said to Joshua: "Do not be
afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of
war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I
have given into your hand the king of Ai, his peo-
ple, his city, and his land. 2And you shall do to Ai
and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only
its spoil and its cattle you shall take as booty for
yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it."

3So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go
up against Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand
mighty men of valor and sent them away by
night. 4And he commanded them, saying: "Be-
hold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, be-
hind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but
all of you be ready. 5Then I and all the people who
*are* with me will approach the city; and it will
come about, when they come out against us as at
the first, that we shall flee before them. 6For they
will come out after us till we have drawn them
from the city, for they will say, '*They are* fleeing
before us as at the first.' Therefore we will flee be-
fore them. 7Then you shall rise from the ambush
and seize the city, for the LORD your God will de-
liver it into your hand. 8And it will be, when you
have taken the city, *that* you shall set the city on
fire. According to the commandment of the LORD
you shall do. See, I have commanded you."

9Joshua therefore sent them out; and they went
to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and
Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that
night among the people. 10Then Joshua rose up
early in the morning and mustered the people,
and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the
people to Ai. 11And all the people of war who *were*
with him went up and drew near; and they came
before the city and camped on the north side of
Ai. Now a valley *lay* between them and Ai. 12So he
took about five thousand men and set them in
ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side
of the city. 13And when they had set the people, all
the army that *was* on the north of the city, and its
rear guard on the west of the city, Joshua went
that night into the midst of the valley.

14Now it happened, when the king of Ai saw *it,*
that the men of the city hurried and rose early
and went out against Israel to battle, he and all his
people, at an appointed place before the plain. But
he did not know that *there was* an ambush against
him behind the city. 15And Joshua and all Israel
made as if they were beaten before them, and fled
by the way of the wilderness. 16So all the people
who *were* in Ai were called together to pursue
them. And they pursued Joshua and were drawn
away from the city. 17There was not a man left in
Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. So
they left the city open and pursued Israel.

18Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the
spear that *is* in your hand toward Ai, for I will give
it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out the
spear that *was* in his hand toward the city. 19So
*those in* ambush arose quickly out of their place;
they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand,
and they entered the city and took it, and hurried
to set the city on fire. 20And when the men of Ai
looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the
smoke of the city ascended to heaven. So they had
no power to flee this way or that way, and the peo-
ple who had fled to the wilderness turned back on
the pursuers.

21Now when Joshua and all Israel saw that the
ambush had taken the city and that the smoke of
the city ascended, they turned back and struck
down the men of Ai. 22Then the others came out of
the city against them; so they were *caught* in the
midst of Israel, some on this side and some on
that side. And they struck them down, so that they
let none of them remain or escape. 23But the king
of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24And it came to pass when Israel had made an
end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field,

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**7:26** [a]Literally *Trouble*

in the wilderness where they pursued them, and when they all had fallen by the edge of the sword until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. 25So it was *that* all who fell that day, both men and women, *were* twelve thousand—all the people of Ai. 26For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as booty for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He had commanded Joshua. 28So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day. 29And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until evening. And as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his corpse down from the tree, cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise over it a great heap of stones *that remains* to this day.

### *Joshua Renews the Covenant*

30Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal, 31as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: "an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron *tool.*"[a] And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. 33Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them *were* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

### *The Treaty with the Gibeonites*

9 And it came to pass when all the kings who *were* on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon—the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard *about it,* 2that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.

3But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, 5old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* moldy. 6And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."

7Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?"

8But they said to Joshua, "We *are* your servants."

And Joshua said to them, "Who *are* you, and where do you come from?"

9So they said to him: "From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt, 10and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. 11Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We *are* your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us."' 12This bread of ours we took hot *for* our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy. 13And these wineskins which we filled *were* new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey."

14Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD. 15So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

16And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbors who dwelt near them. 17Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, Chephirah,

**8:31** [a]Deuteronomy 27:5, 6

Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim. 18But the children of Israel did not attack them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation complained against the rulers.

19Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them. 20This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them." 21And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them."

22Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We *are* very far from you,' when you dwell near us? 23Now therefore, you *are* cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God."

24So they answered Joshua and said, "Because your servants were clearly told that the LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25And now, here we are, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us." 26So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them. 27And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, in the place which He would choose, even to this day.

### *The Sun Stands Still*

10 Now it came to pass when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it—as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king—and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, 2that they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all its men *were* mighty. 3Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4"Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." 5Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it.

6And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us."

7So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." 9Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal. 10So the LORD routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11And it happened, as they fled before Israel *and* were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. *There were* more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

12Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:

"Sun, stand still over Gibeon;
And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."
13 So the sun stood still,
And the moon stopped,
Till the people had revenge
Upon their enemies.

*Is* this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go *down* for about a whole day. 14And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

15Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

### *The Amorite Kings Executed*

16But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah. 17And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the
mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard
them. 19And do not stay *there* yourselves, *but* pur-
sue your enemies, and attack their rear *guard*. Do
not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD
your God has delivered them into your hand."
20Then it happened, while Joshua and the children
of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very
great slaughter, till they had finished, that those
who escaped entered fortified cities. 21And all the
people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makke-
dah, in peace.

No one moved his tongue against any of the
children of Israel.

22Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the
cave, and bring out those five kings to me from
the cave." 23And they did so, and brought out those
five kings to him from the cave: the king of Jeru-
salem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth,
the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

24So it was, when they brought out those kings
to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Is-
rael, and said to the captains of the men of war
who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on
the necks of these kings." And they drew near and
put their feet on their necks. 25Then Joshua said to
them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be
strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will
do to all your enemies against whom you fight."
26And afterward Joshua struck them and killed
them, and hanged them on five trees; and they
were hanging on the trees until evening. 27So it
was at the time of the going down of the sun *that*
Joshua commanded, and they took them down
from the trees, cast them into the cave where they
had been hidden, and laid large stones against the
cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

### *Conquest of the Southland*

28On that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck
it and its king with the edge of the sword. He ut-
terly destroyed them[a]—all the people who *were* in
it. He let none remain. He also did to the king of
Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all
Israel with him, to Libnah; and they fought
against Libnah. 30And the LORD also delivered it
and its king into the hand of Israel; he struck it
and all the people who *were* in it with the edge of
the sword. He let none remain in it, but did to its
king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Is-
rael with him, to Lachish; and they encamped
against it and fought against it. 32And the LORD
delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who
took it on the second day, and struck it and all the
people who *were* in it with the edge of the sword,
according to all that he had done to Libnah.
33Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help La-
chish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until
he left him none remaining.

34From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all
Israel with him; and they encamped against it
and fought against it. 35They took it on that day
and struck it with the edge of the sword; all the
people who *were* in it he utterly destroyed that
day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel
with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it.
37And they took it and struck it with the edge of
the sword—its king, all its cities, and all the peo-
ple who *were* in it; he left none remaining, accord-
ing to all that he had done to Eglon, but utterly
destroyed it and all the people who *were* in it.

38Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with
him, to Debir; and they fought against it. 39And he
took it and its king and all its cities; they struck
them with the edge of the sword and utterly de-
stroyed all the people who *were* in it. He left none
remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to
Debir and its king, as he had done also to Libnah
and its king.

40So Joshua conquered all the land: the moun-
tain country and the South[a] and the lowland and
the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left
none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that
breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had com-
manded. 41And Joshua conquered them from
Kadesh Barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country
of Goshen, even as far as Gibeon. 42All these kings
and their land Joshua took at one time, because
the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. 43Then
Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the
camp at Gilgal.

### *The Northern Conquest*

**11** And it came to pass, when Jabin king of
Hazor heard *these things,* that he sent to
Jobab king of Madon, to the king of
Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, 2and to the kings

**10:28** [a]Following Masoretic Text and most authorities; many Hebrew manuscripts, some manuscripts of the Septuagint, and some manuscripts of the Targum read *it*. **10:40** [a]Hebrew *Negev,* and so throughout this book

who *were* from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, [3]to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of Mizpah. [4]So they went out, they and all their armies with them, *as* many people *as* the sand that *is* on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. [5]And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

[6]But the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." [7]So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and they attacked them. [8]And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to Greater Sidon, to the Brook Misrephoth,[a] and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining. [9]So Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

[10]Joshua turned back at that time and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms. [11]And they struck all the people who *were* in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them.* There was none left breathing. Then he burned Hazor with fire.

[12]So all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took and struck with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded. [13]But *as for* the cities that stood on their mounds,[a] Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only, *which* Joshua burned. [14]And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the children of Israel took as booty for themselves; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they left none breathing. [15]As the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

### *Summary of Joshua's Conquests*

[16]Thus Joshua took all this land: the mountain country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, and the Jordan plain[a]—the mountains of Israel and its lowlands, [17]from Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings, and struck them down and killed them. [18]Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. [19]There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All *the others* they took in battle. [20]For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, *and* that they might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

[21]And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. [22]None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.

[23]So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war.

### *The Kings Conquered by Moses*

12 These *are* the kings of the land whom the children of Israel defeated, and whose land they possessed on the other side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the eastern Jordan plain: [2]*One king was* Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon *and* ruled half of Gilead, from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, from the middle of that river, even as far as the River Jabbok, *which is* the border of the Ammonites, [3]and the eastern Jordan plain from the Sea of Chinneroth as far as the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), the road to Beth Jeshimoth, and southward below the slopes of Pisgah. [4]*The other king was* Og king of Bashan and his territory, *who was* of the remnant of the giants, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, [5]and reigned over Mount Hermon, over Salcah, over all Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and

**11:8** [a]Hebrew *Misrephoth Maim* **11:13** [a]Hebrew *tel,* a heap of successive city ruins **11:16** [a]Hebrew *arabah*

the Maachathites, and over half of Gilead *to* the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6These Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel had conquered; and Moses the servant of the LORD had given it *as* a possession to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

### *The Kings Conquered by Joshua*

7And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel conquered on this side of the Jordan, on the west, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon as far as Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel *as* a possession according to their divisions, 8in the mountain country, in the lowlands, in the *Jordan* plain, in the slopes, in the wilderness, and in the South—the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: 9the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one; 10the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 14the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; 15the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; 16the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; 17the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; 18the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; 19the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; 20the king of Shimron Meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 21the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 22the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; 23the king of Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the king of the people of Gilgal, one; 24the king of Tirzah, one—all the kings, thirty-one.

### *Remaining Land to Be Conquered*

13 Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the LORD said to him: "You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed. 2This is the land that yet remains: all the territory of the Philistines and all *that of* the Geshurites, 3from Sihor, which *is* east of Egypt, as far as the border of Ekron northward (*which* is counted as Canaanite); the five lords of the Philistines—the Gazites, the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites; 4from the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians as far as Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; 5the land of the Gebalites,[a] and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon as far as the entrance to Hamath; 6all the inhabitants of the mountains from Lebanon as far as the Brook Misrephoth,[a] *and* all the Sidonians—them I will drive out from before the children of Israel; only divide it by lot to Israel as an inheritance, as I have commanded you. 7Now therefore, divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh."

### *The Land Divided East of the Jordan*

8With the other half-tribe the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses had given them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD had given them: 9from Aroer which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, and the town that *is* in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain of Medeba as far as Dibon; 10all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the children of Ammon; 11Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salcah; 12all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants; for Moses had defeated and cast out these.

13Nevertheless the children of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maachathites, but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

14Only to the tribe of Levi he had given no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as He said to them.

### *The Land of Reuben*

15And Moses had given to the tribe of the children of Reuben *an inheritance* according to their families. 16Their territory was from Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain by Medeba; 17Heshbon and all its cities that *are* in the plain: Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, 18Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath, 19Kirjathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar on the mountain of the valley, 20Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth— 21all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who

**13:5** [a]Or *Giblites* **13:6** [a]Hebrew *Misrephoth Maim*

reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses had struck with the princes of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who *were* princes of Sihon dwelling in the country. [22]The children of Israel also killed with the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer, among those who were killed by them. [23]And the border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

### *The Land of Gad*

[24]Moses also had given *an inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad according to their families. [25]Their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites as far as Aroer, which *is* before Rabbah, [26]and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir, [27]and in the valley Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan as *its* border, as far as the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth, on the other side of the Jordan eastward. [28]This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

### *Half the Tribe of Manasseh (East)*

[29]Moses also had given *an inheritance* to half the tribe of Manasseh; it was for half the tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families: [30]Their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair which are in Bashan, sixty cities; [31]half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were* for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the children of Machir according to their families.

[32]These *are the areas* which Moses had distributed as an inheritance in the plains of Moab on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward. [33]But to the tribe of Levi Moses had given no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, as He had said to them.

### *The Land Divided West of the Jordan*

**14** These *are the areas* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed as an inheritance to them. [2]Their inheritance *was* by lot, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe. [3]For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he had given no inheritance among them. [4]For the children of Joseph were two tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell *in,* with their commonlands for their livestock and their property. [5]As the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

### *Caleb Inherits Hebron*

[6]Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. [7]I *was* forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart. [8]Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God. [9]So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' [10]And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. [11]As yet I *am as* strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. [12]Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the LORD *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

[13]And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. [14]Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel. [15]And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba was* the greatest man among the Anakim).

Then the land had rest from war.

### *The Land of Judah*

15 So *this* was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families:

The border of Edom at the Wilderness of Zin southward *was* the extreme southern boundary.
2 And their southern border began at the shore of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward.
3 Then it went out to the southern side of the Ascent of Akrabbim, passed along to Zin, ascended on the south side of Kadesh Barnea, passed along to Hezron, went up to Adar, and went around to Karkaa.
4 *From there* it passed toward Azmon and went out to the Brook of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This shall be your southern border.

5 The east border *was* the Salt Sea as far as the mouth of the Jordan.

And the border on the northern quarter *began* at the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan.
6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah and passed north of Beth Arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
7 Then the border went up toward Debir from the Valley of Achor, and it turned northward toward Gilgal, which *is* before the Ascent of Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the valley. The border continued toward the waters of En Shemesh and ended at En Rogel.
8 And the border went up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to the southern slope of the Jebusite *city* (which *is* Jerusalem). The border went up to the top of the mountain that *lies* before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the Valley of Rephaim[a] northward.
9 Then the border went around from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and extended to the cities of Mount Ephron. And the border went around to Baalah (which *is* Kirjath Jearim).
10 Then the border turned westward from Baalah to Mount Seir, passed along to the side of Mount Jearim on the north (which *is* Chesalon), went down to Beth Shemesh, and passed on to Timnah.
11 And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward. Then the border went around to Shicron, passed along to Mount Baalah, and extended to Jabneel; and the border ended at the sea.

12 The west border *was* the coastline of the Great Sea. This *is* the boundary of the children of Judah all around according to their families.

### *Caleb Occupies Hebron and Debir*

13 Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *namely,* Kirjath Arba, which *is* Hebron (*Arba was* the father of Anak).
14 Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.
15 Then he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name of Debir *was* Kirjath Sepher).

16 And Caleb said, "He who attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife."
17 So Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife.
18 Now it was so, when she came *to him,* that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she dismounted from *her* donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?"
19 She answered, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

### *The Cities of Judah*

20 This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families:

21 The cities at the limits of the tribe of the children of Judah, toward the border of Edom in the South, were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,
22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,
23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,
24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,
25 Hazor, Hadattah, Kerioth, Hezron (which *is* Hazor),
26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,
27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,
28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Bizjothjah,
29 Baalah, Ijim, Ezem,
30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah,
31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,
32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty-nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,
34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,
35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,
36 Sharaim, Adithaim, Gederah, and Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages;
37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad,
38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel,
39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,
40 Cabbon, Lahmas,[a] Kithlish,
41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages;
42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,
43 Jiphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,
44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages;
45 Ekron, with its towns and villages;
46 from Ekron to the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages;
47 Ashdod with its towns and villages, Gaza with its towns and villages—as far as

**15:8** [a]Literally *Giants* **15:40** [a]Or *Lahmam*

the Brook of Egypt and the Great Sea with *its* coastline.

48And in the mountain country: Shamir, Jattir, Sochoh, 49Dannah, Kirjath Sannah (which *is* Debir), 50Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim, 51Goshen, Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages; 52Arab, Dumah, Eshean, 53Janum, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah, 54Humtah, Kirjath Arba (which *is* Hebron), and Zior: nine cities with their villages; 55Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah, 56Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah, 57Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages; 58Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor, 59Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages; 60Kirjath Baal (which *is* Kirjath Jearim) and Rabbah: two cities with their villages.

61In the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah, 62Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En Gedi: six cities with their villages.

63As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

### *Ephraim and West Manasseh*

16 The lot fell to the children of Joseph from the Jordan, by Jericho, to the waters of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho through the mountains to Bethel, 2then went out from Bethel to Luz,[a] passed along to the border of the Archites at Ataroth, 3and went down westward to the boundary of the Japhletites, as far as the boundary of Lower Beth Horon to Gezer; and it ended at the sea.

4So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

### *The Land of Ephraim*

5The border of the children of Ephraim, according to their families, was *thus:* The border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth Addar as far as Upper Beth Horon.

6And the border went out toward the sea on the north side of Michmethath; then the border went around eastward to Taanath Shiloh, and passed by it on the east of Janohah. 7Then it went down from Janohah to Ataroth and Naarah,[a] reached to Jericho, and came out at the Jordan.

8The border went out from Tappuah westward to the Brook Kanah, and it ended at the sea. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families. 9The separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers.

### *The Other Half-Tribe of Manasseh (West)*

17 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph: *namely* for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war; therefore he was given Gilead and Bashan. 2And there was *a lot* for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer,[a] the children of Helek, the children of Asriel, the children of Shechem, the children of Hepher, and the children of Shemida; these *were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families.

3But Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters. And these *are* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4And they came near before Eleazar the priest, before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." Therefore, according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers. 5Ten shares fell to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side of the Jordan, 6because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

7And the territory of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, that *lies* east of Shechem; and the border went along south to the inhabitants of En Tappuah. 8Manasseh had the land of Tappuah, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the children of Ephraim. 9And the border descended to the Brook Kanah, southward to the brook. These cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh *was* on the north side of the brook; and it ended at the sea.

10Southward *it was* Ephraim's, northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea was its border. Manas-

**16:2** [a]Septuagint reads *Bethel* (that is, Luz). **16:7** [a]Or *Naaran* (compare 1 Chronicles 7:28) **17:2** [a]Called *Jeezer* in Numbers 26:30

seh's territory was adjoining Asher on the north and Issachar on the east. [11]And in Issachar and in Asher, Manasseh had Beth Shean and its towns, Ibleam and its towns, the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of En Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns—three hilly regions. [12]Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. [13]And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

### *More Land for Ephraim and Manasseh*

[14]Then the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us *only* one lot and one share to inherit, since we *are* a great people, inasmuch as the LORD has blessed us until now?"

[15]So Joshua answered them, "If you *are* a great people, *then* go up to the forest *country* and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you."

[16]But the children of Joseph said, "The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both those* who *are* of Beth Shean and its towns and *those* who *are* of the Valley of Jezreel."

[17]And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—saying, "You *are* a great people and have great power; you shall not have *only* one lot, [18]but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it *is* wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots *and* are strong."

### *The Remainder of the Land Divided*

**18** Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them. [2]But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

[3]Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? [4]Pick out from among you three men for *each* tribe, and I will send them; they shall rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come *back* to me. [5]And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their territory on the north. [6]You shall therefore survey the land in seven parts and bring *the survey* here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. [7]But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

[8]Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh." [9]So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. [10]Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

### *The Land of Benjamin*

[11]Now the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot came out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. [12]Their border on the north side began at the Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the mountains westward; it ended at the Wilderness of Beth Aven. [13]The border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz (which *is* Bethel) southward; and the border descended to Ataroth Addar, near the hill that *lies* on the south side of Lower Beth Horon.

[14]Then the border extended around the west side to the south, from the hill that *lies* before Beth Horon southward; and it ended at Kirjath Baal (which *is* Kirjath Jearim), a city of the children of Judah. This *was* the west side.

[15]The south side *began* at the end of Kirjath Jearim, and the border extended on the west and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah. [16]Then the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lies* before the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which *is* in the Valley of the Rephaim[a] on

**18:16** [a]Literally *Giants*

the north, descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite *city* on the south, and descended to En Rogel. 17And it went around from the north, went out to En Shemesh, and extended toward Geliloth, which is before the Ascent of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. 18Then it passed along toward the north side of Arabah,[a] and went down to Arabah. 19And the border passed along to the north side of Beth Hoglah; then the border ended at the north bay at the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This *was* the southern boundary.

20The Jordan was its border on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, according to its boundaries all around, according to their families.

21Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz, 22Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, 23Avim, Parah, Ophrah, 24Chephar Haammoni, Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages; 25Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth, 26Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah, 27Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, 28Zelah, Eleph, Jebus (which *is* Jerusalem), Gibeath, *and* Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

### *Simeon's Inheritance with Judah*

**19** The second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. 2They had in their inheritance Beersheba (Sheba), Moladah, 3Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem, 4Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah, 5Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah, 6Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen: thirteen cities and their villages; 7Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan: four cities and their villages; 8and all the villages that *were* all around these cities as far as Baalath Beer, Ramah of the South. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9The inheritance of the children of Simeon *was included* in the share of the children of Judah, for the share of the children of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the children of Simeon had *their* inheritance within the inheritance of that people.

### *The Land of Zebulun*

10The third lot came out for the children of Zebulun according to their families, and the border of their inheritance was as far as Sarid. 11Their border went toward the west and to Maralah, went to Dabbasheth, and extended along the brook that is east of Jokneam. 12Then from Sarid it went eastward toward the sunrise along the border of Chisloth Tabor, and went out toward Daberath, bypassing Japhia. 13And from there it passed along on the east of Gath Hepher, toward Eth Kazin, and extended to Rimmon, which borders on Neah. 14Then the border went around it on the north side of Hannathon, and it ended in the Valley of Jiphthah El. 15Included were Kattath, Nahallal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16This *was* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

### *The Land of Issachar*

17The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18And their territory went to Jezreel, and *included* Chesulloth, Shunem, 19Haphraim, Shion, Anaharath, 20Rabbith, Kishion, Abez, 21Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez. 22And the border reached to Tabor, Shahazimah, and Beth Shemesh; their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

### *The Land of Asher*

24The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. 25And their territory included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph, 26Alammelech, Amad, and Mishal; it reached to Mount Carmel westward, along *the Brook* Shihor Libnath. 27It turned toward the sunrise to Beth Dagon; and it reached to Zebulun and to the Valley of Jiphthah El, then northward beyond Beth Emek and Neiel, bypassing Cabul *which was* on the left, 28including Ebron,[a] Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon. 29And the border turned to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and ended at the sea by the region of Achzib. 30Also Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob *were included:* twenty-two cities with their villages. 31This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the chil-

**18:18** [a]Or *Beth Arabah* (compare 15:6 and 18:22)
**19:28** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; a few Hebrew manuscripts read *Abdon* (compare 21:30 and 1 Chronicles 6:74).

dren of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

### *The Land of Naphtali*

32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali according to their families. 33 And their border began at Heleph, enclosing the territory from the terebinth tree in Zaanannim, Adami Nekeb, and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; it ended at the Jordan. 34 From Heleph the border extended westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out from there toward Hukkok; it adjoined Zebulun on the south side and Asher on the west side, and ended at Judah by the Jordan toward the sunrise. 35 And the fortified cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth, 36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, 37 Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, 38 Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

### *The Land of Dan*

40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. 41 And the territory of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh, 42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Jethlah, 43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron, 44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath, 45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon, 46 Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the region near Joppa. 47 And the border of the children of Dan went beyond these, because the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem and took it; and they struck it with the edge of the sword, took possession of it, and dwelt in it. They called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. 48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

### *Joshua's Inheritance*

49 When they had made an end of dividing the land as an inheritance according to their borders, the children of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. 50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked for, Timnath Serah in the mountains of Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt in it.

51 These *were* the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel divided as an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the country.

### *The Cities of Refuge*

20 The LORD also spoke to Joshua, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, 3 that the slayer who kills a person accidentally *or* unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And when he flees to one of those cities, and stands at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declares his case in the hearing of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city as one of them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. 5 Then if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not deliver the slayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, but did not hate him beforehand. 6 And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the slayer may return and come to his own city and his own house, to the city from which he fled.'"

7 So they appointed Kedesh in Galilee, in the mountains of Naphtali, Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and Kirjath Arba (which *is* Hebron) in the mountains of Judah. 8 And on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness on the plain, from the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh. 9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwelt among them, that whoever killed a person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the congregation.

### *Cities of the Levites*

21 Then the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the tribes of the children of Israel. 2 And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "The LORD commanded through Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for our livestock." 3 So the children of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their common-lands:

4Now the lot came out for the families of the
Kohathites. And the children of Aaron the priest,
*who were* of the Levites, had thirteen cities by lot
from the tribe of Judah, from the tribe of Simeon,
and from the tribe of Benjamin. 5The rest of the
children of Kohath had ten cities by lot from the
families of the tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of
Dan, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.
6And the children of Gershon had thirteen
cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Is-
sachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of
Naphtali, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in
Bashan.
7The children of Merari according to their fam-
ilies had twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben,
from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebu-
lun.
8And the children of Israel gave these cities
with their common-lands by lot to the Levites, as
the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.
9So they gave from the tribe of the children of
Judah and from the tribe of the children of
Simeon these cities which are designated by
name, 10which were for the children of Aaron, one
of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the
children of Levi; for the lot was theirs first. 11And
they gave them Kirjath Arba (*Arba was* the father
of Anak), which *is* Hebron, in the mountains of
Judah, with the common-land surrounding it.
12But the fields of the city and its villages they
gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his posses-
sion.
13Thus to the children of Aaron the priest they
gave Hebron with its common-land (a city of
refuge for the slayer), Libnah with its common-
land, 14Jattir with its common-land, Eshtemoa
with its common-land, 15Holon with its common-
land, Debir with its common-land, 16Ain with its
common-land, Juttah with its common-land, and
Beth Shemesh with its common-land: nine cities
from those two tribes; 17and from the tribe of
Benjamin, Gibeon with its common-land, Geba
with its common-land, 18Anathoth with its com-
mon-land, and Almon with its common-land:
four cities. 19All the cities of the children of Aaron,
the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their com-
mon-lands.
20And the families of the children of Kohath,
the Levites, the rest of the children of Kohath,
even they had the cities of their lot from the tribe
of Ephraim. 21For they gave them Shechem with
its common-land in the mountains of Ephraim (a
city of refuge for the slayer), Gezer with its com-
mon-land, 22Kibzaim with its common-land, and
Beth Horon with its common-land: four cities;
23and from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its com-
mon-land, Gibbethon with its common-land,
24Aijalon with its common-land, *and* Gath Rim-
mon with its common-land: four cities; 25and
from the half-tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with its
common-land and Gath Rimmon with its com-
mon-land: two cities. 26All the ten cities with their
common-lands were for the rest of the families of
the children of Kohath.
27Also to the children of Gershon, of the fami-
lies of the Levites, from the *other* half-tribe of
Manasseh, *they gave* Golan in Bashan with its
common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), and
Be Eshterah with its common-land: two cities;
28and from the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its
common-land, Daberath with its common-land,
29Jarmuth with its common-land, *and* En Gannim
with its common-land: four cities; 30and from the
tribe of Asher, Mishal with its common-land,
Abdon with its common-land, 31Helkath with its
common-land, and Rehob with its common-land:
four cities; 32and from the tribe of Naphtali,
Kedesh in Galilee with its common-land (a city of
refuge for the slayer), Hammoth Dor with its
common-land, and Kartan with its common-
land: three cities. 33All the cities of the Gershon-
ites according to their families *were* thirteen cities
with their common-lands.
34And to the families of the children of Merari,
the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun,
Jokneam with its common-land, Kartah with its
common-land, 35Dimnah with its common-land,
*and* Nahalal with its common-land: four cities;
36and from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its
common-land, Jahaz with its common-land,
37Kedemoth with its common-land, and
Mephaath with its common-land: four cities;[a]
38and from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead
with its common-land (a city of refuge for the
slayer), Mahanaim with its common-land,
39Heshbon with its common-land, *and* Jazer with
its common-land: four cities in all. 40So all the
cities for the children of Merari according to their
families, the rest of the families of the Levites,
were *by* their lot twelve cities.

**21:37** [a]Following Septuagint and Vulgate (compare 1 Chronicles 6:78, 79); Masoretic Text, Bomberg, and Targum omit verses 36 and 37.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty-eight cities with their common-lands. 42 Every one of these cities had its common-land surrounding it; thus *were* all these cities.

### *The Promise Fulfilled*

43 So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. 44 The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

### *Eastern Tribes Return to Their Lands*

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said to them: "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you. 3 You have not left your brethren these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. 4 And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; now therefore, return and go to your tents *and* to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. 5 But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul." 6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 Now to half the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the *other* half of it Joshua gave *a possession* among their brethren on this side of the Jordan, westward. And indeed, when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, 8 and spoke to them, saying, "Return with much riches to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren."

9 So the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had obtained according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

### *An Altar by the Jordan*

10 And when they came to the region of the Jordan which *is* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan—a great, impressive altar. 11 Now the children of Israel heard *someone* say, "Behold, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan—on the children of Israel's side." 12 And when the children of Israel heard *of it,* the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go to war against them.

13 Then the children of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, 14 and with him ten rulers, one ruler each from the chief house of every tribe of Israel; and each one *was* the head of the house of his father among the divisions[a] of Israel. 15 Then they came to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, 16 "'Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD: 'What treachery *is* this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, that you might rebel this day against the LORD? 17 *Is* the iniquity of Peor not enough for us, from which we are not cleansed till this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD, 18 but that you must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it shall be, if you rebel today against the LORD, that tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 Nevertheless, if the land of your possession *is* unclean, *then* cross over to the land of the possession of the LORD, where the LORD's tabernacle stands, and take possession among us; but do not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel against us, by building yourselves an altar besides the altar of the LORD our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all

**22:14** [a] Literally *thousands*

the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.'"

21Then the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh answered and said to the heads of the divisions[a] of Israel: 22"The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, He knows, and let Israel itself know—if *it is* in rebellion, or if in treachery against the LORD, do not save us this day. 23If we have built ourselves an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer on it burnt offerings or grain offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself require *an account.* 24But in fact we have done it for fear, for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your descendants may speak to our descendants, saying, "What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel? 25For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between you and us, *you* children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no part in the LORD." So your descendants would make our descendants cease fearing the LORD.' 26Therefore we said, 'Let us now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, 27but *that* it *may be* a witness between you and us and our generations after us, that we may perform the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have no part in the LORD."' 28Therefore we said that it will be, when they say *this* to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, 'Here is the replica of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between you and us.' 29Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn from following the LORD this day, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for grain offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God which *is* before His tabernacle."

30Now when Phinehas the priest and the rulers of the congregation, the heads of the divisions[a] of Israel who *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them. 31Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh, "This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us, because you have not committed this treachery against the LORD. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD."

32And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, from the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought back word to them. 33So the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God; they spoke no more of going against them in battle, to destroy the land where the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34The children of Reuben and the children of Gad[a] called the altar, *Witness,* "For *it is* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God."

### *Joshua's Farewell Address*

23 Now it came to pass, a long time after the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age. 2And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them:

"I am old, advanced in age. 3You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God *is* He who has fought for you. 4See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward. 5And the LORD your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God promised you. 6Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, 7*and* lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause *anyone* to swear *by them;* you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, 8but you shall hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day. 9For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but *as for* you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. 10One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God *is* He who fights for you, as He promised you. 11Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God. 12Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and

**22:21** [a]Literally *thousands* **22:30** [a]Literally *thousands*
**22:34** [a]Septuagint adds *and half the tribe of Manasseh.*

make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, [13]know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

[14]"Behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed. [15]Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you. [16]When you have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you."

### *The Covenant at Shechem*

**24** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. [2]And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Your fathers, *including* Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River[a] in old times; and they served other gods. [3]Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. [4]To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. [5]Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out.

[6]"Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. [7]So they cried out to the LORD; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time. [8]And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you. [9]Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose to make war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. [10]But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he continued to bless you. So I delivered you out of his hand. [11]Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you—*also* the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand. [12]I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, *also* the two kings of the Amorites, *but* not with your sword or with your bow. [13]I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

[14]"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! [15]And if it

**24:2** [a]Hebrew *Nahar,* the Euphrates, and so in verses 3, 14, and 15

**OBEDIENCE** **3 OBEDIENCE REQUIRES FULL COMMITMENT**

► *See* **JOSHUA 24:14, 15**

The first step toward obedience is to commit to it. A conscious decision to obey demonstrates submission to the principle. Fear of the Lord, or a reverence for His position as God, will lead you to repentance and a rejection of all gods other than the true God. When you obey God, you are making a conscious choice about who or what you worship. If you choose to serve the gods of this world, such as greed, power, self-gratification, or selfishness, you are worshiping those rather than the one true God. Making these choices is not always easy, and it requires discipline.

► *Now turn to page 1094 for 2 Corinthians 10:5 and Point 4. Obedience Requires Discipline.*

seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

16So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17for the LORD our God *is* He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He *is* our God."

19But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for He *is* a holy God. He *is* a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. 20If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good."

21And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD!"

22So Joshua said to the people, "You *are* witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him."

And they said, "*We are* witnesses!"

23"Now therefore," *he said,* "put away the foreign gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel."

24And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!"

25So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD. 27And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God." 28So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance.

### *Death of Joshua and Eleazar*

29Now it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* one hundred and ten years old. 30And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah, which *is* in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

31Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

32The bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the plot of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver, and which had become an inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33And Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in a hill *belonging to* Phinehas his son, which was given to him in the mountains of Ephraim.

# The Book of
# JUDGES

### *The Continuing Conquest of Canaan*

1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass
that the children of Israel asked the Lord,
saying, "Who shall be first to go up for us
against the Canaanites to fight against them?"
2 And the Lord said, "Judah shall go up. Indeed
I have delivered the land into his hand."
3 So Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up
with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight
against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with
you to your allotted territory." And Simeon went
with him. 4 Then Judah went up, and the Lord de-
livered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into
their hand; and they killed ten thousand men at
Bezek. 5 And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek,
and fought against him; and they defeated the
Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 Then Adoni-Bezek
fled, and they pursued him and caught him and
cut off his thumbs and big toes. 7 And Adoni-
Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and
big toes cut off used to gather *scraps* under my
table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." Then
they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.
8 Now the children of Judah fought against Jeru-
salem and took it; they struck it with the edge of
the sword and set the city on fire. 9 And afterward
the children of Judah went down to fight against
the Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains, in the
South,[a] and in the lowland. 10 Then Judah went
against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now
the name of Hebron *was* formerly Kirjath Arba.)
And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.
11 From there they went against the inhabitants
of Debir. (The name of Debir *was* formerly Kir-
jath Sepher.)
12 Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks Kirjath
Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daugh-
ter Achsah as wife." 13 And Othniel the son of
Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so he gave
him his daughter Achsah as wife. 14 Now it hap-
pened, when she came *to him,* that she urged him[a]
to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted
from *her* donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do
you wish?" 15 So she said to him, "Give me a bless-
ing; since you have given me land in the South,
give me also springs of water."
And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the
lower springs.
16 Now the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-
in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the
children of Judah into the Wilderness of Judah,
which *lies* in the South *near* Arad; and they went
and dwelt among the people. 17 And Judah went
with his brother Simeon, and they attacked the
Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly
destroyed it. So the name of the city was called
Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza with its territory,
Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its
territory. 19 So the Lord was with Judah. And they
drove out the mountaineers, but they could not
drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because
they had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave Hebron
to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled
from there the three sons of Anak. 21 But the chil-
dren of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites
who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell
with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to
this day.
22 And the house of Joseph also went up against
Bethel, and the Lord *was* with them. 23 So the
house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel. (The
name of the city *was* formerly Luz.) 24 And when
the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they
said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the
city, and we will show you mercy." 25 So he showed
them the entrance to the city, and they struck the
city with the edge of the sword; but they let the
man and all his family go. 26 And the man went to
the land of the Hittites, built a city, and called its
name Luz, which *is* its name to this day.

### *Incomplete Conquest of the Land*

27 However, Manasseh did not drive out *the in-
habitants of* Beth Shean and its villages, or
Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor
and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and
its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its
villages; for the Canaanites were determined to
dwell in that land. 28 And it came to pass, when Is-
rael was strong, that they put the Canaanites un-
der tribute, but did not completely drive them
out.
29 Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites

**1:9** [a]Hebrew *Negev,* and so throughout this book
**1:14** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *he urged her.*

who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, and were put under tribute.

31Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob. 32So the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them.

34And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley; 35and the Amorites were determined to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim;[a] yet when the strength of the house of Joseph became greater, they were put under tribute.

36Now the boundary of the Amorites *was* from the Ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela, and upward.

### *Israel's Disobedience*

2 Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. 2And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? 3Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be *thorns* in your side,[a] and their gods shall be a snare to you.'" 4So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5Then they called the name of that place Bochim;[a] and they sacrificed there to the LORD. 6And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land.

### *Death of Joshua*

7So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel. 8Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died *when he was* one hundred and ten years old. 9And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. 10When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

### *Israel's Unfaithfulness*

11Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; 12and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. 13They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.[a] 14And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. 15Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

16Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so. 18And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. 19And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

20Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their

**1:35** [a]Spelled *Shaalabbin* in Joshua 19:42 **2:3** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *enemies to you*. **2:5** [a]Literally *Weeping* **2:13** [a]Canaanite goddesses

fathers, and has not heeded My voice, [21]I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, [22]so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept *them,* or not." [23]Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

### *The Nations Remaining in the Land*

3 Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, that He might test Israel by them, *that is,* all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan [2](*this was* only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it), [3]*namely,* five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath. [4]And they were *left, that He might* test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

[5]Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [6]And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods.

### *Othniel*

[7]So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs.[a] [8]Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years. [9]When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. [10]The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim. [11]So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

### *Ehud*

[12]And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. [13]Then he gathered to himself the people of Ammon and Amalek, went and defeated Israel, and took possession of the City of Palms. [14]So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.

[15]But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab. [16]Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh. [17]So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon *was* a very fat man.) [18]And when he had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who had carried the tribute. [19]But he himself turned back from the stone images that *were* at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king."

He said, "Keep silence!" And all who attended him went out from him.

[20]So Ehud came to him (now he was sitting upstairs in his cool private chamber). Then Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." So he arose from *his* seat. [21]Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. [22]Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out. [23]Then Ehud went out through the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

[24]When he had gone out, *Eglon's*[a] servants came to look, and *to their* surprise, the doors of the upper room were locked. So they said, "He is probably attending to his needs in the cool chamber." [25]So they waited till they were embarrassed, and still he had not opened the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the key and opened *them.* And there was their master, fallen dead on the floor.

[26]But Ehud had escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the stone images and escaped to Seirah. [27]And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them. [28]Then he said to them, "Follow *me,* for the LORD

**3:7** [a]Name or symbol for Canaanite goddesses **3:24** [a]Literally *his*

has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over. [29]And at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped. [30]So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

### *Shamgar*

[31]After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.

### *Deborah*

4 When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. [2]So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army *was* Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim. [3]And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

[4]Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. [5]And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. [6]Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy *troops* at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; [7]and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand'?"

[8]And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!"

[9]So she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. [10]And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; he went up with ten thousand men under his command,[a] and Deborah went up with him.

[11]Now Heber the Kenite, of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaim, which *is* beside Kedesh.

[12]And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. [13]So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who *were* with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon.

[14]Then Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this *is* the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him. [15]And the LORD routed Sisera and all *his* chariots and all *his* army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from *his* chariot and fled away on foot. [16]But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

[17]However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; for *there was* peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. [18]And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear." And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket.

[19]Then he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him. [20]And he said to her, "Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' you shall say, 'No.'"

[21]Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. [22]And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man whom you seek." And when he went into her *tent,* there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple.

[23]So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel. [24]And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

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**4:10** [a]Literally *at his feet*

*The Song of Deborah*

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

2 "When leaders lead in Israel,
When the people willingly offer themselves,
Bless the LORD!

3 "Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes!
I, *even* I, will sing to the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

4 "LORD, when You went out from Seir,
When You marched from the field of Edom,
The earth trembled and the heavens poured,
The clouds also poured water;
5 The mountains gushed before the LORD,
This Sinai, before the LORD God of Israel.

6 "In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath,
In the days of Jael,
The highways were deserted,
And the travelers walked along the byways.
7 Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel,
Until I, Deborah, arose,
Arose a mother in Israel.
8 They chose new gods;
Then *there was* war in the gates;
Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.
9 My heart *is* with the rulers of Israel
Who offered themselves willingly with the people.
Bless the LORD!

10 "Speak, you who ride on white donkeys,
Who sit in judges' attire,
And who walk along the road.
11 Far from the noise of the archers, among the watering places,
There they shall recount the righteous acts of the LORD,
The righteous acts *for* His villagers in Israel;
Then the people of the LORD shall go down to the gates.

12 "Awake, awake, Deborah!
Awake, awake, sing a song!
Arise, Barak, and lead your captives away,
O son of Abinoam!

13 "Then the survivors came down, the people against the nobles;
The LORD came down for me against the mighty.
14 From Ephraim *were* those whose roots were in Amalek.
After you, Benjamin, with your peoples,
From Machir rulers came down,
And from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter's staff.
15 And the princes of Issachar[a] *were* with Deborah;
As Issachar, so *was* Barak
Sent into the valley under his command;[b]
Among the divisions of Reuben
*There were* great resolves of heart.
16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds,
To hear the pipings for the flocks?
The divisions of Reuben have great searchings of heart.
17 Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan,
And why did Dan remain on ships?[a]
Asher continued at the seashore,
And stayed by his inlets.
18 Zebulun *is* a people *who* jeopardized their lives to the point of death,
Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield.

19 "The kings came *and* fought,
Then the kings of Canaan fought
In Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo;
They took no spoils of silver.
20 They fought from the heavens;
The stars from their courses fought against Sisera.
21 The torrent of Kishon swept them away,
That ancient torrent, the torrent of Kishon.
O my soul, march on in strength!
22 Then the horses' hooves pounded,
The galloping, galloping of his steeds.
23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel[a] of the LORD,
'Curse its inhabitants bitterly,
Because they did not come to the help of the LORD,
To the help of the LORD against the mighty.'

24 "Most blessed among women is Jael,
The wife of Heber the Kenite;
Blessed is she among women in tents.
25 He asked for water, she gave milk;
She brought out cream in a lordly bowl.
26 She stretched her hand to the tent peg,

**5:15** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *And my princes in Issachar.* [b]Literally *at his feet* **5:17** [a]Or *at ease* **5:23** [a]Or *Angel*

Her right hand to the workmen's hammer;
She pounded Sisera, she pierced his head,
She split and struck through his temple.
27 At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still;
At her feet he sank, he fell;
Where he sank, there he fell dead.

28 "The mother of Sisera looked through the window,
And cried out through the lattice,
'Why is his chariot *so* long in coming?
Why tarries the clatter of his chariots?'
29 Her wisest ladies answered her,
Yes, she answered herself,
30 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoil:
To every man a girl *or* two;
For Sisera, plunder of dyed garments,
Plunder of garments embroidered and dyed,
Two pieces of dyed embroidery for the neck of the looter?'

31 "Thus let all Your enemies perish, O LORD!
But *let* those who love Him *be* like the sun
When it comes out in full strength."

So the land had rest for forty years.

### *Midianites Oppress Israel*

6 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, 2and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which *are* in the mountains. 3So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. 4Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. 5For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it. 6So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.

7And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD because of the Midianites, 8that the LORD sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; 9and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10Also I said to you, "I *am* the LORD your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not obeyed My voice.'"

### *Gideon*

11Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites. 12And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!"

13Gideon said to Him, "O my lord,[a] if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

14Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

15So he said to Him, "O my Lord,[a] how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house."

16And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."

17Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. 18Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set *it* before You."

And He said, "I will wait until you come back."

19So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought *them* out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented *them.* 20The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

21Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the

**6:13** [a]Hebrew *adoni,* used of man **6:15** [a]Hebrew *Adonai,* used of God

meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22Now Gideon perceived that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."

23Then the LORD said to him, "Peace *be* with you; do not fear, you shall not die." 24So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-*Is*-Peace.[a] To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image[a] that *is* beside it; 26and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." 27So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do *it* by day, he did *it* by night.

### *Gideon Destroys the Altar of Baal*

28And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that *was* beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar *which had been* built. 29So they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And when they had inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." 30Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the wooden image that *was* beside it."

31But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you plead for Baal? Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he *is* a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!" 32Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal,[a] saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar."

33Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. 34But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him. 35And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also gathered behind him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

### *The Sign of the Fleece*

36So Gideon said to God, "If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said— 37look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and *it is* dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said." 38And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. 39Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew." 40And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

### *Gideon's Valiant Three Hundred*

7 Then Jerubbaal (that *is,* Gideon) and all the people who *were* with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.

2And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who *are* with you *are* too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.'" And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

4But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people *are* still *too* many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, *that* of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." 5So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his

**6:24** [a]Hebrew *YHWH Shalom* **6:25** [a]Hebrew *Asherah,* a Canaanite goddess **6:32** [a]Literally *Let Baal Plead*

knees to drink." 6And the number of those who lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the *other* people go, every man to his place." 8So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all *the rest of* Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9It happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. 10But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, 11and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who *were* in the camp. 12Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

13And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: *To my* surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."

14Then his companion answered and said, "This *is* nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."

15And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." 16Then he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. 17And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do: 18When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, '*The sword of* the LORD and of Gideon!'"

19So Gideon and the hundred men who *were* with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands. 20Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" 21And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. 22When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia,[a] toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

23And the men of Israel gathered together from Naphtali, Asher, and all Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites.

24Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the mountains of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites, and seize from them the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan." Then all the men of Ephraim gathered together and seized the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan. 25And they captured two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued Midian and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.

### *Gideon Subdues the Midianites*

8 Now the men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you done this to us by not calling us when you went to fight with the Midianites?" And they reprimanded him sharply.

2So he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? *Is* not the gleaning *of the grapes* of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger toward him subsided when he said that.

4When Gideon came to the Jordan, he and the three hundred men who *were* with him crossed over, exhausted but still in pursuit. 5Then he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian."

6And the leaders of Succoth said, "*Are* the

**7:22** [a]Hebrew *Beth Shittah*

hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?"

7So Gideon said, "For this cause, when the LORD has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers!" 8Then he went up from there to Penuel and spoke to them in the same way. And the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9So he also spoke to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I come back in peace, I will tear down this tower!"

10Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* at Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the army of the people of the East; for one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword had fallen. 11Then Gideon went up by the road of those who dwell in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah; and he attacked the army while the camp felt secure. 12When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole army.

13Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle, from the Ascent of Heres. 14And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth and interrogated him; and he wrote down for him the leaders of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men. 15Then he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you ridiculed me, saying, '*Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your weary men?'" 16And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. 17Then he tore down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.

18And he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men *were they* whom you killed at Tabor?"

So they answered, "As you *are,* so *were* they; each one resembled the son of a king."

19Then he said, "They *were* my brothers, the sons of my mother. *As* the LORD lives, if you had let them live, I would not kill you." 20And he said to Jether his firstborn, "Rise, kill them!" But the youth would not draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he *was* still a youth.

21So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself, and kill us; for as a man *is, so is* his strength." So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

### *Gideon's Ephod*

22Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."

23But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you." 24Then Gideon said to them, "I would like to make a request of you, that each of you would give me the earrings from his plunder." For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.

25So they answered, "We will gladly give *them.*" And they spread out a garment, and each man threw into it the earrings from his plunder. 26Now the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred *shekels* of gold, besides the crescent ornaments, pendants, and purple robes which *were* on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that *were* around their camels' necks. 27Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house.

28Thus Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted their heads no more. And the country was quiet for forty years in the days of Gideon.

### *Death of Gideon*

29Then Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30Gideon had seventy sons who were his own offspring, for he had many wives. 31And his concubine who *was* in Shechem also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. 32Now Gideon the son of Joash died at a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33So it was, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made Baal-Berith their god. 34Thus the children of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; 35nor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

### *Abimelech's Conspiracy*

**9** Then Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2"Please

speak in the hearing of all the men of Shechem: 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one reign over you?' Remember that I *am* your own flesh and bone."

3And his mother's brothers spoke all these words concerning him in the hearing of all the men of Shechem; and their heart was inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother." 4So they gave him seventy *shekels* of silver from the temple of Baal-Berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men; and they followed him. 5Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers, the seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, because he hid himself. 6And all the men of Shechem gathered together, all of Beth Millo, and they went and made Abimelech king beside the terebinth tree at the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

### *The Parable of the Trees*

7Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and cried out. And he said to them:

"Listen to me, you men of Shechem,
That God may listen to you!

8 "The trees once went forth to anoint a king
over them.
And they said to the olive tree,
'Reign over us!'
9 But the olive tree said to them,
'Should I cease giving my oil,
With which they honor God and men,
And go to sway over trees?'

10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree,
'You come *and* reign over us!'
11 But the fig tree said to them,
'Should I cease my sweetness and my good
fruit,
And go to sway over trees?'

12 "Then the trees said to the vine,
'You come *and* reign over us!'
13 But the vine said to them,
'Should I cease my new wine,
Which cheers *both* God and men,
And go to sway over trees?'

14 "Then all the trees said to the bramble,
'You come *and* reign over us!'
15 And the bramble said to the trees,
'If in truth you anoint me as king over you,
*Then* come *and* take shelter in my shade;
But if not, let fire come out of the bramble
And devour the cedars of Lebanon!'

16"Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and sincerity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him as he deserves— 17for my father fought for you, risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian; 18but you have risen up against my father's house this day, and killed his seventy sons on one stone, and made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother— 19if then you have acted in truth and sincerity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. 20But if not, let fire come from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and Beth Millo; and let fire come from the men of Shechem and from Beth Millo and devour Abimelech!" 21And Jotham ran away and fled; and he went to Beer and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

### *Downfall of Abimelech*

22After Abimelech had reigned over Israel three years, 23God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech, 24that the crime *done* to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brothers. 25And the men of Shechem set men in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who passed by them along that way; and it was told Abimelech.

26Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. 27So they went out into the fields, and gathered *grapes* from their vineyards and trod *them,* and made merry. And they went into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech. 28Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *Is he* not the son of Jerubbaal, and *is not* Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem;

but why should we serve him? [29]If only this people were under my authority![a] Then I would remove Abimelech." So he[b] said to Abimelech, "Increase your army and come out!"

[30]When Zebul, the ruler of the city, heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was aroused. [31]And he sent messengers to Abimelech secretly, saying, "Take note! Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and here they are, fortifying the city against you. [32]Now therefore, get up by night, you and the people who *are* with you, and lie in wait in the field. [33]And it shall be, as soon as the sun is up in the morning, *that* you shall rise early and rush upon the city; and *when* he and the people who are with him come out against you, you may then do to them as you find opportunity."

[34]So Abimelech and all the people who *were* with him rose by night, and lay in wait against Shechem in four companies. [35]When Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance to the city gate, Abimelech and the people who *were* with him rose from lying in wait. [36]And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains!"

But Zebul said to him, "You see the shadows of the mountains as *if they were* men."

[37]So Gaal spoke again and said, "See, people are coming down from the center of the land, and another company is coming from the Diviners'[a] Terebinth Tree."

[38]Then Zebul said to him, "Where indeed *is* your mouth now, with which you said, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' *Are* not these the people whom you despised? Go out, if you will, and fight with them now."

[39]So Gaal went out, leading the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. [40]And Abimelech chased him, and he fled from him; and many fell wounded, to the *very* entrance of the gate. [41]Then Abimelech dwelt at Arumah, and Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers, so that they would not dwell in Shechem.

[42]And it came about on the next day that the people went out into the field, and they told Abimelech. [43]So he took his people, divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field. And he looked, and there were the people, coming out of the city; and he rose against them and attacked them. [44]Then Abimelech and the company that *was* with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city; and the *other* two companies rushed upon all who *were* in the fields and killed them. [45]So Abimelech fought against the city all that day; he took the city and killed the people who *were* in it; and he demolished the city and sowed it with salt.

[46]Now when all the men of the tower of Shechem had heard *that,* they entered the stronghold of the temple of the god Berith. [47]And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. [48]Then Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who *were* with him. And Abimelech took an ax in his hand and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it and laid *it* on his shoulder; then he said to the people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, make haste *and* do as I *have done.*" [49]So each of the people likewise cut down his own bough and followed Abimelech, put *them* against the stronghold, and set the stronghold on fire above them, so that all the people of the tower of Shechem died, about a thousand men and women.

[50]Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he encamped against Thebez and took it. [51]But there was a strong tower in the city, and all the men and women—all the people of the city—fled there and shut themselves in; then they went up to the top of the tower. [52]So Abimelech came as far as the tower and fought against it; and he drew near the door of the tower to burn it with fire. [53]But a certain woman dropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull. [54]Then he called quickly to the young man, his armorbearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest men say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" So his young man thrust him through, and he died. [55]And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed, every man to his place.

[56]Thus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father by killing his seventy brothers. [57]And all the evil of the men of Shechem God returned on their own heads, and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

### *Tola*

**10** After Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the mountains of Ephraim. [2]He

**9:29** [a]Literally *hand* [b]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls read *they;* Septuagint reads *I.* **9:37** [a]Hebrew *Meonenim*

judged Israel twenty-three years; and he died and was buried in Shamir.

*Jair*

3 After him arose Jair, a Gileadite; and he judged
Israel twenty-two years. 4 Now he had thirty sons
who rode on thirty donkeys; they also had thirty
towns, which are called "Havoth Jair"[a] to this day,
which *are* in the land of Gilead. 5 And Jair died and
was buried in Camon.

*Israel Oppressed Again*

6 Then the children of Israel again did evil in the
sight of the LORD, and served the Baals and the
Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon,
the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of
Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they
forsook the LORD and did not serve Him. 7 So the
anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He
sold them into the hands of the Philistines and
into the hands of the people of Ammon. 8 From
that year they harassed and oppressed the chil-
dren of Israel for eighteen years—all the children
of Israel who *were* on the other side of the Jordan
in the land of the Amorites, in Gilead. 9 Moreover
the people of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to
fight against Judah also, against Benjamin, and
against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was
severely distressed.

10 And the children of Israel cried out to the
LORD, saying, "We have sinned against You, be-
cause we have both forsaken our God and served
the Baals!"

11 So the LORD said to the children of Israel, "*Did*
*I* not *deliver you* from the Egyptians and from the
Amorites and from the people of Ammon and
from the Philistines? 12 Also the Sidonians and
Amalekites and Maonites[a] oppressed you; and you
cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their
hand. 13 Yet you have forsaken Me and served
other gods. Therefore I will deliver you no more.
14 Go and cry out to the gods which you have cho-
sen; let them deliver you in your time of distress."

15 And the children of Israel said to the LORD,
"We have sinned! Do to us whatever seems best to
You; only deliver us this day, we pray." 16 So they
put away the foreign gods from among them and
served the LORD. And His soul could no longer en-
dure the misery of Israel.

17 Then the people of Ammon gathered together
and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Is-
rael assembled together and encamped in Miz-
pah. 18 And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said
to one another, "Who *is* the man who will begin
the fight against the people of Ammon? He shall
be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

*Jephthah*

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a
mighty man of valor, but he *was* the son
of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah.
2 Gilead's wife bore sons; and when his wife's sons
grew up, they drove Jephthah out, and said to
him, "You shall have no inheritance in our father's
house, for you *are* the son of another woman."
3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and dwelt
in the land of Tob; and worthless men banded to-
gether with Jephthah and went out *raiding* with
him.

4 It came to pass after a time that the people of
Ammon made war against Israel. 5 And so it was,
when the people of Ammon made war against Is-
rael, that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah
from the land of Tob. 6 Then they said to Jephthah,
"Come and be our commander, that we may fight
against the people of Ammon."

7 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Did
you not hate me, and expel me from my father's
house? Why have you come to me now when you
are in distress?"

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah,
"That is why we have turned again to you now,
that you may go with us and fight against the peo-
ple of Ammon, and be our head over all the in-
habitants of Gilead."

9 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you
take me back home to fight against the people of
Ammon, and the LORD delivers them to me, shall
I be your head?"

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah,
"The LORD will be a witness between us, if we do
not do according to your words." 11 Then Jephthah
went with the elders of Gilead, and the people
made him head and commander over them; and
Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD in
Mizpah.

12 Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of
the people of Ammon, saying, "What do you have
against me, that you have come to fight against
me in my land?"

13 And the king of the people of Ammon an-
swered the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Is-

**10:4** [a]Literally *Towns of Jair* (compare Numbers 32:41 and Deuteronomy 3:14) **10:12** [a]Some Septuagint manuscripts read *Midianites.*

rael took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those *lands* peaceably."

14So Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, 15and said to him, "Thus says Jephthah: 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon; 16for when Israel came up from Egypt, they walked through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh. 17Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let me pass through your land." But the king of Edom would not heed. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not *consent.* So Israel remained in Kadesh. 18And they went along through the wilderness and bypassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab, came to the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Moab, for the Arnon *was* the border of Moab. 19Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land into our place." 20But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together, encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country. 22They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan.

23'And now the LORD God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it? 24Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our God takes possession of before us, we will possess. 25And now, *are* you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he ever fight against them? 26While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of the Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover *them* within that time? 27Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you wronged me by fighting against me. May the LORD, the Judge, render judgment this day between the children of Israel and the people of Ammon.'" 28However, the king of the people of Ammon did not heed the words which Jephthah sent him.

### *Jephthah's Vow and Victory*

29Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced *toward* the people of Ammon. 30And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, 31then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32So Jephthah advanced toward the people of Ammon to fight against them, and the LORD delivered them into his hands. 33And he defeated them from Aroer as far as Minnith—twenty cities—and to Abel Keramim,[a] with a very great slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

### *Jephthah's Daughter*

34When Jephthah came to his house at Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing; and she *was his* only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. 35And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low! You are among those who trouble me! For I have given my word to the LORD, and I cannot go back on it."

36So she said to him, "My father, *if* you have given your word to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the people of Ammon." 37Then she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: let me alone for two months, that I may go and wander on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my friends and I."

38So he said, "Go." And he sent her away *for* two months; and she went with her friends, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. 39And it was so at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man.

And it became a custom in Israel 40*that* the daughters of Israel went four days each year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

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**11:33** [a]Literally *Plain of Vineyards*

*Jephthah's Conflict with Ephraim*

12 Then the men of Ephraim gathered together, crossed over toward Zaphon, and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you with fire!"

2 And Jephthah said to them, "My people and I were in a great struggle with the people of Ammon; and when I called you, you did not deliver me out of their hands. 3 So when I saw that you would not deliver *me,* I took my life in my hands and crossed over against the people of Ammon; and the LORD delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?" 4 Now Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim. And the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites *and* among the Manassites." 5 The Gileadites seized the fords of the Jordan before the Ephraimites *arrived.* And when *any* Ephraimite who escaped said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "*Are* you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No," 6 then they would say to him, "Then say, 'Shibboleth'!" And he would say, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce *it* right. Then they would take him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. There fell at that time forty-two thousand Ephraimites.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried among the cities of Gilead.

*Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon*

8 After him, Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. 9 He had thirty sons. And he gave away thirty daughters in marriage, and brought in thirty daughters from elsewhere for his sons. He judged Israel seven years. 10 Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 After him, Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel. He judged Israel ten years. 12 And Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 After him, Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. 14 He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young donkeys. He judged Israel eight years. 15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mountains of the Amalekites.

*The Birth of Samson*

13 Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

2 Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren and had no children. 3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or *similar* drink, and not to eat anything unclean. 5 For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

6 So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance *was* like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He *was* from, and He did not tell me His name. 7 And He said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"

8 Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born."

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband *was* not with her. 10 Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the *other* day has just now appeared to me!"

11 So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?"

And He said, "I *am.*"

12 Manoah said, "Now let Your words come *to pass!* What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?"

13 So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. 14 She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe."

15Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You."

16And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He *was* the Angel of the LORD.)

17Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What *is* Your name, that when Your words come *to pass* we may honor You?"

18And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it *is* wonderful?"

19So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on— 20it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw *this,* they fell on their faces to the ground. 21When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He *was* the Angel of the LORD.

22And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!"

23But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these *things,* nor would He have told us *such things* as these at this time."

24So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. 25And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan[a] between Zorah and Eshtaol.

### *Samson's Philistine Wife*

**14** Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. 2So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3Then his father and mother said to him, "*Is there* no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?"

And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well."

4But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah.

Now *to his* surprise, a young lion *came* roaring against him. 6And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

7Then he went down and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8After some time, when he returned to get her, he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm of bees and honey *were* in the carcass of the lion. 9He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. When he came to his father and mother, he gave *some* to them, and they also ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

10So his father went down to the woman. And Samson gave a feast there, for young men used to do so. 11And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12Then Samson said to them, "Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. 13But if you cannot explain *it* to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing."

And they said to him, "Pose your riddle, that we may hear it."

14So he said to them:

"Out of the eater came something to eat,
And out of the strong came something sweet."

Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.

15But it came to pass on the seventh[a] day that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may explain the riddle to us, or else we will burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us in order to take what is ours? *Is that* not *so?*"

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**13:25** [a]Literally *Camp of Dan* (compare 18:12) **14:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *fourth.*

16 Then Samson's wife wept on him, and said,
"You only hate me! You do not love me! You have
posed a riddle to the sons of my people, but you
have not explained *it* to me."

And he said to her, "Look, I have not explained
*it* to my father or my mother; so should I explain
*it* to you?" 17 Now she had wept on him the seven
days while their feast lasted. And it happened on
the seventh day that he told her, because she
pressed him so much. Then she explained the rid-
dle to the sons of her people. 18 So the men of the
city said to him on the seventh day before the sun
went down:

"What *is* sweeter than honey?
And what *is* stronger than a lion?"

And he said to them:

"If you had not plowed with my heifer,
You would not have solved my riddle!"

19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him
mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and
killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and
gave the changes *of clothing* to those who had ex-
plained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and
he went back up to his father's house. 20 And Sam-
son's wife was *given* to his companion, who had
been his best man.

### *Samson Defeats the Philistines*

15 After a while, in the time of wheat har-
vest, it happened that Samson visited
his wife with a young goat. And he said,
"Let me go in to my wife, into *her* room." But her
father would not permit him to go in.

2 Her father said, "I really thought that you thor-
oughly hated her; therefore I gave her to your
companion. *Is* not her younger sister better than
she? Please, take her instead."

3 And Samson said to them, "This time I shall
be blameless regarding the Philistines if I harm
them!" 4 Then Samson went and caught three
hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned *the*
*foxes* tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair
of tails. 5 When he had set the torches on fire, he let
*the foxes* go into the standing grain of the Philis-
tines, and burned up both the shocks and the
standing grain, as well as the vineyards *and* olive
groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, "Who has done
this?"

And they answered, "Samson, the son-in-law of
the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and
given her to his companion." So the Philistines
came up and burned her and her father with fire.

7 Samson said to them, "Since you would do a
thing like this, I will surely take revenge on you,
and after that I will cease." 8 So he attacked them
hip and thigh with a great slaughter; then he
went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of
Etam.

9 Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Ju-
dah, and deployed themselves against Lehi. 10 And
the men of Judah said, "Why have you come up
against us?"

So they answered, "We have come up to arrest
Samson, to do to him as he has done to us."

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went
down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to
Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines
rule over us? What *is* this you have done to us?"

And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I
have done to them."

12 But they said to him, "We have come down to
arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand
of the Philistines."

Then Samson said to them, "Swear to me that
you will not kill me yourselves."

13 So they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will
tie you securely and deliver you into their hand;
but we will surely not kill you." And they bound
him with two new ropes and brought him up
from the rock.

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came
shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD
came mightily upon him; and the ropes that *were*
on his arms became like flax that is burned with
fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands.
15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached
out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand
men with it. 16 Then Samson said:

"With the jawbone of a donkey,
Heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of a donkey
I have slain a thousand men!"

17 And so it was, when he had finished speaking,
that he threw the jawbone from his hand, and
called that place Ramath Lehi.[a]

18 Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out
to the LORD and said, "You have given this great
deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now

**15:17** [a] Literally *Jawbone Height*

shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" [19]So God split the hollow place that *is* in Lehi,[a] and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name En Hakkore,[b] which is in Lehi to this day. [20]And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

### *Samson and Delilah*

16 Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. [2]*When* the Gazites *were told,* "Samson has come here!" they surrounded *the place* and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him." [3]And Samson lay *low* till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put *them* on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

[4]Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah. [5]And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength *lies,* and by what *means* we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred *pieces* of silver."

[6]So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength *lies,* and with what you may be bound to afflict you."

[7]And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man."

[8]So the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, and she bound him with them. [9]Now *men were* lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, "The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!" But he broke the bowstrings as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

[10]Then Delilah said to Samson, "Look, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please tell me what you may be bound with."

[11]So he said to her, "If they bind me securely with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man."

[12]Therefore Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, "The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!" And *men were* lying in wait, staying in the room. But he broke them off his arms like a thread.

[13]Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with."

And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom"—

[14]So she wove *it* tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, "The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom.

[15]Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart *is* not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength *lies.*" [16]And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, *so* that his soul was vexed to death, [17]that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I *have been* a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man."

[18]When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. [19]Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him,[a] and his strength left him. [20]And she said, "The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

[21]Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison. [22]However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.

### *Samson Dies with the Philistines*

[23]Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said:

"Our god has delivered into our hands
Samson our enemy!"

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**15:19** [a]Literally *Jawbone* (compare verse 14) [b]Literally *Spring of the Caller* **16:19** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *he began to be weak.*

24 When the people saw him, they praised their
god; for they said:

"Our god has delivered into our hands our
enemy,
The destroyer of our land,
And the one who multiplied our dead."

25 So it happened, when their hearts were merry,
that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may per-
form for us." So they called for Samson from the
prison, and he performed for them. And they sta-
tioned him between the pillars. 26 Then Samson
said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me
feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I
can lean on them." 27 Now the temple was full of
men and women. All the lords of the Philistines
*were* there—about three thousand men and
women on the roof watching while Samson per-
formed.

28 Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O
Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I
pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one
*blow* take vengeance on the Philistines for my two
eyes!" 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle
pillars which supported the temple, and he
braced himself against them, one on his right and
the other on his left. 30 Then Samson said, "Let me
die with the Philistines!" And he pushed with *all
his* might, and the temple fell on the lords and all
the people who *were* in it. So the dead that he
killed at his death were more than he had killed in
his life.

31 And his brothers and all his father's house-
hold came down and took him, and brought *him*
up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in
the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Is-
rael twenty years.

### *Micah's Idolatry*

17 Now there was a man from the moun-
tains of Ephraim, whose name *was*
Micah. 2 And he said to his mother, "The
eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken
from you, and on which you put a curse, even say-
ing it in my ears—here *is* the silver with me; I
took it."

And his mother said, "*May you be* blessed by
the LORD, my son!" 3 So when he had returned the
eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his
mother said, "I had wholly dedicated the silver
from my hand to the LORD for my son, to make a
carved image and a molded image; now therefore,
I will return it to you." 4 Thus he returned the sil-
ver to his mother. Then his mother took two hun-
dred *shekels* of silver and gave them to the
silversmith, and he made it into a carved image
and a molded image; and they were in the house
of Micah.

5 The man Micah had a shrine, and made an
ephod and household idols;[a] and he consecrated
one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those
days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did
*what was* right in his own eyes.

7 Now there was a young man from Bethlehem
in Judah, of the family of Judah; he *was* a Levite,
and was staying there. 8 The man departed from
the city of Bethlehem in Judah to stay wherever
he could find *a place.* Then he came to the moun-
tains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, as he
journeyed. 9 And Micah said to him, "Where do
you come from?"

So he said to him, "I *am* a Levite from Bethle-
hem in Judah, and I am on my way to find *a place*
to stay."

10 Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be a
father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten
*shekels* of silver per year, a suit of clothes, and
your sustenance." So the Levite went in. 11 Then
the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and
the young man became like one of his sons to
him. 12 So Micah consecrated the Levite, and the
young man became his priest, and lived in the
house of Micah. 13 Then Micah said, "Now I know
that the LORD will be good to me, since I have a
Levite as priest!"

### *The Danites Adopt Micah's Idolatry*

18 In those days *there was* no king in Israel.
And in those days the tribe of the Dan-
ites was seeking an inheritance for itself
to dwell in; for until that day *their* inheritance
among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.
2 So the children of Dan sent five men of their
family from their territory, men of valor from
Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and search
it. They said to them, "Go, search the land." So
they went to the mountains of Ephraim, to the
house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 While they
*were* at the house of Micah, they recognized the
voice of the young Levite. They turned aside and
said to him, "Who brought you here? What are
you doing in this *place?* What do you have here?"

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**17:5** [a] Hebrew *teraphim*

4He said to them, "Thus and so Micah did for me. He has hired me, and I have become his priest."

5So they said to him, "Please inquire of God, that we may know whether the journey on which we go will be prosperous."

6And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The presence of the LORD *be* with you on your way."

7So the five men departed and went to Laish. They saw the people who *were* there, how they dwelt safely, in the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure. *There were* no rulers in the land who might put *them* to shame for anything. They *were* far from the Sidonians, and they had no ties with anyone.[a]

8Then *the spies* came back to their brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brethren said to them, "What *is* your *report?*"

9So they said, "Arise, let us go up against them. For we have seen the land, and indeed it *is* very good. *Would* you *do* nothing? Do not hesitate to go, *and* enter to possess the land. 10When you go, you will come to a secure people and a large land. For God has given it into your hands, a place where *there is* no lack of anything that *is* on the earth."

11And six hundred men of the family of the Danites went from there, from Zorah and Eshtaol, armed with weapons of war. 12Then they went up and encamped in Kirjath Jearim in Judah. (Therefore they call that place Mahaneh Dan[a] to this day. There *it is,* west of Kirjath Jearim.) 13And they passed from there to the mountains of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.

14Then the five men who had gone to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their brethren, "Do you know that there are in these houses an ephod, household idols, a carved image, and a molded image? Now therefore, consider what you should do." 15So they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young Levite man—to the house of Micah—and greeted him. 16The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. 17Then the five men who had gone to spy out the land went up. Entering there, they took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image. The priest stood at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men *who were* armed with weapons of war.

18When these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

19And they said to him, "Be quiet, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us; be a father and a priest to us. *Is it* better for you to be a priest to the household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?" 20So the priest's heart was glad; and he took the ephod, the household idols, and the carved image, and took his place among the people.

21Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones, the livestock, and the goods in front of them. 22When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who *were* in the houses near Micah's house gathered together and overtook the children of Dan. 23And they called out to the children of Dan. So they turned around and said to Micah, "What ails you, that you have gathered such a company?"

24So he said, "You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. Now what more do I have? How can you say to me, 'What ails you?'"

25And the children of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry men fall upon you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household!" 26Then the children of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

### *Danites Settle in Laish*

27So they took *the things* Micah had made, and the priest who had belonged to him, and went to Laish, to a people quiet and secure; and they struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. 28*There was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Sidon, and they had no ties with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth Rehob. So they rebuilt the city and dwelt there. 29And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However, the name of the city formerly *was* Laish.

30Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh,[a] and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of

**18:7** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *with Syria*. **18:12** [a]Literally *Camp of Dan*
**18:30** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Moses*.

the captivity of the land. [31]So they set up for themselves Micah's carved image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

### *The Levite's Concubine*

**19** And it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah. [2]But his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there four whole months. [3]Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her *and* bring her back, having his servant and a couple of donkeys with him. So she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he was glad to meet him. [4]Now his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him; and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.

[5]Then it came to pass on the fourth day that they arose early in the morning, and he stood to depart; but the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, "Refresh your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way."

[6]So they sat down, and the two of them ate and drank together. Then the young woman's father said to the man, "Please be content to stay all night, and let your heart be merry." [7]And when the man stood to depart, his father-in-law urged him; so he lodged there again. [8]Then he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart, but the young woman's father said, "Please refresh your heart." So they delayed until afternoon; and both of them ate.

[9]And when the man stood to depart—he and his concubine and his servant—his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, "Look, the day is now drawing toward evening; please spend the night. See, the day is coming to an end; lodge here, that your heart may be merry. Tomorrow go your way early, so that you may get home."

[10]However, the man was not willing to spend that night; so he rose and departed, and came opposite Jebus (that *is,* Jerusalem). With him were the two saddled donkeys; his concubine *was* also with him. [11]They *were* near Jebus, and the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, "Come, please, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and lodge in it."

[12]But his master said to him, "We will not turn aside here into a city of foreigners, who *are* not of the children of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah." [13]So he said to his servant, "Come, let us draw near to one of these places, and spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah." [14]And they passed by and went their way; and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. [15]They turned aside there to go in to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he sat down in the open square of the city, for no one would take them into *his* house to spend the night.

[16]Just then an old man came in from his work in the field at evening, who also *was* from the mountains of Ephraim; he was staying in Gibeah, whereas the men of the place *were* Benjamites. [17]And when he raised his eyes, he saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going, and where do you come from?"

[18]So he said to him, "We *are* passing from Bethlehem in Judah toward the remote mountains of Ephraim; I *am* from there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah; *now* I am going to the house of the LORD. But there *is* no one who will take me into his house, [19]although we have both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and bread and wine for myself, for your female servant, and for the young man *who is* with your servant; *there is* no lack of anything."

[20]And the old man said, "Peace *be* with you! However, *let* all your needs *be* my responsibility; only do not spend the night in the open square." [21]So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

### *Gibeah's Crime*

[22]As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men,[a] surrounded the house *and* beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him *carnally!*"

[23]But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act *so* wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage. [24]Look, *here is* my virgin daughter and *the man's*[a] concubine; let me bring them out now.

**19:22** [a]Literally *sons of Belial* **19:24** [a]Literally *his*

Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!" [25]But the men would not heed him. So the man took his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.

[26]Then the woman came as the day was dawning, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master *was,* till it was light.

[27]When her master arose in the morning, and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way, there was his concubine, fallen *at* the door of the house with her hands on the threshold. [28]And he said to her, "Get up and let us be going." But there was no answer. So the man lifted her onto the donkey; and the man got up and went to his place.

[29]When he entered his house he took a knife, laid hold of his concubine, and divided her into twelve pieces, limb by limb,[a] and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel. [30]And so it was that all who saw it said, "No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!"

### *Israel's War with the Benjamites*

**20** So all the children of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, as well as from the land of Gilead, and the congregation gathered together as one man before the LORD at Mizpah. [2]And the leaders of all the people, all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand foot soldiers who drew the sword. [3](Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.)

Then the children of Israel said, "Tell *us,* how did this wicked deed happen?"

[4]So the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "My concubine and I went into Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, to spend the night. [5]And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me, but instead they ravished my concubine so that she died. [6]So I took hold of my concubine, cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of the inheritance of Israel, because they committed lewdness and outrage in Israel. [7]Look! All of you *are* children of Israel; give your advice and counsel here and now!"

[8]So all the people arose as one man, saying, "None *of us* will go to his tent, nor will any turn back to his house; [9]but now this *is* the thing which we will do to Gibeah: *We will go up* against it by lot. [10]We will take ten men out of *every* hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, a hundred out of *every* thousand, and a thousand out of *every* ten thousand, to make provisions for the people, that when they come to Gibeah in Benjamin, they may repay all the vileness that they have done in Israel." [11]So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united together as one man.

[12]Then the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What *is* this wickedness that has occurred among you? [13]Now therefore, deliver up the men, the perverted men[a] who *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove the evil from Israel!" But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brethren, the children of Israel. [14]Instead, the children of Benjamin gathered together from their cities to Gibeah, to go to battle against the children of Israel. [15]And from their cities at that time the children of Benjamin numbered twenty-six thousand men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who numbered seven hundred select men. [16]Among all this people *were* seven hundred select men *who were* left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair's *breadth* and not miss. [17]Now besides Benjamin, the men of Israel numbered four hundred thousand men who drew the sword; all of these *were* men of war.

[18]Then the children of Israel arose and went up to the house of God[a] to inquire of God. They said, "Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin?"

The LORD said, "Judah first!"

[19]So the children of Israel rose in the morning and encamped against Gibeah. [20]And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in battle array to fight against them at Gibeah. [21]Then the children of Benjamin came out of Gibeah, and on that day cut down to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites. [22]And the people, that is, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and again formed the battle line at the place where they had put themselves in array on the first day. [23]Then the children of Israel went up and wept before the

**19:29** [a]Literally *with her bones* **20:13** [a]Literally *sons of Belial*
**20:18** [a]Or *Bethel*

LORD until evening, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, "Shall I again draw near for battle against the children of my brother Benjamin?"

And the LORD said, "Go up against him."

[24]So the children of Israel approached the children of Benjamin on the second day. [25]And Benjamin went out against them from Gibeah on the second day, and cut down to the ground eighteen thousand more of the children of Israel; all these drew the sword.

[26]Then all the children of Israel, that is, all the people, went up and came to the house of God[a] and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. [27]So the children of Israel inquired of the LORD (the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days, [28]and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?"

And the LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

[29]Then Israel set men in ambush all around Gibeah. [30]And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in battle array against Gibeah as at the other times. [31]So the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city. They began to strike down *and* kill some of the people, as at the other times, in the highways (one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah) and in the field, about thirty men of Israel. [32]And the children of Benjamin said, "They *are* defeated before us, as at first."

But the children of Israel said, "Let us flee and draw them away from the city to the highways." [33]So all the men of Israel rose from their place and put themselves in battle array at Baal Tamar. Then Israel's men in ambush burst forth from their position in the plain of Geba. [34]And ten thousand select men from all Israel came against Gibeah, and the battle was fierce. But *the Benjamites*[a] did not know that disaster *was* upon them. [35]The LORD defeated Benjamin before Israel. And the children of Israel destroyed that day twenty-five thousand one hundred Benjamites; all these drew the sword.

[36]So the children of Benjamin saw that they were defeated. The men of Israel had given ground to the Benjamites, because they relied on the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah. [37]And the men in ambush quickly rushed upon Gibeah; the men in ambush spread out and struck the whole city with the edge of the sword. [38]Now the appointed signal between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was that they would make a great cloud of smoke rise up from the city, [39]whereupon the men of Israel would turn in battle. Now Benjamin had begun to strike *and* kill about thirty of the men of Israel. For they said, "Surely they are defeated before us, as *in* the first battle." [40]But when the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and there was the whole city going up *in smoke* to heaven. [41]And when the men of Israel turned back, the men of Benjamin panicked, for they saw that disaster had come upon them. [42]Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel in the direction of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them, and whoever *came* out of the cities they destroyed in their midst. [43]They surrounded the Benjamites, chased them, *and* easily trampled them down as far as the front of Gibeah toward the east. [44]And eighteen thousand men of Benjamin fell; all these *were* men of valor. [45]Then they[a] turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon; and they cut down five thousand of them on the highways. Then they pursued them relentlessly up to Gidom, and killed two thousand of them. [46]So all who fell of Benjamin that day were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword; all these *were* men of valor.

[47]But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of Rimmon for four months. [48]And the men of Israel turned back against the children of Benjamin, and struck them down with the edge of the sword—from *every* city, men and beasts, all who were found. They also set fire to all the cities they came to.

### *Wives Provided for the Benjamites*

21 Now the men of Israel had sworn an oath at Mizpah, saying, "None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin as a wife." [2]Then the people came to the house of God,[a] and remained there before God till evening. They lifted up their voices and wept bitterly, [3]and said, "O LORD God of Israel, why has this come to pass

**20:26** [a]Or *Bethel* **20:34** [a]Literally *they* **20:45** [a]Septuagint reads *the rest.* **21:2** [a]Or *Bethel*

in Israel, that today there should be one tribe *missing* in Israel?"

4So it was, on the next morning, that the people rose early and built an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. 5The children of Israel said, "Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up with the assembly to the LORD?" For they had made a great oath concerning anyone who had not come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death." 6And the children of Israel grieved for Benjamin their brother, and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel today. 7What shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them our daughters as wives?"

8And they said, "What one *is there* from the tribes of Israel who did not come up to Mizpah to the LORD?" And, in fact, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh Gilead to the assembly. 9For when the people were counted, indeed, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead *was* there. 10So the congregation sent out there twelve thousand of their most valiant men, and commanded them, saying, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, including the women and children. 11And this *is* the thing that you shall do: You shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman who has known a man intimately." 12So they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins who had not known a man intimately; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13Then the whole congregation sent *word* to the children of Benjamin who *were* at the rock of Rimmon, and announced peace to them. 14So Benjamin came back at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh Gilead; and yet they had not found enough for them.

15And the people grieved for Benjamin, because the LORD had made a void in the tribes of Israel.

16Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who remain, since the women of Benjamin have been destroyed?" 17And they said, "*There must be* an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be destroyed from Israel. 18However, we cannot give them wives from our daughters, for the children of Israel have sworn an oath, saying, 'Cursed *be* the one who gives a wife to Benjamin.'" 19Then they said, "In fact, *there is* a yearly feast of the LORD in Shiloh, which *is* north of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah."

20Therefore they instructed the children of Benjamin, saying, "Go, lie in wait in the vineyards, 21and watch; and just when the daughters of Shiloh come out to perform their dances, then come out from the vineyards, and every man catch a wife for himself from the daughters of Shiloh; then go to the land of Benjamin. 22Then it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, that we will say to them, 'Be kind to them for our sakes, because we did not take a wife for any of them in the war; for *it is* not *as though* you have given the *women* to them at this time, making yourselves guilty of your oath.'"

23And the children of Benjamin did so; they took enough wives for their number from those who danced, whom they caught. Then they went and returned to their inheritance, and they rebuilt the cities and dwelt in them. 24So the children of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family; they went out from there, every man to his inheritance.

25In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

# The Book of
# RUTH

### *Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab*

1 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2The name of the man *was* Elimelech, the name of his wife *was* Naomi, and the names of his two sons *were* Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. 3Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

### *Naomi Returns with Ruth*

6Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. 7Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband."

So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

11But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? *Are* there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, *if* I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me!"

14Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

16But Ruth said:

"Entreat me not to leave you,
*Or to* turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people *shall be* my people,
And your God, my God.
17 Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried.
The Lord do so to me, and more also,
If *anything but* death parts you and me."

18When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

19Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "*Is* this Naomi?"

20But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi;[a] call me Mara,[b] for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

22So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

### *Ruth Meets Boaz*

2 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name *was* Boaz. 2So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after *him* in whose sight I may find favor."

And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field *belonging* to Boaz, who *was* of the family of Elimelech.

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**1:20** [a]Literally *Pleasant* [b]Literally *Bitter*

4Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and
said to the reapers, "The LORD *be* with you!"
And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!"
5Then Boaz said to his servant who was in
charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman *is*
this?"
6So the servant who was in charge of the
reapers answered and said, "It *is* the young
Moabite woman who came back with Naomi
from the country of Moab. 7And she said, 'Please
let me glean and gather after the reapers among
the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from
morning until now, though she rested a little in
the house."
8Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my
daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in an-
other field, nor go from here, but stay close by my
young women. 9*Let* your eyes *be* on the field which
they reap, and go after them. Have I not com-
manded the young men not to touch you? And
when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink
from what the young men have drawn."
10So she fell on her face, bowed down to the
ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor
in your eyes, that you should take notice of me,
since I *am* a foreigner?"
11And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has
been fully reported to me, all that you have done
for your mother-in-law since the death of your
husband, and *how* you have left your father and
your mother and the land of your birth, and have
come to a people whom you did not know before.
12The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be
given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose
wings you have come for refuge."
13Then she said, "Let me find favor in your
sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and
have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I
am not like one of your maidservants."
14Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come
here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of
bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers,
and he passed parched *grain* to her; and she ate
and was satisfied, and kept some back. 15And
when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his
young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the
sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16Also let *grain*
from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave *it*
that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."
17So she gleaned in the field until evening, and
beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about
an ephah of barley. 18Then she took *it* up and went
into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she
had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her
what she had kept back after she had been satis-
fied.
19And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where
have you gleaned today? And where did you
work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you."
So she told her mother-in-law with whom she
had worked, and said, "The man's name with
whom I worked today *is* Boaz."
20Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law,
"Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who has not forsaken
His kindness to the living and the dead!" And
Naomi said to her, "This man *is* a relation of ours,
one of our close relatives."
21Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also said to me,
'You shall stay close by my young men until they
have finished all my harvest.'"
22And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law,
"*It is* good, my daughter, that you go out with his
young women, and that people do not meet you in
any other field." 23So she stayed close by the young
women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley
harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her
mother-in-law.

### *Ruth's Redemption Assured*

3 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her,
"My daughter, shall I not seek security for
you, that it may be well with you? 2Now Boaz,
whose young women you were with, *is he* not our
relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at
the threshing floor. 3Therefore wash yourself and
anoint yourself, put on your *best* garment and go
down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make
yourself known to the man until he has finished
eating and drinking. 4Then it shall be, when he
lies down, that you shall notice the place where he
lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie
down; and he will tell you what you should do."
5And she said to her, "All that you say to me I
will do."
6So she went down to the threshing floor and
did according to all that her mother-in-law in-
structed her. 7And after Boaz had eaten and
drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie
down at the end of the heap of grain; and she
came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.
8Now it happened at midnight that the man
was startled, and turned himself; and there, a
woman was lying at his feet. 9And he said, "Who
*are* you?"

So she answered, "I *am* Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing,[a] for you are a close relative."

10Then he said, "Blessed *are* you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. 11And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman. 12Now it is true that I *am* a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. 13Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be *that* if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, *as* the LORD lives! Lie down until morning."

14So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15Also he said, "Bring the shawl that *is* on you and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six *ephahs* of barley, and laid *it* on her. Then she[a] went into the city.

16When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "*Is* that you, my daughter?"

Then she told her all that the man had done for her. 17And she said, "These six *ephahs* of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

18Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

### *Boaz Redeems Ruth*

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend,[a] sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. 2And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. 3Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which *belonged* to our brother Elimelech. 4And I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy *it* back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem *it,* redeem *it;* but if you[a] will not redeem *it, then* tell me, that I may know; for *there is* no one but you to redeem *it,* and I *am* next after you.'"

And he said, "I will redeem *it.*"

5Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy *it* from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate[a] the name of the dead through his inheritance."

6And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem *it.*"

7Now this *was the custom* in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave *it* to the other, and this *was* a confirmation in Israel.

8Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy *it* for yourself." So he took off his sandal. 9And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You *are* witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. 10Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate.[a] You *are* witnesses this day."

11And all the people who *were* at the gate, and the elders, said, "*We are* witnesses. The LORD make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. 12May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the LORD will give you from this young woman."

### *Descendants of Boaz and Ruth*

13So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. 14Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! 15And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who

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**3:9** [a]Or *Spread the corner of your garment over your maidservant* **3:15** [a]Many Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, and Vulgate read *she;* Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Targum read *he.* **4:1** [a]Hebrew *peloni almoni;* literally *so and so* **4:4** [a]Following many Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *he.* **4:5** [a]Literally *raise up* **4:10** [a]Probably his civic office

is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."
16Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her
bosom, and became a nurse to him. 17Also the
neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There
is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name
Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.
18Now this *is* the genealogy of Perez: Perez
begot Hezron; 19Hezron begot Ram, and Ram
begot Amminadab; 20Amminadab begot
Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon;[a] 21Salmon
begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; 22Obed begot
Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

**4:20** [a]Hebrew *Salmah*

# The First Book of
# SAMUEL

### *The Family of Elkanah*

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu,[a] the son of Tohu,[b] the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2And he had two wives: the name of one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, *were* there. 4And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb. 6And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb. 7So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

### *Hannah's Vow*

8Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? *Am* I not better to you than ten sons?"

9So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle[a] of the Lord. 10And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. 11Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

12And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. 13Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!"

15But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I *am* a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. 16Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman,[a] for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now."

17Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

18And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer *sad.*

### *Samuel Is Born and Dedicated*

19Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. 20So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel,[a] *saying,* "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

21Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and his vow. 22But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "*Not* until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever."

23So Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the Lord establish His[a] word." Then the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

24Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls,[a] one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. And the child *was* young. 25Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli. 26And she said, "O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I *am* the woman who stood by you here, praying to the Lord. 27For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition

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**1:1** [a]Spelled *Eliel* in 1 Chronicles 6:34 [b]Spelled *Toah* in 1 Chronicles 6:34 **1:9** [a]Hebrew *heykal,* palace or temple **1:16** [a]Literally *daughter of Belial* **1:20** [a]Literally *Heard by God* **1:23** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, and Syriac read *your.* **1:24** [d]Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, and Syriac read *a three-year-old bull.*

which I asked of Him. 28Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD." So they worshiped the LORD there.

### *Hannah's Prayer*

2 And Hannah prayed and said:

"My heart rejoices in the LORD;
My horn[a] is exalted in the LORD.
I smile at my enemies,
Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 "No one is holy like the LORD,
For *there is* none besides You,
Nor *is there* any rock like our God.

3 "Talk no more so very proudly;
Let no arrogance come from your mouth,
For the LORD *is* the God of knowledge;
And by Him actions are weighed.

4 "The bows of the mighty men *are* broken,
And those who stumbled are girded with strength.
5 *Those who were* full have hired themselves out for bread,
And the hungry have ceased *to hunger.*
Even the barren has borne seven,
And she who has many children has become feeble.

6 "The LORD kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave and brings up.
7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up.
8 He raises the poor from the dust
*And* lifts the beggar from the ash heap,
To set *them* among princes
And make them inherit the throne of glory.

"For the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD's,
And He has set the world upon them.
9 He will guard the feet of His saints,
But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.

"For by strength no man shall prevail.
10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces;
From heaven He will thunder against them.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.

"He will give strength to His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed."

11Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.

### *The Wicked Sons of Eli*

12Now the sons of Eli *were* corrupt;[a] they did not know the LORD. 13And the priests' custom with the people *was that* when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling. 14Then he would thrust *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. 15Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw."

16And *if* the man said to him, "They should really burn the fat first; *then* you may take *as much* as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "*No,* but you must give *it* now; and if not, I will take *it* by force."

17Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

### *Samuel's Childhood Ministry*

18But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *even as* a child, wearing a linen ephod. 19Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring *it* to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the LORD." Then they would go to their own home.

21And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

### *Prophecy Against Eli's Household*

22Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel,[a] and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 23So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. 24No, my sons! For *it is* not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD's people transgress. 25If one man sins

**2:1** [a]That is, strength **2:12** [a]Literally *sons of Belial*
**2:22** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint omit the rest of this verse.

against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.

26 And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men.

27 Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Did I not clearly reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And did I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire? 29 Why do you kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded *in My* dwelling place, and honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?' 30 Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. 32 And you will see an enemy *in My* dwelling place, *despite* all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever. 33 But any of your men *whom* I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age. 34 Now this *shall be* a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them. 35 Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest *who* shall do according to what *is* in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever. 36 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left in your house will come *and* bow down to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and say, "Please, put me in one of the priestly positions, that I may eat a piece of bread."' "

### *Samuel's First Prophecy*

3 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. 2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, 3 and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle[a] of the LORD where the ark of God *was,* and while Samuel was lying down, 4 that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" 5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

6 Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

11 Then the LORD said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. 14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 So Samuel lay down until morning,[a] and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!"

He answered, "Here I am."

17 And he said, "What *is* the word that *the LORD* spoke to you? Please do not hide *it* from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you."

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**3:3** [a]Hebrew *heykal,* palace or temple **3:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint adds *and he arose in the morning.*

18 Then Samuel told him everything, and hid
nothing from him. And he said, "It *is* the LORD. Let
Him do what seems good to Him."
19 So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him
and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And
all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Sam-
uel *had been* established as a prophet of the LORD.
21 Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the
LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the
word of the LORD.

4 And the word of Samuel came to all
Israel.[a]

### *The Ark of God Captured*

Now Israel went out to battle against the Philis-
tines, and encamped beside Ebenezer; and the
Philistines encamped in Aphek. 2 Then the Philis-
tines put themselves in battle array against Israel.
And when they joined battle, Israel was defeated
by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand
men of the army in the field. 3 And when the peo-
ple had come into the camp, the elders of Israel
said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before
the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the cov-
enant of the LORD from Shiloh to us, that when it
comes among us it may save us from the hand of
our enemies." 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that
they might bring from there the ark of the cov-
enant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells *between*
the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni
and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the cov-
enant of God.
5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD
came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly
that the earth shook. 6 Now when the Philistines
heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What *does*
the sound of this great shout in the camp of the He-
brews *mean?*" Then they understood that the ark
of the LORD had come into the camp. 7 So the Phi-
listines were afraid, for they said, "God has come
into the camp!" And they said, "Woe to us! For
such a thing has never happened before. 8 Woe to
us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these
mighty gods? These *are* the gods who struck the
Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.
9 Be strong and conduct yourselves like men, you
Philistines, that you do not become servants of
the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Conduct
yourselves like men, and fight!"
10 So the Philistines fought, and Israel was de-
feated, and every man fled to his tent. There was a
very great slaughter, and there fell of Israel thirty
thousand foot soldiers. 11 Also the ark of God was
captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and
Phinehas, died.

### *Death of Eli*

12 Then a man of Benjamin ran from the battle
line the same day, and came to Shiloh with his
clothes torn and dirt on his head. 13 Now when he
came, there was Eli, sitting on a seat by the way-
side watching,[a] for his heart trembled for the ark
of God. And when the man came into the city and
told *it,* all the city cried out. 14 When Eli heard the
noise of the outcry, he said, "What *does* the sound
of this tumult *mean?*" And the man came quickly
and told Eli. 15 Eli was ninety-eight years old, and
his eyes were so dim that he could not see.
16 Then the man said to Eli, "I *am* he who came
from the battle. And I fled today from the battle
line."
And he said, "What happened, my son?"
17 So the messenger answered and said, "Israel
has fled before the Philistines, and there has been
a great slaughter among the people. Also your two
sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark
of God has been captured."
18 Then it happened, when he made mention of
the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward
by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken
and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And
he had judged Israel forty years.

### *Ichabod*

19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was
with child, *due* to be delivered; and when she
heard the news that the ark of God was captured,
and that her father-in-law and her husband were
dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her
labor pains came upon her. 20 And about the time
of her death the women who stood by her said to
her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But
she did not answer, nor did she regard *it.* 21 Then
she named the child Ichabod,[a] saying, "The glory
has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God
had been captured and because of her father-in-
law and her husband. 22 And she said, "The glory
has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has
been captured."

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**4:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate add *And it came to pass in those days that the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight;* Septuagint adds further *against Israel*. **4:13** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *beside the gate watching the road.*
**4:21** [a]Literally *Inglorious*

### *The Philistines and the Ark*

5 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and
brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. 2When
the Philistines took the ark of God, they
brought it into the house of Dagon[a] and set it by
Dagon. 3And when the people of Ashdod arose
early in the morning, there was Dagon, fallen on
its face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. So
they took Dagon and set it in its place again. 4And
when they arose early the next morning, there
was Dagon, fallen on its face to the ground before
the ark of the LORD. The head of Dagon and both
the palms of its hands *were* broken off on the
threshold; only Dagon's *torso*[a] was left of it.
5Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor any
who come into Dagon's house tread on the thresh-
old of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

6But the hand of the LORD was heavy on the
people of Ashdod, and He ravaged them and
struck them with tumors,[a] *both* Ashdod and its
territory. 7And when the men of Ashdod saw how
*it was,* they said, "The ark of the God of Israel
must not remain with us, for His hand is harsh
toward us and Dagon our god." 8Therefore they
sent and gathered to themselves all the lords of
the Philistines, and said, "What shall we do with
the ark of the God of Israel?"

And they answered, "Let the ark of the God of
Israel be carried away to Gath." So they carried
the ark of the God of Israel away. 9So it was, after
they had carried it away, that the hand of the LORD
was against the city with a very great destruction;
and He struck the men of the city, both small and
great, and tumors broke out on them.

10Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron.
So it was, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that
the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have
brought the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill
us and our people!" 11So they sent and gathered
together all the lords of the Philistines, and said,
"Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it
go back to its own place, so that it does not kill us
and our people." For there was a deadly destruc-
tion throughout all the city; the hand of God was
very heavy there. 12And the men who did not die
were stricken with the tumors, and the cry of the
city went up to heaven.

### *The Ark Returned to Israel*

6 Now the ark of the LORD was in the country
of the Philistines seven months. 2And the
Philistines called for the priests and the di-
viners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of
the LORD? Tell us how we should send it to its
place."

3So they said, "If you send away the ark of the
God of Israel, do not send it empty; but by all
means return *it* to Him *with* a trespass offering.
Then you will be healed, and it will be known to
you why His hand is not removed from you."

4Then they said, "What *is* the trespass offering
which we shall return to Him?"

They answered, "Five golden tumors and five
golden rats, *according to* the number of the lords
of the Philistines. For the same plague *was* on all
of you and on your lords. 5Therefore you shall
make images of your tumors and images of your
rats that ravage the land, and you shall give glory
to the God of Israel; perhaps He will lighten His
hand from you, from your gods, and from your
land. 6Why then do you harden your hearts as the
Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts?
When He did mighty things among them, did
they not let the people go, that they might depart?
7Now therefore, make a new cart, take two milk
cows which have never been yoked, and hitch the
cows to the cart; and take their calves home, away
from them. 8Then take the ark of the LORD and set
it on the cart; and put the articles of gold which
you are returning to Him *as* a trespass offering in
a chest by its side. Then send it away, and let it go.
9And watch: if it goes up the road to its own terri-
tory, to Beth Shemesh, *then* He has done us this
great evil. But if not, then we shall know that *it is*
not His hand *that* struck us—it happened to us
by chance."

10Then the men did so; they took two milk cows
and hitched them to the cart, and shut up their
calves at home. 11And they set the ark of the LORD
on the cart, and the chest with the gold rats and
the images of their tumors. 12Then the cows
headed straight for the road to Beth Shemesh,
*and* went along the highway, lowing as they went,
and did not turn aside to the right hand or the
left. And the lords of the Philistines went after
them to the border of Beth Shemesh.

13Now *the people of* Beth Shemesh *were* reaping
their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted
their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it.*

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**5:2** [a]A Philistine idol **5:4** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *Dagon*. **5:6** [a]Probably bubonic plague. Septuagint and Vulgate add here *And in the midst of their land rats sprang up, and there was a great death panic in the city.*

14Then the cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood there; a large stone *was* there. So they split the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD. 15The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the chest that *was* with it, in which *were* the articles of gold, and put *them* on the large stone. Then the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices the same day to the LORD. 16So when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it,* they returned to Ekron the same day.

17These *are* the golden tumors which the Philistines returned *as* a trespass offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron; 18and the golden rats, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* fortified cities and country villages, even as far as the large *stone of* Abel on which they set the ark of the LORD, *which stone remains* to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh.

19Then He struck the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck fifty thousand and seventy men[a] of the people, and the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.

### *The Ark at Kirjath Jearim*

20And the men of Beth Shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall it go up from us?" 21So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down *and* take it up with you."

7 Then the men of Kirjath Jearim came and took the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

### *Samuel Judges Israel*

2So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths[a] from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." 4So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths,[a] and served the LORD only.

5And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." 6So they gathered together at Mizpah, drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD. And they fasted that day, and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.

7Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *of it,* they were afraid of the Philistines. 8So the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines."

9And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered *it as* a whole burnt offering to the LORD. Then Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him. 10Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel. 11And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and drove them back as far as below Beth Car. 12Then Samuel took a stone and set *it* up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer,[a] saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

13So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines. Also there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. 17But he always returned to Ramah, for his home *was* there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

### *Israel Demands a King*

8 Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they were* judges in Beersheba. 3But his sons did not walk in his ways;

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**6:19** [a]Or *He struck seventy men of the people and fifty oxen of a man* **7:3** [a]Canaanite goddesses **7:4** [a]Canaanite goddesses **7:12** [a]Literally *Stone of Help*

they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

4Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

6But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. 8According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. 9Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."

10So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. 11And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint *them* for his own chariots and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* will run before his chariots. 12He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, *will set some* to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and *some* to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13He will take your daughters *to be* perfumers, cooks, and bakers. 14And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants. 15He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. 16And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men,[a] and your donkeys, and put *them* to his work. 17He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. 18And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day."

19Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, 20that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD. 22So the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king."

And Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every man go to his city."

### *Saul Chosen to Be King*

9There was a man of Benjamin whose name *was* Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. 2And he had a choice and handsome son whose name *was* Saul. *There was* not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward *he was* taller than any of the people.

3Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul, "Please take one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." 4So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find *them.* Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and *they were* not *there.* Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find *them.*

5When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who *was* with him, "Come, let us return, lest my father cease *caring* about the donkeys and become worried about us."

6And he said to him, "Look now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honorable man; all that he says surely comes to pass. So let us go there; perhaps he can show us the way that we should go."

7Then Saul said to his servant, "But look, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread in our vessels is all gone, and *there is* no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8And the servant answered Saul again and said, "Look, I have here at hand one-fourth of a shekel of silver. I will give *that* to the man of God, to tell us our way." 9(Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for *he who is* now *called* a prophet was formerly called a seer.)

10Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God *was.*

11As they went up the hill to the city, they met some young women going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

12And they answered them and said, "Yes, there he is, just ahead of you. Hurry now; for today he came to this city, because there is a sacrifice of the

**8:16** [a]Septuagint reads *cattle*.

people today on the high place. 13As soon as you come into the city, you will surely find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore, go up, for about this time you will find him." 14So they went up to the city. As they were coming into the city, there was Samuel, coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

15Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear the day before Saul came, saying, 16"Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him commander over My people Israel, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me."

17So when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, "There he is, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall reign over My people." 18Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me, where *is* the seer's house?"

19Samuel answered Saul and said, "I *am* the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that *is* in your heart. 20But as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on you and on all your father's house?"

21And Saul answered and said, "*Am* I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe[a] of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?"

22Now Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and had them sit in the place of honor among those who were invited; there *were* about thirty persons. 23And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Set it apart.'" 24So the cook took up the thigh with its upper part and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, "Here it is, what was kept back. *It* was set apart for you. Eat; for until this time it has been kept for you, since I said I invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25When they had come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* spoke with Saul on the top of the house.[a] 26They arose early; and it was about the dawning of the day that Samuel called to Saul on the top of the house, saying, "Get up, that I may send you on your way." And Saul arose, and both of them went outside, he and Samuel.

### *Saul Anointed King*

27As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us." And he went on. "But you stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God."

**10** Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured *it* on his head, and kissed him and said: "*Is it* not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance?[a] 2When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"' 3Then you shall go on forward from there and come to the terebinth tree of Tabor. There three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. 4And they will greet you and give you two *loaves* of bread, which you shall receive from their hands. 5After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison *is.* And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. 6Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7And let it be, when these signs come to you, *that* you do as the occasion demands; for God *is* with you. 8You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings *and* make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

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**9:21** [a]Literally *tribes* **9:25** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint omits *He spoke with Saul on the top of the house;* Septuagint and Vulgate add *And he prepared a bed for Saul on the top of the house, and he slept.* **10:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *His people Israel; and you shall rule the people of the Lord;* Septuagint and Vulgate add *And you shall deliver His people from the hands of their enemies all around them. And this shall be a sign to you, that God has anointed you to be a prince.*

9So it was, when he had turned his back to go
from Samuel, that God gave him another heart;
and all those signs came to pass that day. 10When
they came there to the hill, there was a group of
prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God
came upon him, and he prophesied among them.
11And it happened, when all who knew him for-
merly saw that he indeed prophesied among the
prophets, that the people said to one another,
"What *is* this *that* has come upon the son of Kish?
*Is* Saul also among the prophets?" 12Then a man
from there answered and said, "But who *is* their
father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "*Is* Saul
also among the prophets?" 13And when he had
finished prophesying, he went to the high place.

14Then Saul's uncle said to him and his servant,
"Where did you go?"

So he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we
saw that *they were* nowhere *to be found,* we went
to Samuel."

15And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, please, what
Samuel said to you."

16So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly
that the donkeys had been found." But about the
matter of the kingdom, he did not tell him what
Samuel had said.

### *Saul Proclaimed King*

17Then Samuel called the people together to the
LORD at Mizpah, 18and said to the children of Is-
rael, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I brought
up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the
hand of the Egyptians *and* from the hand of all
kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.'
19But you have today rejected your God, who Him-
self saved you from all your adversities and your
tribulations; and you have said to Him, 'No, set a
king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves
before the LORD by your tribes and by your
clans."[a]

20And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of
Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was
chosen. 21When he had caused the tribe of Benja-
min to come near by their families, the family of
Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was
chosen. But when they sought him, he could not
be found. 22Therefore they inquired of the LORD
further, "Has the man come here yet?"

And the LORD answered, "There he is, hidden
among the equipment."

23So they ran and brought him from there; and
when he stood among the people, he was taller
than any of the people from his shoulders up-
ward. 24And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you
see him whom the LORD has chosen, that *there is*
no one like him among all the people?"

So all the people shouted and said, "Long live
the king!"

25Then Samuel explained to the people the be-
havior of royalty, and wrote *it* in a book and laid *it*
up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the peo-
ple away, every man to his house. 26And Saul also
went home to Gibeah; and valiant *men* went with
him, whose hearts God had touched. 27But some
rebels said, "How can this man save us?" So they
despised him, and brought him no presents. But
he held his peace.

### *Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead*

11 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up
and encamped against Jabesh Gilead;
and all the men of Jabesh said to Na-
hash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve
you."

2And Nahash the Ammonite answered them,
"On this *condition* I will make *a covenant* with
you, that I may put out all your right eyes, and
bring reproach on all Israel."

3Then the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Hold
off for seven days, that we may send messengers
to all the territory of Israel. And then, if *there is* no
one to save us, we will come out to you."

4So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and
told the news in the hearing of the people. And all
the people lifted up their voices and wept. 5Now
there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the
field; and Saul said, "What *troubles* the people, that
they weep?" And they told him the words of the
men of Jabesh. 6Then the Spirit of God came upon
Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was
greatly aroused. 7So he took a yoke of oxen and cut
them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the
territory of Israel by the hands of messengers,
saying, "Whoever does not go out with Saul and
Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen."

And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and
they came out with one consent. 8When he num-
bered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were
three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah
thirty thousand. 9And they said to the messengers
who came, "Thus you shall say to the men of
Jabesh Gilead: 'Tomorrow, by *the time* the sun is

**10:19** [a]Literally *thousands*

hot, you shall have help.'" Then the messengers came and reported *it* to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad. 10Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do with us whatever seems good to you."

11So it was, on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and killed Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

12Then the people said to Samuel, "Who *is* he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death."

13But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel."

14Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there." 15So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

### *Samuel's Address at Saul's Coronation*

12 Now Samuel said to all Israel: "Indeed I have heeded your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. 2And now here is the king, walking before you; and I am old and grayheaded, and look, my sons *are* with you. I have walked before you from my childhood to this day. 3Here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received *any* bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore *it* to you."

4And they said, "You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man's hand."

5Then he said to them, "The LORD *is* witness against you, and His anointed *is* witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand."

And they answered, "*He is* witness."

6Then Samuel said to the people, "*It is* the LORD who raised up Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt. 7Now therefore, stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did to you and your fathers: 8When Jacob had gone into Egypt,[a] and your fathers cried out to the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. 9And when they forgot the LORD their God, He sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. 10Then they cried out to the LORD, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD and served the Baals and Ashtoreths;[a] but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.' 11And the LORD sent Jerubbaal,[a] Bedan,[b] Jephthah, and Samuel,[c] and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you dwelt in safety. 12And when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the LORD your God *was* your king.

13"Now therefore, here is the king whom you have chosen *and* whom you have desired. And take note, the LORD has set a king over you. 14If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God. 15However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

16"Now therefore, stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes: 17*Is* today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves."

18So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves."

20Then Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn

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**12:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint adds *and the Egyptians afflicted them*. **12:10** [a]Canaanite goddesses **12:11** [a]Syriac reads *Deborah;* Targum reads *Gideon*. [b]Septuagint and Syriac read *Barak;* Targum reads *Simson*. [c]Syriac reads *Simson*.

aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. 21And do not turn aside; for *then you would go* after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they *are* nothing. 22For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. 23Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. 24Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. 25But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

### *Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice*

13 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,[a] 2Saul chose for himself three thousand *men* of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mountains of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent away, every man to his tent.

3And Jonathan attacked the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it.* Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!" 4Now all Israel heard it said *that* Saul had attacked a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel had also become an abomination to the Philistines. And the people were called together to Saul at Gilgal.

5Then the Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel, thirty[a] thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the seashore in multitude. And they came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth Aven. 6When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits. 7And *some of* the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.

As for Saul, he *was* still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering. 10Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

11And Samuel said, "What have you done?"

Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* you did not come within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, 12then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."

13And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

15Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin.[a] And Saul numbered the people present with him, about six hundred men.

### *No Weapons for the Army*

16Saul, Jonathan his son, and the people present with them remained in Gibeah of Benjamin. But the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 17Then raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies. One company turned onto the road to Ophrah, to the land of Shual, 18another company turned to the road *to* Beth Horon, and another company turned *to* the road of the border that overlooks the Valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears." 20But all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to sharpen each man's plowshare, his mattock, his ax, and his sickle; 21and the charge for a sharpening was a pim[a] for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks, and the axes, and to set the points of the goads. 22So it came about, on the day of battle, that there was neither sword

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**13:1** [a]The Hebrew is difficult (compare 2 Samuel 5:4; 2 Kings 14:2; see also 2 Samuel 2:10; Acts 13:21). **13:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate; Syriac and some manuscripts of the Septuagint read *three*.
**13:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate add *And the rest of the people went up after Saul to meet the people who fought against them, going from Gilgal to Gibeah in the hill of Benjamin*. **13:21** [a]About two-thirds shekel weight

nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who *were* with Saul and Jonathan. But they were found with Saul and Jonathan his son.

23And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

### *Jonathan Defeats the Philistines*

14 Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that *is* on the other side." But he did not tell his father. 2And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which *is* in Migron. The people who *were* with him *were* about six hundred men. 3Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, was wearing an ephod. But the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5The front of one faced northward opposite Michmash, and the other southward opposite Gibeah.

6Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."

7So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

8Then Jonathan said, "Very well, let us cross over to *these* men, and we will show ourselves to them. 9If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them. 10But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this *will be* a sign to us."

11So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden." 12Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something."

Jonathan said to his armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel." 13And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armorbearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armorbearer killed them. 14That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.[a]

15And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling. 16Now the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and *there* was the multitude, melting away; and they went here and there. 17Then Saul said to the people who *were* with him, "Now call the roll and see who has gone from us." And when they had called the roll, surprisingly, Jonathan and his armorbearer *were* not *there.* 18And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark[a] of God here" (for at that time the ark[b] of God was with the children of Israel). 19Now it happened, while Saul talked to the priest, that the noise which *was* in the camp of the Philistines continued to increase; so Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand." 20Then Saul and all the people who *were* with him assembled, and they went to the battle; and indeed every man's sword was against his neighbor, *and there was* very great confusion. 21Moreover the Hebrews *who* were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp *from the* surrounding *country,* they also joined the Israelites who *were* with Saul and Jonathan. 22Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden in the mountains of Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23So the LORD saved Israel that day, and the battle shifted to Beth Aven.

### *Saul's Rash Oath*

24And the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had placed the people under oath, saying, "Cursed *is* the man who eats *any* food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies." So none of the people tasted food. 25Now all *the people* of the land came to a forest; and there was honey on the ground. 26And when the people had come into the woods, there was the honey, dripping; but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. 27But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people

**14:14** [a]Literally *half the area plowed by a yoke* (of oxen in a day)
**14:18** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *ephod*. [b]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *ephod*.

with the oath; therefore he stretched out the end of the rod that *was* in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his countenance brightened. [28]Then one of the people said, "Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed *is* the man who eats food this day.'" And the people were faint.

[29]But Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. Look now, how my countenance has brightened because I tasted a little of this honey. [30]How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?"

[31]Now they had driven back the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. So the people were very faint. [32]And the people rushed on the spoil, and took sheep, oxen, and calves, and slaughtered *them* on the ground; and the people ate *them* with the blood. [33]Then they told Saul, saying, "Look, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood!"

So he said, "You have dealt treacherously; roll a large stone to me this day." [34]Then Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, 'Bring me here every man's ox and every man's sheep, slaughter *them* here, and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.'" So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night, and slaughtered *it* there. [35]Then Saul built an altar to the LORD. This was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

[36]Now Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and plunder them until the morning light; and let us not leave a man of them."

And they said, "Do whatever seems good to you."

Then the priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

[37]So Saul asked counsel of God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will You deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But He did not answer him that day. [38]And Saul said, "Come over here, all you chiefs of the people, and know and see what this sin was today. [39]For *as* the LORD lives, who saves Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But not a man among all the people answered him. [40]Then he said to all Israel, "You be on one side, and my son Jonathan and I will be on the other side."

And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good to you."

[41]Therefore Saul said to the LORD God of Israel, "Give a perfect *lot.*"[a] So Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the people escaped. [42]And Saul said, "Cast *lots* between my son Jonathan and me." So Jonathan was taken. [43]Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done."

And Jonathan told him, and said, "I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in my hand. So now I must die!"

[44]Saul answered, "God do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan."

[45]But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! *As* the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.

[46]Then Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

### *Saul's Continuing Wars*

[47]So Saul established his sovereignty over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, against the people of Ammon, against Edom, against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he harassed *them.*[a] [48]And he gathered an army and attacked the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

[49]The sons of Saul were Jonathan, Jishui,[a] and Malchishua. And the names of his two daughters *were these:* the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal. [50]The name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the commander of his army *was* Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. [51]Kish *was* the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel.

[52]Now there was fierce war with the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man or any valiant man, he took him for himself.

### *Saul Spares King Agag*

15 Samuel also said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD. [2]Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek *for* what he

**14:41** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *Why do You not answer Your servant today? If the injustice is with me or Jonathan my son, O LORD God of Israel, give proof; and if You say it is with Your people Israel, give holiness.* **14:47** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *prospered.* **14:49** [a]Called *Abinadab* in 1 Chronicles 8:33 and 9:39

did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. 3Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

4So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah. 5And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.

6Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. 7And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was* good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

### *Saul Rejected as King*

10Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 11"I greatly regret that I have set up Saul *as* king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night. 12So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal." 13Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed *are* you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD."

14But Samuel said, "What then *is* this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

16Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night."

And he said to him, "Speak on."

17So Samuel said, "When you *were* little in your own eyes, *were* you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? 18Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?"

20And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

22So Samuel said:

"Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt
offerings and sacrifices,
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
*And* to heed than the fat of rams.

**OBEDIENCE** **1 THE PRIORITY OF OBEDIENCE**

► *See* **1 SAMUEL 15:22**

God has made many commands clear throughout the Bible. For example, we should not gossip, lie, steal, or covet. Sometimes, however, rather than simply obeying God, we try to give what we believe are sacrifices, such as time and money. Many of us expect God to be impressed with our religious good works, even if we have not obeyed what He has already commanded. God's higher priority is that we hear His voice and, having heard, that we obey. Obedience implies that whether or not you want to (or understand why), you still choose to trust God and obey Him.

Having pondered all of life's worldly delights, and finding them meaningless, the Preacher in Ecclesiastes says: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: / Fear God and keep His commandments, / For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Nothing should more passionately occupy our thoughts than to obey God. It is our whole duty.

► *Now turn to page 988 for John 4:34 and Point 2. Christ Is Our Example in Obedience.*

23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the
LORD,
He also has rejected you from *being* king."

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

27 And as Samuel turned around to go away, *Saul* seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. 28 So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, *who is* better than you. 29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. For He *is* not a man, that He should relent."

30 Then he said, "I have sinned; *yet* honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God." 31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.

32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me." So Agag came to him cautiously.

And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

33 But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul. 35 And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

### *David Anointed King*

16 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it,* he will kill me."

But the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before Him!"

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does* not *see* as man sees;[a] for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep."

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down[a] till he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

### *A Distressing Spirit Troubles Saul*

14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. 16 Let our master now command your servants, *who are* before you, to seek out a man *who*

**16:7** [a]Septuagint reads *For God does not see as man sees;* Targum reads *It is not by the appearance of a man;* Vulgate reads *Nor do I judge according to the looks of a man.*
**16:11** [a]Following Septuagint and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *turn around;* Targum and Syriac read *turn away.*

*is* a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

17So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me."

18Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD *is* with him."

19Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who *is* with the sheep." 20And Jesse took a donkey *loaded with* bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent *them* by his son David to Saul. 21So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." 23And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play *it* with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

### *David and Goliath*

17 Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered at Sochoh, which *belongs* to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. 2And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines. 3The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

4And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. 5*He had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of bronze. 6And *he had* bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7Now the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead *weighed* six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him. 8Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am* I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." 11When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name *was* Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced *in years,* in the days of Saul. 13The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle *were* Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14David *was* the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. 15But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

**PROSPERITY OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS**

**1 PROSPERITY DOES NOT ALWAYS INDICATE GOD'S BLESSING**

► *See* **1 SAMUEL 16:7**

Since God's economy is different from ours, worldly prosperity doesn't necessarily indicate God's blessing. Human economy says to measure others by what they look like, how much money they make, or how much power they wield. God's economy is different—He looks at our hearts.

Those prosperous unbelievers may find temporary satisfaction in the wealth of the world, but eventually God will judge the condition of their heart. Those who do not trust Jesus for salvation will suddenly know an eternity of terror (Psalm 73:12–19).

Neither does worldly success—whether through financial wealth, a powerful position, or an elevated social status—necessarily indicate God's blessing on Christians. God uses the circumstances of our lives, including worldly success or failure, for His purposes (see *Suffering*). God is most concerned with improving the condition of our hearts.

► *Now turn to page 964 for Luke 12:15 and Point 2. Do Not Envy the Prosperity of the Unrighteous.*

16And the Philistine drew near and presented
himself forty days, morning and evening.
17Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now
for your brothers an ephah of this dried *grain* and
these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the
camp. 18And carry these ten cheeses to the cap-
tain of *their* thousand, and see how your brothers
fare, and bring back news of them." 19Now Saul
and they and all the men of Israel *were* in the Val-
ley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
20So David rose early in the morning, left the
sheep with a keeper, and took *the things* and went
as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the
camp as the army was going out to the fight and
shouting for the battle. 21For Israel and the Philis-
tines had drawn up in battle array, army against
army. 22And David left his supplies in the hand of
the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and
greeted his brothers. 23Then as he talked with
them, there was the champion, the Philistine of
Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the
armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according
to the same words. So David heard *them.* 24And all
the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled
from him and were dreadfully afraid. 25So the
men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who
has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Is-
rael; and it shall be *that* the man who kills him the
king will enrich with great riches, will give him
his daughter, and give his father's house exemp-
tion *from taxes* in Israel."
26Then David spoke to the men who stood by
him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who
kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach
from Israel? For who *is* this uncircumcised Philis-
tine, that he should defy the armies of the living
God?"
27And the people answered him in this manner,
saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills
him."
28Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he
spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused
against David, and he said, "Why did you come
down here? And with whom have you left those
few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride
and the insolence of your heart, for you have
come down to see the battle."
29And David said, "What have I done now? *Is*
*there* not a cause?" 30Then he turned from him to-
ward another and said the same thing; and these
people answered him as the first ones *did.*
31Now when the words which David spoke were
heard, they reported *them* to Saul; and he sent for
him. 32Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's
heart fail because of him; your servant will go and
fight with this Philistine."
33And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go
against this Philistine to fight with him; for you
*are* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."
34But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to
keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear
came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35I went out
after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from
its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught
*it* by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36Your ser-
vant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncir-
cumcised Philistine will be like one of them,
seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."
37Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered
me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of
the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this
Philistine."
And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be
with you!"
38So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he
put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed
him with a coat of mail. 39David fastened his
sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had
not tested *them.* And David said to Saul, "I cannot
walk with these, for I have not tested *them.*" So
David took them off.
40Then he took his staff in his hand; and he
chose for himself five smooth stones from the
brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a
pouch which he had, and his sling was in his
hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. 41So the
Philistine came, and began drawing near to Da-
vid, and the man who bore the shield *went* before
him. 42And when the Philistine looked about and
saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a
youth, ruddy and good-looking. 43So the Philis-
tine said to David, "*Am* I a dog, that you come to
me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David
by his gods. 44And the Philistine said to David,
"Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the
birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"
45Then David said to the Philistine, "You come
to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a
javelin. But I come to you in the name of the
LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel,
whom you have defied. 46This day the LORD will
deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you
and take your head from you. And this day I will
give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines

to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands."

48So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. 51Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley[a] and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. 53Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. 54And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

55When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son *is* this youth?"

And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know."

56So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man *is*."

57Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58And Saul said to him, "Whose son *are* you, young man?"

So David answered, "*I am* the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

### *Saul Resents David*

18 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. 3Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4And Jonathan took off the robe that *was* on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.

5So David went out wherever Saul sent him, *and* behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6Now it had happened as they were coming *home,* when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. 7So the women sang as they danced, and said:

"Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands."

8Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?" 9So Saul eyed David from that day forward.

10And it happened on the next day that the dis-

**17:52** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *Gath*.

**FAITH** **5 Faith Demonstrated in the Incredible**

► *See* **1 Samuel 17:45, 46**

These verses are part of the story of David and Goliath. The giant Goliath tormented the whole army of Israel. Because of his size, no one would fight him. David, a young shepherd boy, heard the giant call for an opponent and accepted the challenge. David went to battle with only a slingshot and faith that God would protect him. God honored David's faith, and He guided the stone from David's slingshot to a vulnerable spot and the giant fell. God will be just as faithful to you when you face giants, such as temptation or suffering.

► *Now turn to page 946 for Luke 1:37 and Point 6. Faith Demonstrated in the Impossible.*

tressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played *music* with his hand, as at other times; but *there was* a spear in Saul's hand. 11And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

12Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul. 13Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD *was* with him. 15Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. 16But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

### *David Marries Michal*

17Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "Let my hand not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him."

18So David said to Saul, "Who *am* I, and what *is* my life *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?" 19But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife.

20Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. 21So Saul said, "I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall be my son-in-law today."

22And Saul commanded his servants, "Communicate with David secretly, and say, 'Look, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.'"

23So Saul's servants spoke those words in the hearing of David. And David said, "Does it seem to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I *am* a poor and lightly esteemed man?" 24And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "In this manner David spoke."

25Then Saul said, "Thus you shall say to David: 'The king does not desire any dowry but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26So when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to become the king's son-in-law. Now the days had not expired; 27therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full count to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife.

28Thus Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him; 29and Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul became David's enemy continually. 30Then the princes of the Philistines went out *to war.* And so it was, whenever they went out, *that* David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.

### *Saul Persecutes David*

19 Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David. 2So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret *place* and hide. 3And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you *are,* and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you."

4Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works *have been* very good toward you. 5For he took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw *it* and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

6So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "*As* the LORD lives, he shall not be killed." 7Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.

8And there was war again; and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and struck them with a mighty blow, and they fled from him.

9Now the distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing *music* with *his* hand. 10Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's

presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

[11]Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." [12]So Michal let David down through a window. And he went and fled and escaped. [13]And Michal took an image and laid *it* in the bed, put a cover of goats' *hair* for his head, and covered *it* with clothes. [14]So when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He *is* sick."

[15]Then Saul sent the messengers *back* to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." [16]And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' *hair* for his head. [17]Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?"

And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

[18]So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. [19]Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take note, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah!" [20]Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. [21]And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. [22]Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that *is* at Sechu. So he asked, and said, "Where *are* Samuel and David?"

And *someone* said, "Indeed *they are* at Naioth in Ramah." [23]So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. [24]And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "*Is* Saul also among the prophets?"[a]

### *Jonathan's Loyalty to David*

**20** Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and went and said to Jonathan, "What have I done? What *is* my iniquity, and what *is* my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?"

[2]So Jonathan said to him, "By no means! You shall not die! Indeed, my father will do nothing either great or small without first telling me. And why should my father hide this thing from me? It *is* not *so!*"

[3]Then David took an oath again, and said, "Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly, *as* the LORD lives and *as* your soul lives, *there is* but a step between me and death."

[4]So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do *it* for you."

[5]And David said to Jonathan, "Indeed tomorrow *is* the New Moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat. But let me go, that I may hide in the field until the third *day* at evening. [6]If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked *permission* of me that he might run over to Bethlehem, his city, for *there is* a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.' [7]If he says thus: '*It is* well,' your servant will be safe. But if he is very angry, be sure that evil is determined by him. [8]Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?"

[9]But Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I knew certainly that evil was determined by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you?"

[10]Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me, or what *if* your father answers you roughly?"

[11]And Jonathan said to David, "Come, let us go out into the field." So both of them went out into the field. [12]Then Jonathan said to David: "The LORD God of Israel *is witness!* When I have sounded out my father sometime tomorrow, *or* the third *day,* and indeed *there is* good toward David, and I do not send to you and tell you, [13]may the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father *to do* you evil, then I will report it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And the LORD be with you as He has been with my father. [14]And you shall not only show me the kindness of the LORD while I still live, that I may not die; [15]but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off every one of the ene-

**19:24** [a]Compare 1 Samuel 10:12

mies of David from the face of the earth." [16]So Jonathan made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying,* "Let the LORD require *it* at the hand of David's enemies."

[17]Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. [18]Then Jonathan said to David, "Tomorrow *is* the New Moon; and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty. [19]And *when* you have stayed three days, go down quickly and come to the place where you hid on the day of the deed; and remain by the stone Ezel. [20]Then I will shoot three arrows to the side, as though I shot at a target; [21]and there I will send a lad, *saying,* 'Go, find the arrows.' If I expressly say to the lad, 'Look, the arrows *are* on this side of you; get them and come'—then, as the LORD lives, *there is* safety for you and no harm. [22]But if I say thus to the young man, 'Look, the arrows *are* beyond you'—go your way, for the LORD has sent you away. [23]And as for the matter which you and I have spoken of, indeed the LORD *be* between you and me forever."

[24]Then David hid in the field. And when the New Moon had come, the king sat down to eat the feast. [25]Now the king sat on his seat, as at other times, on a seat by the wall. And Jonathan arose,[a] and Abner sat by Saul's side, but David's place was empty. [26]Nevertheless Saul did not say anything that day, for he thought, "Something has happened to him; he *is* unclean, surely he *is* unclean." [27]And it happened the next day, the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to eat, either yesterday or today?"

[28]So Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked *permission* of me *to go* to Bethlehem. [29]And he said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me *to be there.* And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me get away and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the king's table."

[30]Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious *woman!* Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? [31]For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die."

[32]And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?" [33]Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.

[34]So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

[35]And so it was, in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad *was* with him. [36]Then he said to his lad, "Now run, find the arrows which I shoot." As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. [37]When the lad had come to the place where the arrow was which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried out after the lad and said, "*Is* not the arrow beyond you?" [38]And Jonathan cried out after the lad, "Make haste, hurry, do not delay!" So Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows and came back to his master. [39]But the lad did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew of the matter. [40]Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, "Go, carry *them* to the city."

[41]As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from *a place* toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so. [42]Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, 'May the LORD be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.'" So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

### *David and the Holy Bread*

**21** Now David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech was afraid when he met David, and said to him, "Why *are* you alone, and no one is with you?"

[2]So David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, 'Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I send you, or what I have commanded you.' And I have directed *my* young men to such and such a place. [3]Now therefore, what have you on hand? Give *me* five *loaves of* bread in my hand, or whatever can be found."

[4]And the priest answered David and said, "*There is* no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women."

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**20:25** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *he sat across from Jonathan*.

5Then David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, women *have been* kept from us about three days since I came out. And the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in effect common, even though it was consecrated in the vessel this day."

6So the priest gave him holy *bread;* for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread *in its place* on the day when it was taken away.

7Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD. And his name *was* Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who *belonged* to Saul.

8And David said to Ahimelech, "Is there not here on hand a spear or a sword? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."

9So the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take *it.* For *there is* no other except that one here."

And David said, "*There is* none like it; give it to me."

### *David Flees to Gath*

10Then David arose and fled that day from before Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11And the servants of Achish said to him, "*Is* this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of him to one another in dances, saying:

'Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands'?"[a]

12Now David took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13So he changed his behavior before them, pretended madness in their hands, scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva fall down on his beard. 14Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is insane. Why have you brought him to me? 15Have I need of madmen, that you have brought this *fellow* to play the madman in my presence? Shall this *fellow* come into my house?"

### *David's Four Hundred Men*

22 David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. So when his brothers and all his father's house heard *it,* they went down there to him. 2And everyone *who was* in distress, everyone who *was* in debt, and everyone *who was* discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.

3Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me." 4So he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

5Now the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go to the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

### *Saul Murders the Priests*

6When Saul heard that David and the men who *were* with him had been discovered—now Saul was staying in Gibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants standing about him— 7then Saul said to his servants who stood about him, "Hear now, you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds? 8All of you have conspired against me, and *there is* no one who reveals to me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse; and *there is* not one of you who is sorry for me or reveals to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as *it is* this day."

9Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, "I saw the son of Jesse going to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10And he inquired of the LORD for him, gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11So the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who *were* in Nob. And they all came to the king. 12And Saul said, "Hear now, son of Ahitub!"

He answered, "Here I am, my lord."

13Then Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?"

14So Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants *is as* faithful as

**21:11** [a]Compare 1 Samuel 18:7

David, who is the king's son-in-law, who goes at your bidding, and is honorable in your house? 15Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? Far be it from me! Let not the king impute anything to his servant, *or* to any in the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, little or much."

16And the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's house!" 17Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me." But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to strike the priests of the LORD. 18And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod. 19Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep—with the edge of the sword.

20Now one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. 21And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the LORD's priests. 22So David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused *the death* of all the persons of your father's house. 23Stay with me; do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you *shall be* safe."

### *David Saves the City of Keilah*

23 Then they told David, saying, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they are robbing the threshing floors."

2Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?"

And the LORD said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah."

3But David's men said to him, "Look, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?" 4Then David inquired of the LORD once again.

And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand." 5And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines, struck them with a mighty blow, and took away their livestock. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6Now it happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, *that* he went down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7And Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah. So Saul said, "God has delivered him into my hand, for he has shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars." 8Then Saul called all the people together for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

9When David knew that Saul plotted evil against him, he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here." 10Then David said, "O LORD God of Israel, Your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city for my sake. 11Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I pray, tell Your servant."

And the LORD said, "He will come down."

12Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?"

And the LORD said, "They will deliver *you*."

13So David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah and went wherever they could go. Then it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah; so he halted the expedition.

### *David in Wilderness Strongholds*

14And David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness, and remained in the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand. 15So David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David *was* in the Wilderness of Ziph in a forest.[a] 16Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God. 17And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Even my father Saul knows that." 18So the two of them made a covenant before the LORD. And David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his own house.

19Then the Ziphites came up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the south of Jeshimon? 20Now therefore, O

**23:15** [a]Or *in Horesh*

king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to come down; and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand."

21And Saul said, "Blessed *are* you of the LORD, for you have compassion on me. 22Please go and find out for sure, and see the place where his hideout is, *and* who has seen him there. For I am told he is very crafty. 23See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides; and come back to me with certainty, and I will go with you. And it shall be, if he is in the land, that I will search for him throughout all the clans[a] of Judah."

24So they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. But David and his men *were* in the Wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon. 25When Saul and his men went to seek *him,* they told David. Therefore he went down to the rock, and stayed in the Wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that,* he pursued David in the Wilderness of Maon. 26Then Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. So David made haste to get away from Saul, for Saul and his men were encircling David and his men to take them.

27But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have invaded the land!" 28Therefore Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines; so they called that place the Rock of Escape.[a] 29Then David went up from there and dwelt in strongholds at En Gedi.

### *David Spares Saul*

**24** Now it happened, when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Take note! David *is* in the Wilderness of En Gedi." 2Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there *was* a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.) 4Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 5Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. 6And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD." 7So David restrained his servants with *these* words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on *his* way.

8David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down. 9And David said to Saul: "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Indeed David seeks your harm'? 10Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and *someone* urged *me* to kill you. But *my eye* spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he *is* the LORD's anointed.' 11Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that *there is* neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt my life to take it. 12Let the LORD judge between you and me, and let the LORD avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you. 13As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.' But my hand shall not be against you. 14After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea? 15Therefore let the LORD be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand."

16So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "*Is* this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. 17Then he said to David: "You *are* more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil. 18And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the LORD delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. 19For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. 20And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. 21Therefore swear now to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house."

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**23:23** [a]Literally *thousands* **23:28** [a]Hebrew *Sela Hammahlekoth*

22So David swore to Saul. And Saul went home,
but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

*Death of Samuel*

25 Then Samuel died; and the Israelites gathered together and lamented for him, and buried him at his home in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the Wilderness of Paran.[a]

*David and the Wife of Nabal*

2Now *there was* a man in Maon whose business *was* in Carmel, and the man *was* very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3The name of the man *was* Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And *she was* a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man *was* harsh and evil in *his* doings. He *was of the house of* Caleb.

4When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep, 5David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. 6And thus you shall say to him who lives *in prosperity:* 'Peace *be* to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have! 7Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel. 8Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let *my* young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.'"

9So when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and waited.

10Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who *is* David, and who *is* the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. 11Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* to men when I do not know where they *are* from?"

12So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words. 13Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies.

14Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them. 15But the men *were* very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we accompanied them, when we were in the fields. 16They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep. 17Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he *is such* a scoundrel[a] that *one* cannot speak to him."

18Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred *loaves* of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted *grain,* one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys. 19And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20So it was, *as* she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them. 21Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belongs* to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. 22May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who *belong* to him by morning light."

23Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground. 24So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, *on* me *let* this iniquity *be!* And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. 25Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name *is,* so *is* he: Nabal[a] *is* his name, and folly *is* with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. 26Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD lives and *as* your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal. 27And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young

**25:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *Maon*. **25:17** [a]Literally *son of Belial*
**25:25** [a]Literally *Fool*

men who follow my lord. [28]Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. [29]Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, *as from* the pocket of a sling. [30]And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, [31]that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

[32]Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed *is* the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! [33]And blessed *is* your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. [34]For indeed, *as* the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!" [35]So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

[36]Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there he was, holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light. [37]So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *like* a stone. [38]Then it happened, *after* about ten days, that the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

[39]So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil! For the LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head."

And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife. [40]When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife."

[41]Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." [42]So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, attended by five of her maidens; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife. [43]David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel, and so both of them were his wives.

[44]But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti[a] the son of Laish, who *was* from Gallim.

### *David Spares Saul a Second Time*

**26** Now the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon?" [2]Then Saul arose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph. [3]And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* opposite Jeshimon, by the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. [4]David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had indeed come.

[5]So David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Now Saul lay within the camp, with the people encamped all around him. [6]Then David answered, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?"

And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

[7]So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people lay all around him. [8]Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not *have to strike* him a second time!"

[9]But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?" [10]David said furthermore, "*As* the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. [11]The LORD forbid that

**25:44** [a]Spelled *Paltiel* in 2 Samuel 3:15

I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that *are* by his head, and let us go." 12So David took the spear and the jug of water *by* Saul's head, and they got away; and no man saw or knew *it* or awoke. For they *were* all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

13Now David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a great distance *being* between them. 14And David called out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do you not answer, Abner?"

Then Abner answered and said, "Who *are* you, calling out to the king?"

15So David said to Abner, "*Are* you not a man? And who *is* like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king. 16This thing that you have done *is* not good. *As* the LORD lives, you deserve to die, because you have not guarded your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is,* and the jug of water that *was* by his head."

17Then Saul knew David's voice, and said, "*Is* that your voice, my son David?"

David said, "*It is* my voice, my lord, O king." 18And he said, "Why does my lord thus pursue his servant? For what have I done, or what evil *is* in my hand? 19Now therefore, please, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant: If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering. But if *it is* the children of men, *may* they *be* cursed before the LORD, for they have driven me out this day from sharing in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' 20So now, do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David. For I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Indeed I have played the fool and erred exceedingly."

22And David answered and said, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the young men come over and get it. 23May the LORD repay every man *for* his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into *my* hand today, but I would not stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. 24And indeed, as your life was valued much this day in my eyes, so let my life be valued much in the eyes of the LORD, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation."

25Then Saul said to David, "*May* you *be* blessed, my son David! You shall both do great things and also still prevail."

So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

### *David Allied with the Philistines*

27 And David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul. *There is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand." 2Then David arose and went over with the six hundred men who *were* with him to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath. 3So David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, each man with his household, *and* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's widow. 4And it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath; so he sought him no more.

5Then David said to Achish, "If I have now found favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?" 6So Achish gave him Ziklag that day. Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day. 7Now the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was one full year and four months.

8And David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites,[a] and the Amalekites. For those *nations* were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as you go to Shur, even as far as the land of Egypt. 9Whenever David attacked the land, he left neither man nor woman alive, but took away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the apparel, and returned and came to Achish. 10Then Achish would say, "Where have you made a raid today?" And David would say, "Against the southern *area* of Judah, or against the southern *area* of the Jerahmeelites, or against the southern *area* of the Kenites." 11David would save neither man nor woman alive, to bring *news* to Gath, saying, "Lest they should inform on us, saying, 'Thus David did.'" And thus *was* his behavior all the time he dwelt in the country of the

**27:8** [a]Or *Gezrites*

Philistines. [12]So Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel utterly abhor him; therefore he will be my servant forever."

28 Now it happened in those days that the Philistines gathered their armies together for war, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, "You assuredly know that you will go out with me to battle, you and your men."

[2]So David said to Achish, "Surely you know what your servant can do."

And Achish said to David, "Therefore I will make you one of my chief guardians forever."

### *Saul Consults a Medium*

[3]Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had lamented for him and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the spiritists out of the land.

[4]Then the Philistines gathered together, and came and encamped at Shunem. So Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped at Gilboa. [5]When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. [6]And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.

[7]Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her."

And his servants said to him, "In fact, *there is* a woman who is a medium at En Dor."

[8]So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Please conduct a séance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you."

[9]Then the woman said to him, "Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?"

[10]And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, "*As* the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing."

[11]Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?"

And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."

[12]When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you *are* Saul!"

[13]And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?"

And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit[a] ascending out of the earth."

[14]So he said to her, "What *is* his form?"

And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he *is* covered with a mantle." And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground and bowed down.

[15]Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"

And Saul answered, "I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do."

[16]Then Samuel said: "So why do you ask me, seeing the LORD has departed from you and has become your enemy? [17]And the LORD has done for Himself[a] as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. [18]Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. [19]Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons *will be* with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."

[20]Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, and was dreadfully afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day or all night.

[21]And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was severely troubled, and said to him, "Look, your maidservant has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hands and heeded the words which you spoke to me. [22]Now therefore, please, heed also the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on *your* way."

[23]But he refused and said, "I will not eat."

So his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he heeded their voice. Then he arose from the ground and sat on the bed. [24]Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house, and she hastened to kill it. And she took flour and kneaded *it,* and baked unleavened bread from it. [25]So she brought *it* before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

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**28:13** [a]Hebrew *elohim* **28:17** [a]Or *him,* that is, David

*The Philistines Reject David*

29 Then the Philistines gathered together all their armies at Aphek, and the Israelites encamped by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel. 2And the lords of the Philistines passed in review by hundreds and by thousands, but David and his men passed in review at the rear with Achish. 3Then the princes of the Philistines said, "What *are* these Hebrews *doing here?*"

And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, "*Is* this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these years? And to this day I have found no fault in him since he defected *to me.*"

4But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Make this fellow return, that he may go back to the place which you have appointed for him, and do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become our adversary. For with what could he reconcile himself to his master, if not with the heads of these men? 5*Is* this not David, of whom they sang to one another in dances, saying:

'Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands'?"[a]

6Then Achish called David and said to him, "Surely, *as* the LORD lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army *is* good in my sight. For to this day I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me. Nevertheless the lords do not favor you. 7Therefore return now, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines."

8So David said to Achish, "But what have I done? And to this day what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

9Then Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you *are* as good in my sight as an angel of God; nevertheless the princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.' 10Now therefore, rise early in the morning with your master's servants who have come with you.[a] And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, depart."

11So David and his men rose early to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

*David's Conflict with the Amalekites*

30 Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, 2and had taken captive the women and those who *were* there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried *them* away and went their way. 3So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. 4Then David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. 6Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

7Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?"

And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and without fail recover *all.*"

9So David went, he and the six hundred men who *were* with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. 10But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed *behind,* who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

11Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water. 12And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So when he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights. 13Then David said to him, "To whom do you *belong,* and where *are* you from?"

And he said, "I *am* a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick. 14We made an invasion of the southern *area* of the Cherethites, in the *territory* which *belongs* to Ju-

**29:5** [a]Compare 1 Samuel 18:7 **29:10** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint adds *and go to the place which I have selected for you there; and set no bothersome word in your heart, for you are good before me. And rise on your way.*

dah, and of the southern *area* of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire."

15And David said to him, "Can you take me down to this troop?"

So he said, "Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop."

16And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. 17Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. 19And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. 20Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those *other* livestock, and said, "This *is* David's spoil."

21Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who *were* with him. And when David came near the people, he greeted them. 22Then all the wicked and worthless men[a] of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them *any* of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead *them* away and depart."

23But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us. 24For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part *is* who goes down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike." 25So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

26Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD"— 27to *those* who *were* in Bethel, *those* who *were* in Ramoth of the South, *those* who *were* in Jattir, 28*those* who *were* in Aroer, *those* who *were* in Siphmoth, *those* who *were* in Eshtemoa, 29*those* who *were* in Rachal, *those* who *were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, *those* who *were* in the cities of the Kenites, 30*those* who *were* in Hormah, *those* who *were* in Chorashan,[a] *those* who *were* in Athach, 31*those* who *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to rove.

### *The Tragic End of Saul and His Sons*

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. 2Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. 3The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers.

4Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me."

But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it. 5And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword, and died with him. 6So Saul, his three sons, his armorbearer, and all his men died together that same day.

7And when the men of Israel who *were* on the other side of the valley, and *those* who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9And they cut off his head and stripped off his armor, and sent *word* throughout the land of the Philistines, to proclaim *it in* the temple of their idols and among the people. 10Then they put his armor in the temple of the Ashtoreths, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan.[a]

11Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, 12all the valiant men arose and traveled all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh and burned them there. 13Then they took their bones and buried *them* under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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**30:22** [a]Literally *men of Belial* **30:30** [a]Or *Borashan*
**31:10** [a]Spelled *Beth Shean* in Joshua 17:11 and elsewhere

# The Second Book of
# SAMUEL

### *The Report of Saul's Death*

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul,
when David had returned from the slaughter
of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two
days in Ziklag, 2on the third day, behold, it hap-
pened that a man came from Saul's camp with his
clothes torn and dust on his head. So it was, when
he came to David, that he fell to the ground and
prostrated himself.

3And David said to him, "Where have you come
from?"

So he said to him, "I have escaped from the
camp of Israel."

4Then David said to him, "How did the matter
go? Please tell me."

And he answered, "The people have fled from
the battle, many of the people are fallen and dead,
and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

5So David said to the young man who told him,
"How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son
are dead?"

6Then the young man who told him said, "As I
happened by chance *to be* on Mount Gilboa, there
was Saul, leaning on his spear; and indeed the
chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.
7Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and
called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.' 8And he
said to me, 'Who *are* you?' So I answered him, 'I
*am* an Amalekite.' 9He said to me again, 'Please
stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come
upon me, but my life still *remains* in me.' 10So I
stood over him and killed him, because I was sure
that he could not live after he had fallen. And I
took the crown that *was* on his head and the
bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought
them here to my lord."

11Therefore David took hold of his own clothes
and tore them, and *so did* all the men who *were*
with him. 12And they mourned and wept and
fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his
son, for the people of the Lord and for the house
of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

13Then David said to the young man who told
him, "Where *are* you from?"

And he answered, "I *am* the son of an alien, an
Amalekite."

14So David said to him, "How was it you were
not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the
Lord's anointed?" 15Then David called one of the
young men and said, "Go near, *and* execute him!"
And he struck him so that he died. 16So David said
to him, "Your blood *is* on your own head, for your
own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I
have killed the Lord's anointed.'"

### *The Song of the Bow*

17Then David lamented with this lamentation
over Saul and over Jonathan his son, 18and he told
*them* to teach the children of Judah *the Song of* the
Bow; indeed *it is* written in the Book of Jasher:

19 "The beauty of Israel is slain on your high
places!
How the mighty have fallen!
20 Tell *it* not in Gath,
Proclaim *it* not in the streets of Ashkelon—
Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised
triumph.

21 "O mountains of Gilboa,
*Let there be* no dew nor rain upon you,
Nor fields of offerings.
For the shield of the mighty is cast away
there!
The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain,
From the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
And the sword of Saul did not return empty.

23 "Saul and Jonathan *were* beloved and pleasant
in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided;
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.

24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet, with luxury;
Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

25 "How the mighty have fallen in the midst of
the battle!
Jonathan *was* slain in your high places.
26 I am distressed for you, my brother
Jonathan;
You have been very pleasant to me;
Your love to me was wonderful,
Surpassing the love of women.

27 "How the mighty have fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!"

*David Anointed King of Judah*

2 It happened after this that David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?"

And the LORD said to him, "Go up."

David said, "Where shall I go up?"

And He said, "To Hebron."

2 So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. 3 And David brought up the men who *were* with him, every man with his household. So they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, "The men of Jabesh Gilead *were the ones* who buried Saul." 5 So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "You *are* blessed of the LORD, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him. 6 And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing. 7 Now therefore, let your hands be strengthened, and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

*Ishbosheth Made King of Israel*

8 But Abner the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth[a] the son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim; 9 and he made him king over Gilead, over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 10 Ishbosheth, Saul's son, *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. Only the house of Judah followed David. 11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

*Israel and Judah at War*

12 Now Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out and met them by the pool of Gibeon. So they sat down, one on one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool. 14 Then Abner said to Joab, "Let the young men now arise and compete before us."

And Joab said, "Let them arise."

15 So they arose and went over by number, twelve from Benjamin, *followers* of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve from the servants of David. 16 And each one grasped his opponent by the head and *thrust* his sword in his opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called the Field of Sharp Swords,[a] which *is* in Gibeon. 17 So there was a very fierce battle that day, and Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

18 Now the three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab and Abishai and Asahel. And Asahel *was as* fleet of foot as a wild gazelle. 19 So Asahel pursued Abner, and in going he did not turn to the right hand or to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, "*Are* you Asahel?"

He answered, "I *am.*"

21 And Abner said to him, "Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men and take his armor for yourself." But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. 22 So Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I face your brother Joab?" 23 However, he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner struck him in the stomach with the blunt end of the spear, so that the spear came out of his back; and he fell down there and died on the spot. So it was *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still.

24 Joab and Abishai also pursued Abner. And the sun was going down when they came to the hill of Ammah, which *is* before Giah by the road to the Wilderness of Gibeon. 25 Now the children of Benjamin gathered together behind Abner and became a unit, and took their stand on top of a hill. 26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the latter end? How long will it be then until you tell the people to return from pursuing their brethren?"

27 And Joab said, "*As* God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then by morning all the people would have given up pursuing their brethren." 28 So Joab blew a trumpet; and all the people stood still and did not pursue Israel anymore, nor did

**2:8** [a]Called *Esh-Baal* in 1 Chronicles 8:33 and 9:39
**2:16** [a]Hebrew *Helkath Hazzurim*

they fight anymore. [29]Then Abner and his men went on all that night through the plain, crossed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron; and they came to Mahanaim.

[30]So Joab returned from pursuing Abner. And when he had gathered all the people together, there were missing of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. [31]But the servants of David had struck down, of Benjamin and Abner's men, three hundred and sixty men who died. [32]Then they took up Asahel and buried him in his father's tomb, which *was in* Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at daybreak.

3 Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

### *Sons of David*

[2]Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; [3]his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; [4]the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; [5]and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.

### *Abner Joins Forces with David*

[6]Now it was so, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner was strengthening *his hold* on the house of Saul.

[7]And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. So *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, "Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?"

[8]Then Abner became very angry at the words of Ishbosheth, and said, "*Am* I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show loyalty to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman? [9]May God do so to Abner, and more also, if I do not do for David as the LORD has sworn to him— [10]to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba." [11]And he could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.

[12]Then Abner sent messengers on his behalf to David, saying, "Whose *is* the land?" saying *also,* "Make your covenant with me, and indeed my hand *shall be* with you to bring all Israel to you."

[13]And *David* said, "Good, I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you: you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face." [14]So David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give *me* my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines." [15]And Ishbosheth sent and took her from *her* husband, from Paltiel[a] the son of Laish. [16]Then her husband went along with her to Bahurim, weeping behind her. So Abner said to him, "Go, return!" And he returned.

[17]Now Abner had communicated with the elders of Israel, saying, "In time past you were seeking for David *to be* king over you. [18]Now then, do *it!* For the LORD has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David, I[a] will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies.'" [19]And Abner also spoke in the hearing of Benjamin. Then Abner also went to speak in the hearing of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and the whole house of Benjamin.

[20]So Abner and twenty men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who *were* with him. [21]Then Abner said to David, "I will arise and go, and gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires." So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

### *Joab Murders Abner*

[22]At that moment the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much spoil with them. But Abner *was* not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. [23]When Joab and all the troops that *were* with him had come, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he sent him away, and he has gone in peace." [24]Then Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Look, Abner came to you; why *is* it *that* you sent him away, and he has already gone? [25]Surely you realize that Abner the son of Ner came to deceive you,

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**3:15** [a]Spelled *Palti* in 1 Samuel 25:44 **3:18** [a]Following many Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum; Masoretic Text reads *he*.

to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing."

[26]And when Joab had gone from David's presence, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back from the well of Sirah. But David did not know *it.* [27]Now when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him privately, and there stabbed him in the stomach, so that he died for the blood of Asahel his brother.

[28]Afterward, when David heard *it,* he said, "My kingdom and I *are* guiltless before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. [29]Let it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and let there never fail to be in the house of Joab one who has a discharge or is a leper, who leans on a staff or falls by the sword, or who lacks bread." [30]So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

### *David's Mourning for Abner*

[31]Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn for Abner." And King David followed the coffin. [32]So they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept. [33]And the king sang *a lament* over Abner and said:

"Should Abner die as a fool dies?
[34] Your hands were not bound
Nor your feet put into fetters;
As a man falls before wicked men, *so* you fell."

Then all the people wept over him again.

[35]And when all the people came to persuade David to eat food while it was still day, David took an oath, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else till the sun goes down!" [36]Now all the people took note *of it,* and it pleased them, since whatever the king did pleased all the people. [37]For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king's *intent* to kill Abner the son of Ner. [38]Then the king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? [39]And I *am* weak today, though anointed king; and these men, the sons of Zeruiah, *are* too harsh for me. The LORD shall repay the evildoer according to his wickedness."

### *Ishbosheth Is Murdered*

4 When Saul's son[a] heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost heart, and all Israel was troubled. [2]Now Saul's son *had* two men *who were* captains of troops. The name of one *was* Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin. (For Beeroth also was *part* of Benjamin, [3]because the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been sojourners there until this day.)

[4]Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *who was* lame in *his* feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name *was* Mephibosheth.[a]

[5]Then the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out and came at about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who was lying on his bed at noon. [6]And they came there, all the way into the house, *as though* to get wheat, and they stabbed him in the stomach. Then Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. [7]For when they came into the house, he was lying on his bed in his bedroom; then they struck him and killed him, beheaded him and took his head, and were all night escaping through the plain. [8]And they brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, "Here is the head of Ishbosheth, the son of Saul your enemy, who sought your life; and the LORD has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and his descendants."

[9]But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "*As* the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all adversity, [10]when someone told me, saying, 'Look, Saul is dead,' thinking to have brought good news, I arrested him and had him executed in Ziklag—the one who *thought* I would give him a reward for *his* news. [11]How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house on his bed? Therefore, shall I not now require his blood at your hand and remove you from the earth?" [12]So David commanded his young men, and they executed them, cut off their hands and feet, and hanged *them* by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried *it* in the tomb of Abner in Hebron.

**4:1** [a]That is, Ishbosheth **4:4** [a]Called *Merib-Baal* in 1 Chronicles 8:34 and 9:40

### *David Reigns over All Israel*

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh. 2Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.'" 3Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel. 4David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years. 5In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

### *The Conquest of Jerusalem*

6And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you," thinking, "David cannot come in here." 7Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that *is,* the City of David).

8Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, *who are* hated by David's soul), *he shall be chief and captain.*"[a] Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."

9Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo[a] and inward. 10So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

11Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. 12So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

13And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. Also more sons and daughters were born to David. 14Now these *are* the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua,[a] Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 15Ibhar, Elishua,[a] Nepheg, Japhia, 16Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

### *The Philistines Defeated*

17Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard *of it* and went down to the stronghold. 18The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 19So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?"

And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

20So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.[a] 21And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

22Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 23Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. 24And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines." 25And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba[a] as far as Gezer.

### *The Ark Brought to Jerusalem*

6 Again David gathered all *the* choice *men* of Israel, thirty thousand. 2And David arose and went with all the people who *were* with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name,[a] the LORD of Hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubim. 3So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.[a] 4And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. 5Then David and all the house of Israel played *music* before the LORD on all kinds of *instruments of* fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

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**5:8** [a]Compare 1 Chronicles 11:6 **5:9** [a]Literally *The Landfill* **5:14** [a]Spelled *Shimea* in 1 Chronicles 3:5 **5:15** [a]Spelled *Elishama* in 1 Chronicles 3:6 **5:20** [a]Literally *Master of Breakthroughs* **5:25** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *Gibeon*. **6:2** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate omit *by the Name;* many Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *there*. **6:3** [a]Septuagint adds *with the ark*.

[6]And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out *his hand* to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. [7]Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for *his* error; and he died there by the ark of God. [8]And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah[a] to this day.

[9]David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" [10]So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. [11]The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

[12]Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. [13]And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. [14]Then David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* wearing a linen ephod. [15]So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

[16]Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. [17]So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. [18]And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. [19]Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece *of meat,* and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.

[20]Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

[21]So David said to Michal, "*It was* before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play *music* before the LORD. [22]And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

[23]Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

### *God's Covenant with David*

7 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, [2]that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."

[3]Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that *is* in your heart, for the LORD *is* with you."

[4]But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, [5]"Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? [6]For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. [7]Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"' [8]Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. [9]And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth. [10]Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, [11]since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.[a]

[12]"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you,

**6:8** [a]Literally *Outburst Against Uzzah* **7:11** [a]That is, a royal dynasty

who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you.[a] Your throne shall be established forever.'"'"

17According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

### *David's Thanksgiving to God*

18Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 19And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. *Is* this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? 20Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. 21For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know *them.* 22Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD.[a] For *there is* none like You, nor *is there any* God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23And who *is* like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? 24For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.

25"Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish *it* forever and do as You have said. 26So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. 27For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed *this* to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

28"And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. 29Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord GOD, have spoken *it,* and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever."

### *David's Further Conquests*

8 After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines and subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.

2Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought tribute.

3David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his territory at the River Euphrates. 4David took from him one thousand *chariots,* seven hundred[a] horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstrung all the chariot *horses,* except that he spared *enough* of them for one hundred chariots.

5When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians. 6Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought tribute. So the LORD preserved David wherever he went. 7And David took the shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8Also from Betah[a] and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze.

9When Toi[a] king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer, 10then Toi sent Joram[a] his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and *Joram* brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze. 11King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued— 12from Syria,[a] from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, from

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**7:16** [a]Septuagint reads *Me.* **7:22** [a]Targum and Syriac read *O LORD God.* **8:4** [a]Or *seven thousand* (compare 1 Chronicles 18:4) **8:8** [a]Spelled *Tibhath* in 1 Chronicles 18:8 **8:9** [a]Spelled *Tou* in 1 Chronicles 18:9 **8:10** [a]Spelled *Hadoram* in 1 Chronicles 18:10 **8:12** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and some Hebrew manuscripts read *Edom.*

Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13And David made *himself* a name when he returned from killing eighteen thousand Syrians[a] in the Valley of Salt. 14He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

### *David's Administration*

15So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. 16Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder; 17Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were* the priests; Seraiah[a] *was* the scribe; 18Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

### *David's Kindness to Mephibosheth*

**9** Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2And *there was* a servant of the house of Saul whose name *was* Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "*Are* you Ziba?"

He said, "At your service!"

3Then the king said, "*Is* there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?"

And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan *who is* lame in *his* feet."

4So the king said to him, "Where *is* he?"

And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he *is* in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

5Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.

6Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?"

And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

7So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

8Then he bowed himself, and said, "What *is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

9And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. 10You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in *the harvest,* that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do."

"As for Mephibosheth," *said the king,* "he shall eat at my table[a] like one of the king's sons." 12Mephibosheth had a young son whose name *was* Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants of Mephibosheth. 13So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

### *The Ammonites and Syrians Defeated*

**10** It happened after this that the king of the people of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place. 2Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me."

So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon. 3And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Has David not *rather* sent his servants to you to search the city, to spy it out, and to overthrow it?"

4Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved off half of their beards, cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away. 5When they told David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and *then* return."

6When the people of Ammon saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, the people of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth Rehob and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand foot soldiers; and from the king of Maacah one thousand men, and from Ish-Tob twelve thousand

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**8:13** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and some Hebrew manuscripts read *Edomites* (compare 1 Chronicles 18:12). **8:17** [a]Spelled *Shavsha* in 1 Chronicles 18:16 **9:11** [a]Septuagint reads *David's table.*

men. 7Now when David heard *of it,* he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. 8Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array at the entrance of the gate. And the Syrians of Zoba, Beth Rehob, Ish-Tob, and Maacah *were* by themselves in the field.

9When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put *them* in battle array against the Syrians. 10And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, that he might set *them* in battle array against the people of Ammon. 11Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. 12Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do *what is* good in His sight."

13So Joab and the people who *were* with him drew near for the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him. 14When the people of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled before Abishai, and entered the city. So Joab returned from the people of Ammon and went to Jerusalem.

15When the Syrians saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they gathered together. 16Then Hadadezer[a] sent and brought out the Syrians who *were* beyond the River,[b] and they came to Helam. And Shobach the commander of Hadadezer's army *went* before them. 17When it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in battle array against David and fought with him. 18Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand horsemen of the Syrians, and struck Shobach the commander of their army, who died there. 19And when all the kings *who were* servants to Hadadezer[a] saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians were afraid to help the people of Ammon anymore.

### *David, Bathsheba, and Uriah*

11 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle,* that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. 3So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "*Is* this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. 5And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I *am* with child."

6Then David sent to Joab, *saying,* "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered. 8And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift *of food* from the king followed him. 9But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10So when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? *As* you live, and *as* your soul lives, I will not do this thing."

12Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

14In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. 15And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die." 16So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there *were* valiant men. 17Then the men of the city came out and

**10:16** [a]Hebrew *Hadarezer* [b]That is, the Euphrates
**10:19** [a]Hebrew *Hadarezer*

fought with Joab. And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war, 19and charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king, 20if it happens that the king's wrath rises, and he says to you: 'Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? 21Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth?[a] Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

22So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent by him. 23And the messenger said to David, "Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate. 24The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and *some* of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

25Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.' So encourage him."

26When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

### *Nathan's Parable and David's Confession*

12 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. 2The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds. 3But the poor *man* had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. 4And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "*As* the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! 6And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

7Then Nathan said to David, "You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more! 9Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.'"

13So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *who is* born to you shall surely die." 15Then Nathan departed to his house.

### *The Death of David's Son*

And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill. 16David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. 17So the elders of his house arose *and went* to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them. 18Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, "Indeed, while

**11:21** [a]Same as *Jerubbaal* (Gideon), Judges 6:32ff

the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!"

19When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?"

And they said, "He is dead."

20So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate. 21Then his servants said to him, "What *is* this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child *while he was* alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

22And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell *whether* the LORD[a] will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' 23But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

### *Solomon Is Born*

24Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he[a] called his name Solomon. Now the LORD loved him, 25and He sent *word* by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he[a] called his name Jedidiah,[b] because of the LORD.

### *Rabbah Is Captured*

26Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and I have taken the city's water *supply.* 28Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called after my name." 29So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, fought against it, and took it. 30Then he took their king's crown from his head. Its weight *was* a talent of gold, with precious stones. And it was *set* on David's head. Also he brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance. 31And he brought out the people who *were* in it, and put *them to work* with saws and iron picks and iron axes, and made them cross over to the brick works. So he did to all the cities of the people of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

### *Amnon and Tamar*

13 After this Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she *was* a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her. 3But Amnon had a friend whose name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab *was* a very crafty man. 4And he said to him, "Why *are* you, the king's son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?"

Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

5So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see *it* and eat it from her hand.'" 6Then Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7And David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Now go to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him." 8So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. Then she took flour and kneaded *it,* made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. 9And she took the pan and placed *them* out before him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me." And they all went out from him. 10Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* to Amnon her brother in the bedroom. 11Now when she had brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

12But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing! 13And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you." 14However, he would not heed

**12:22** [a]A few Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *God.*
**12:24** [a]Following Kethib, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Qere, a few Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, and Targum read *she.* **12:25** [a]Qere, some Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, and Targum read *she.* [b]Literally *Beloved of the* LORD

her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

15Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

16So she said to him, "No, indeed! This evil of sending me away *is* worse than the other that you did to me."

But he would not listen to her. 17Then he called his servant who attended him, and said, "Here! Put this *woman* out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her." 18Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king's virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.

19Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly. 20And Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He *is* your brother; do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry. 22And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad. For Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

### *Absalom Murders Amnon*

23And it came to pass, after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal Hazor, which *is* near Ephraim; so Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24Then Absalom came to the king and said, "Kindly note, your servant has sheepshearers; please, let the king and his servants go with your servant."

25But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be a burden to you." Then he urged him, but he would not go; and he blessed him.

26Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us."

And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" 27But Absalom urged him; so he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Watch now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant." 29So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled.

30And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that news came to David, saying, "Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and not one of them is left!" 31So the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn. 32Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33Now therefore, let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead. For only Amnon is dead."

### *Absalom Flees to Geshur*

34Then Absalom fled. And the young man who was keeping watch lifted his eyes and looked, and there, many people were coming from the road on the hillside behind him.[a] 35And Jonadab said to the king, "Look, the king's sons are coming; as your servant said, so it is." 36So it was, as soon as he had finished speaking, that the king's sons indeed came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. Also the king and all his servants wept very bitterly.

**13:34** [a]Septuagint adds *And the watchman went and told the king, and said, "I see men from the way of Horonaim, from the regions of the mountains."*

**INCEST** — **2 INCEST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

► *See* **2 SAMUEL 13:11–14**

To best understand this scenario, read all of chapter 13. Amnon, David's eldest son, fell in love with his half sister, Tamar. Through deceit and trickery, Amnon coaxed Tamar into his bedroom where he raped her. King David was furious but did nothing. Absalom, who was Tamar's full brother, then decided to kill Amnon as punishment for his behavior. David avoided responsibility in this case, and the effects on his family were devastating. Incest not only affected Tamar, but also the entire family.

► *Now turn to page 1072 for 1 Corinthians 5:1 and Point 3. Incest in the New Testament.*

37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son
of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David*
mourned for his son every day. 38 So Absalom fled
and went to Geshur, and was there three years.
39 And King David[a] longed to go to[b] Absalom. For
he had been comforted concerning Amnon, be-
cause he was dead.

### *Absalom Returns to Jerusalem*

14 So Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived
that the king's heart *was* concerned
about Absalom. 2 And Joab sent to Tekoa
and brought from there a wise woman, and said
to her, "Please pretend to be a mourner, and put
on mourning apparel; do not anoint yourself with
oil, but act like a woman who has been mourning
a long time for the dead. 3 Go to the king and
speak to him in this manner." So Joab put the
words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tekoa spoke[a] to the
king, she fell on her face to the ground and pros-
trated herself, and said, "Help, O king!"

5 Then the king said to her, "What troubles
you?"

And she answered, "Indeed I *am* a widow, my
husband is dead. 6 Now your maidservant had two
sons; and the two fought with each other in the
field, and *there was* no one to part them, but the one
struck the other and killed him. 7 And now the
whole family has risen up against your maidser-
vant, and they said, 'Deliver him who struck his
brother, that we may execute him for the life of his
brother whom he killed; and we will destroy the
heir also.' So they would extinguish my ember that
is left, and leave to my husband *neither* name nor
remnant on the earth."

8 Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your
house, and I will give orders concerning you."

9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My
lord, O king, *let* the iniquity *be* on me and on my
father's house, and the king and his throne *be*
guiltless."

10 So the king said, "Whoever says *anything* to
you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you
anymore."

11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember
the LORD your God, and do not permit the
avenger of blood to destroy anymore, lest they de-
stroy my son."

And he said, "*As* the LORD lives, not one hair of
your son shall fall to the ground."

12 Therefore the woman said, "Please, let your
maidservant speak *another* word to my lord the
king."

And he said, "Say on."

13 So the woman said: "Why then have you
schemed such a thing against the people of God?
For the king speaks this thing as one who is
guilty, *in that* the king does not bring his ban-
ished one home again. 14 For we will surely die
and *become* like water spilled on the ground,
which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does
not take away a life; but He devises means, so that
His banished ones are not expelled from Him.
15 Now therefore, I have come to speak of this
thing to my lord the king because the people have
made me afraid. And your maidservant said, 'I
will now speak to the king; it may be that the king
will perform the request of his maidservant. 16 For
the king will hear and deliver his maidservant
from the hand of the man *who would* destroy me
and my son together from the inheritance of
God.' 17 Your maidservant said, 'The word of my
lord the king will now be comforting; for as the
angel of God, so *is* my lord the king in discerning
good and evil. And may the LORD your God be
with you.'"

18 Then the king answered and said to the
woman, "Please do not hide from me anything
that I ask you."

And the woman said, "Please, let my lord the
king speak."

19 So the king said, "*Is* the hand of Joab with you
in all this?" And the woman answered and said,
"*As* you live, my lord the king, no one can turn to
the right hand or to the left from anything that
my lord the king has spoken. For your servant
Joab commanded me, and he put all these words
in the mouth of your maidservant. 20 To bring
about this change of affairs your servant Joab has
done this thing; but my lord *is* wise, according to
the wisdom of the angel of God, to know every-
thing that *is* in the earth."

21 And the king said to Joab, "All right, I have
granted this thing. Go therefore, bring back the
young man Absalom."

22 Then Joab fell to the ground on his face and
bowed himself, and thanked the king. And Joab
said, "Today your servant knows that I have found

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**13:39** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *the spirit of the king;* Targum reads *the soul of King David*. [b]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *ceased to pursue after*. **14:4** [a]Many Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *came*.

favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant." [23]So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. [24]And the king said, "Let him return to his own house, but do not let him see my face." So Absalom returned to his own house, but did not see the king's face.

### *David Forgives Absalom*

[25]Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. [26]And when he cut the hair of his head—at the end of every year he cut *it* because it was heavy on him—when he cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels according to the king's standard. [27]To Absalom were born three sons, and one daughter whose name *was* Tamar. She was a woman of beautiful appearance.

[28]And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, but did not see the king's face. [29]Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. And when he sent again the second time, he would not come. [30]So he said to his servants, "See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

[31]Then Joab arose and came to Absalom's house, and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?"

[32]And Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, so that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? *It would be* better for me *to be* there still."' Now therefore, let me see the king's face; but if there is iniquity in me, let him execute me."

[33]So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom.

### *Absalom's Treason*

**15** After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. [2]Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. *So* it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city *are* you from?" And he would say, "Your servant *is* from such and such a tribe of Israel." [3]Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your case *is* good and right; but *there is* no deputy of the king to hear you." [4]Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice." [5]And *so* it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. [6]In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

[7]Now it came to pass after forty[a] years that Absalom said to the king, "Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD. [8]For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If the LORD indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.'"

[9]And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

[10]Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'" [11]And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and did not know anything. [12]Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city—from Giloh—while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people with Absalom continually increased in number.

### *David Escapes from Jerusalem*

[13]Now a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom."

[14]So David said to all his servants who *were* with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

[15]And the king's servants said to the king, "We *are* your servants, *ready to do* whatever my lord the king commands." [16]Then the king went out with all his household after him. But the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house. [17]And the king went out with all the people after him, and stopped at the outskirts. [18]Then all his servants passed before him; and all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath, passed before the king.

**15:7** [a]Septuagint manuscripts, Syriac, and Josephus read *four.*

19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why
are you also going with us? Return and remain
with the king. For you *are* a foreigner and also an
exile from your own place. 20 In fact, you came *only*
yesterday. Should I make you wander up and
down with us today, since I go I know not where?
Return, and take your brethren back. Mercy and
truth *be* with you."

21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "*As* the
LORD lives, and *as* my lord the king lives, surely in
whatever place my lord the king shall be,
whether in death or life, even there also your ser-
vant will be."

22 So David said to Ittai, "Go, and cross over."
Then Ittai the Gittite and all his men and all the
little ones who *were* with him crossed over. 23 And
all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the
people crossed over. The king himself also
crossed over the Brook Kidron, and all the peo-
ple crossed over toward the way of the wilder-
ness.

24 There was Zadok also, and all the Levites with
him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And
they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar went
up until all the people had finished crossing over
from the city. 25 Then the king said to Zadok,
"Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find
favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me
back and show me *both* it and His dwelling place.
26 But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,'
here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to
Him." 27 The king also said to Zadok the priest,
"*Are* you *not* a seer? Return to the city in peace,
and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son,
and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 See, I will wait
in the plains of the wilderness until word comes
from you to inform me." 29 Therefore Zadok and
Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusa-
lem. And they remained there.

30 So David went up by the Ascent of the *Mount
of* Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his
head covered and went barefoot. And all the peo-
ple who *were* with him covered their heads and
went up, weeping as they went up. 31 Then *someone*
told David, saying, "Ahithophel *is* among the con-
spirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD,
I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into fool-
ishness!"

32 Now it happened when David had come to the
top *of the mountain,* where he worshiped God—
there was Hushai the Archite coming to meet him
with his robe torn and dust on his head. 33 David
said to him, "If you go on with me, then you will
become a burden to me. 34 But if you return to the
city, and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant,
O king; *as* I *was* your father's servant previously,
so I *will* now also *be* your servant,' then you may
defeat the counsel of Ahithophel for me. 35 And *do*
you not *have* Zadok and Abiathar the priests with
you there? Therefore it will be *that* whatever you
hear from the king's house, you shall tell to Zadok
and Abiathar the priests. 36 Indeed *they have* there
with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's *son,*
and Jonathan, Abiathar's *son;* and by them you
shall send me everything you hear."

37 So Hushai, David's friend, went into the city.
And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

### *Mephibosheth's Servant*

16 When David was a little past the top *of
the mountain,* there was Ziba the ser-
vant of Mephibosheth, who met him
with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them
two hundred *loaves* of bread, one hundred clus-
ters of raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and a
skin of wine. 2 And the king said to Ziba, "What do
you mean to do with these?"

So Ziba said, "The donkeys *are* for the king's
household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit
for the young men to eat, and the wine for those
who are faint in the wilderness to drink."

3 Then the king said, "And where *is* your mas-
ter's son?"

And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying
in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Is-
rael will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'"

4 So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that *belongs*
to Mephibosheth *is* yours."

And Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, *that* I
may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!"

### *Shimei Curses David*

5 Now when King David came to Bahurim, there
was a man from the family of the house of Saul,
whose name *was* Shimei the son of Gera, coming
from there. He came out, cursing continuously as
he came. 6 And he threw stones at David and at all
the servants of King David. And all the people
and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand
and on his left. 7 Also Shimei said thus when he
cursed: "Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty
man, you rogue! 8 The LORD has brought upon you
all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place
you have reigned; and the LORD has delivered the
kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So

now you *are caught* in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!"

9Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!"

10But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David.' Who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

11And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now *may this* Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. 12It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction,[a] and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day." 13And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and kicked up dust. 14Now the king and all the people who *were* with him became weary; so they refreshed themselves there.

### *The Advice of Ahithophel*

15Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel *was* with him. 16And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "*Long* live the king! *Long* live the king!"

17So Absalom said to Hushai, "*Is* this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?"

18And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain. 19Furthermore, whom should I serve? *Should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence."

20Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give advice as to what we should do."

21And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong." 22So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, *was* as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So *was* all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. 2I will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who *are* with him will flee, and I will strike only the king. 3Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace." 4And the saying pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

### *The Advice of Hushai*

5Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too." 6And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken in this manner. Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up."

7So Hushai said to Absalom: "The advice that Ahithophel has given *is* not good at this time. 8For," said Hushai, "you know your father and his men, that they *are* mighty men, and they *are* enraged in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father *is* a man of war, and will not camp with the people. 9Surely by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some *other* place. And it will be, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears *it* will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.' 10And even he *who is* valiant, whose heart *is* like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father *is* a mighty man, and *those* who *are* with him *are* valiant men. 11Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person. 12So we will come upon him in some place where he may be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one. 13Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city; and we will pull it into the river, until there is not one small stone found there."

14So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the advice of Ahithophel." For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to

**16:12** [a]Following Kethib, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Qere reads *my eyes;* Targum reads *tears of my eyes*.

the intent that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom.

### *Hushai Warns David to Escape*

15Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised. 16Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who *are* with him be swallowed up.'" 17Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at En Rogel, for they dared not be seen coming into the city; so a female servant would come and tell them, and they would go and tell King David. 18Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down into it. 19Then the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known. 20And when Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said, "Where *are* Ahimaaz and Jonathan?"

So the woman said to them, "They have gone over the water brook."

And when they had searched and could not find *them,* they returned to Jerusalem. 21Now it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David, "Arise and cross over the water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel advised against you." 22So David and all the people who *were* with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan.

23Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.

24Then David went to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa *was* the son of a man whose name *was* Jithra,[a] an Israelite,[b] who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 26So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

27Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim, 28brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched *grain* and beans, lentils and parched *seeds,* 29honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who *were* with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

### *Absalom's Defeat and Death*

18 And David numbered the people who *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2Then David sent out one third of the people under the hand of Joab, one third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "I also will surely go out with you myself."

3But the people answered, "You shall not go out! For if we flee away, they will not care about us; nor if half of us die, will they care about us. But *you are* worth ten thousand of us now. For you are now more help to us in the city."

4Then the king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you I will do." So the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "*Deal* gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom.

6So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And the battle was in the woods of Ephraim. 7The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day. 8For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which *was* under him went on. 10Now a certain

**17:25** [a]Spelled *Jether* in 1 Chronicles 2:17 and elsewhere [b]Following Masoretic Text, some manuscripts of the Septuagint, and Targum; some manuscripts of the Septuagint read *Ishmaelite* (compare 1 Chronicles 2:17); Vulgate reads *of Jezrael*.

man saw *it* and told Joab, and said, "I just saw Absalom hanging in a terebinth tree!"

[11]So Joab said to the man who told him, "You just saw *him!* And why did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten *shekels* of silver and a belt."

[12]But the man said to Joab, "Though I were to receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in my hand, I would not raise my hand against the king's son. For in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Beware lest anyone *touch* the young man Absalom!'[a] [13]Otherwise I would have dealt falsely against my own life. For there is nothing hidden from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against *me.*"

[14]Then Joab said, "I cannot linger with you." And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom's heart, while he was *still* alive in the midst of the terebinth tree. [15]And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him.

[16]So Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people. [17]And they took Absalom and cast him into a large pit in the woods, and laid a very large heap of stones over him. Then all Israel fled, everyone to his tent.

[18]Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which *is* in the King's Valley. For he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom's Monument.

### *David Hears of Absalom's Death*

[19]Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me run now and take the news to the king, how the LORD has avenged him of his enemies."

[20]And Joab said to him, "You shall not take the news this day, for you shall take the news another day. But today you shall take no news, because the king's son is dead." [21]Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran.

[22]And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite."

So Joab said, "Why will you run, my son, since you have no news ready?"

[23]"But whatever happens," *he said,* "let me run."

So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain, and outran the Cushite.

[24]Now David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, lifted his eyes and looked, and there was a man, running alone. [25]Then the watchman cried out and told the king. And the king said, "If he *is* alone, *there is* news in his mouth." And he came rapidly and drew near.

[26]Then the watchman saw *another* man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "There is *another* man, running alone!"

And the king said, "He also brings news."

[27]So the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok."

And the king said, "He *is* a good man, and comes with good news."

[28]So Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the king, and said, "Blessed *be* the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!"

[29]The king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant and *me* your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what *it was about.*"

[30]And the king said, "Turn aside *and* stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

[31]Just then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "There is good news, my lord the king! For the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you."

[32]And the king said to the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

So the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like *that* young man!"

### *David's Mourning for Absalom*

[33]Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

**19** And Joab was told, "Behold, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom." [2]So the victory that day was *turned* into mourning for all the people. For the people heard it said that day, "The king is grieved for his son."

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**18:12** [a]The ancient versions read *'Protect the young man Absalom for me!'*

3And the people stole back into the city that day,
as people who are ashamed steal away when they
flee in battle. 4But the king covered his face, and
the king cried out with a loud voice, "O my son
Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!"

5Then Joab came into the house to the king,
and said, "Today you have disgraced all your ser-
vants who today have saved your life, the lives of
your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives
and the lives of your concubines, 6in that you love
your enemies and hate your friends. For you have
declared today that you regard neither princes
nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom
had lived and all of us had died today, then it
would have pleased you well. 7Now therefore,
arise, go out and speak comfort to your servants.
For I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, not
one will stay with you this night. And that will be
worse for you than all the evil that has befallen
you from your youth until now." 8Then the king
arose and sat in the gate. And they told all the
people, saying, "There is the king, sitting in the
gate." So all the people came before the king.

For everyone of Israel had fled to his tent.

### *David Returns to Jerusalem*

9Now all the people were in a dispute through-
out all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved
us from the hand of our enemies, he delivered us
from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has
fled from the land because of Absalom. 10But Ab-
salom, whom we anointed over us, has died in
battle. Now therefore, why do you say nothing
about bringing back the king?"

11So King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the
priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, say-
ing, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to
his house, since the words of all Israel have come
to the king, to his *very* house? 12You *are* my
brethren, you *are* my bone and my flesh. Why
then are you the last to bring back the king?'
13And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my
flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if you are
not commander of the army before me continu-
ally in place of Joab.'" 14So he swayed the hearts of
all the men of Judah, just as *the heart of* one man,
so that they sent *this word* to the king: "Return,
you and all your servants!"

15Then the king returned and came to the Jor-
dan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the
king, to escort the king across the Jordan. 16And
Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who *was*
from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the
men of Judah to meet King David. 17*There were* a
thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba
the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen
sons and his twenty servants with him; and they
went over the Jordan before the king. 18Then a fer-
ryboat went across to carry over the king's house-
hold, and to do what he thought good.

### *David's Mercy to Shimei*

Now Shimei the son of Gera fell down before
the king when he had crossed the Jordan. 19Then
he said to the king, "Do not let my lord impute in-
iquity to me, or remember what wrong your ser-
vant did on the day that my lord the king left
Jerusalem, that the king should take *it* to heart.
20For I, your servant, know that I have sinned.
Therefore here I am, the first to come today of all
the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord
the king."

21But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and
said, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, be-
cause he cursed the LORD's anointed?"

22And David said, "What have I to do with you,
you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be adversaries
to me today? Shall any man be put to death today in
Israel? For do I not know that today I *am* king over
Israel?" 23Therefore the king said to Shimei, "You
shall not die." And the king swore to him.

### *David and Mephibosheth Meet*

24Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul came
down to meet the king. And he had not cared for
his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed
his clothes, from the day the king departed until
the day he returned in peace. 25So it was, when he
had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the
king said to him, "Why did you not go with me,
Mephibosheth?"

26And he answered, "My lord, O king, my ser-
vant deceived me. For your servant said, 'I will
saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it
and go to the king,' because your servant *is* lame.
27And he has slandered your servant to my lord
the king, but my lord the king *is* like the angel of
God. Therefore do *what is* good in your eyes. 28For
all my father's house were but dead men before
my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among
those who eat at your own table. Therefore what
right have I still to cry out anymore to the king?"

29So the king said to him, "Why do you speak
anymore of your matters? I have said, 'You and
Ziba divide the land.'"

30 Then Mephibosheth said to the king, "Rather,
let him take it all, inasmuch as my lord the king
has come back in peace to his own house."

*David's Kindness to Barzillai*

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from
Rogelim and went across the Jordan with the
king, to escort him across the Jordan. 32 Now
Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old.
And he had provided the king with supplies while
he stayed at Mahanaim, for he *was* a very rich
man. 33 And the king said to Barzillai, "Come
across with me, and I will provide for you while
you are with me in Jerusalem."

34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have
I to live, that I should go up with the king to Je-
rusalem? 35 I *am* today eighty years old. Can I dis-
cern between the good and bad? Can your
servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I
hear any longer the voice of singing men and
singing women? Why then should your servant
be a further burden to my lord the king? 36 Your
servant will go a little way across the Jordan with
the king. And why should the king repay me *with*
such a reward? 37 Please let your servant turn
back again, that I may die in my own city, near
the grave of my father and mother. But here is
your servant Chimham; let him cross over with
my lord the king, and do for him what seems
good to you."

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross
over with me, and I will do for him what seems
good to you. Now whatever you request of me, I
will do for you." 39 Then all the people went over
the Jordan. And when the king had crossed over,
the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he
returned to his own place.

*The Quarrel About the King*

40 Now the king went on to Gilgal, and
Chimham[a] went on with him. And all the people
of Judah escorted the king, and also half the peo-
ple of Israel. 41 Just then all the men of Israel came
to the king, and said to the king, "Why have our
brethren, the men of Judah, stolen you away and
brought the king, his household, and all David's
men with him across the Jordan?"

42 So all the men of Judah answered the men of
Israel, "Because the king *is* a close relative of ours.
Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we
ever eaten at the king's *expense?* Or has he given
us any gift?"

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of
Judah, and said, "We have ten shares in the king;
therefore we also have more *right* to David than
you. Why then do you despise us—were we not
the first to advise bringing back our king?"

Yet the words of the men of Judah were fiercer
than the words of the men of Israel.

*The Rebellion of Sheba*

20 And there happened to be there a rebel,[a]
whose name *was* Sheba the son of
Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a
trumpet, and said:

"We have no share in David,
Nor do we have inheritance in the son of
Jesse;
Every man to his tents, O Israel!"

2 So every man of Israel deserted David, *and* fol-
lowed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Ju-
dah, from the Jordan as far as Jerusalem,
remained loyal to their king.

3 Now David came to his house at Jerusalem.
And the king took the ten women, his concubines
whom he had left to keep the house, and put them
in seclusion and supported them, but did not go
in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their
death, living in widowhood.

4 And the king said to Amasa, "Assemble the
men of Judah for me within three days, and be
present here yourself." 5 So Amasa went to assem-
ble *the men of* Judah. But he delayed longer than
the set time which David had appointed him.
6 And David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son
of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom.
Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he
find for himself fortified cities, and escape us."
7 So Joab's men, with the Cherethites, the
Pelethites, and all the mighty men, went out after
him. And they went out of Jerusalem to pursue
Sheba the son of Bichri. 8 When they *were* at the
large stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa came be-
fore them. Now Joab was dressed in battle armor;
on it was a belt *with* a sword fastened in its sheath
at his hips; and as he was going forward, it fell out.
9 Then Joab said to Amasa, "*Are* you in health, my
brother?" And Joab took Amasa by the beard with
his right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa did not
notice the sword that *was* in Joab's hand. And he
struck him with it in the stomach, and his entrails

**19:40** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Chimhan.* **20:1** [a]Literally *man of Belial*

poured out on the ground; and he did not *strike* him again. Thus he died.

Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. 11Meanwhile one of Joab's men stood near Amasa, and said, "Whoever favors Joab and whoever *is* for David—follow Joab!" 12But Amasa wallowed in *his* blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he moved Amasa from the highway to the field and threw a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came upon him halted. 13When he was removed from the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

14And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel and Beth Maachah and all the Berites. So they were gathered together and also went after *Sheba.*[a] 15Then they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth Maachah; and they cast up a siege mound against the city, and it stood by the rampart. And all the people who *were* with Joab battered the wall to throw it down.

16Then a wise woman cried out from the city, "Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, 'Come nearby, that I may speak with you.'" 17When he had come near to her, the woman said, "*Are* you Joab?"

He answered, "I *am.*"

Then she said to him, "Hear the words of your maidservant."

And he answered, "I am listening."

18So she spoke, saying, "They used to talk in former times, saying, 'They shall surely seek *guidance* at Abel,' and so they would end *disputes.* 19I *am among the* peaceable *and* faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?"

20And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy! 21That *is* not so. But a man from the mountains of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has raised his hand against the king, against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city."

So the woman said to Joab, "Watch, his head will be thrown to you over the wall." 22Then the woman in her wisdom went to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw *it* out to Joab. Then he blew a trumpet, and they withdrew from the city, every man to his tent. So Joab returned to the king at Jerusalem.

### *David's Government Officers*

23And Joab *was* over all the army of Israel; Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; 24Adoram *was* in charge of revenue; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder; 25Sheva *was* scribe; Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests; 26and Ira the Jairite was a chief minister under David.

### *David Avenges the Gibeonites*

21 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "*It is* because of Saul and *his* bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites." 2So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.

3Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?"

4And the Gibeonites said to him, "We will have no silver or gold from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us."

So he said, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

5Then they answered the king, "As for the man who consumed us and plotted against us, *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territories of Israel, 6let seven men of his descendants be delivered to us, and we will hang them before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD chose."

And the king said, "I will give *them.*"

7But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. 8So the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, and the five sons of Michal[a] the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite; 9and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill before the LORD. So they fell, *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days

**20:14** [a]Literally *him* **21:8** [a]Or *Merab* (compare 1 Samuel 18:19 and 25:44; 2 Samuel 3:14 and 6:23)

of harvest, in the first *days,* in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 Now Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until the late rains poured on them from heaven. And she did not allow the birds of the air to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 12 Then David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan,[a] where the Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had struck down Saul in Gilboa. 13 So he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there; and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged. 14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish his father. So they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God heeded the prayer for the land.

### *Philistine Giants Destroyed*

15 When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint. 16 Then Ishbi-Benob, who *was* one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear *was* three hundred *shekels,* who was bearing a new *sword,* thought he could kill David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

18 Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph,[a] who *was* one of the sons of the giant. 19 Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim[a] the Bethlehemite killed *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

20 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea,[a] David's brother, killed him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

### *Praise for God's Deliverance*

22 Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. 2 And he said:[a]

"The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
3 The God of my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation,
My stronghold and my refuge;
My Savior, You save me from violence.
4 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

5 "When the waves of death surrounded me,
The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
6 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
7 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry *entered* His ears.

8 "Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of heaven[a] quaked and were shaken,
Because He was angry.
9 Smoke went up from His nostrils,
And devouring fire from His mouth;
Coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down
With darkness under His feet.
11 He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
And He was seen[a] upon the wings of the wind.
12 He made darkness canopies around Him,
Dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
13 From the brightness before Him
Coals of fire were kindled.

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**21:12** [a]Spelled *Beth Shean* in Joshua 17:11 and elsewhere **21:18** [a]Spelled *Sippai* in 1 Chronicles 20:4 **21:19** [a]Spelled *Jair* in 1 Chronicles 20:5 **21:21** [a]Spelled *Shammah* in 1 Samuel 16:9 and elsewhere **22:2** [a]Compare Psalm 18 **22:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Targum; Syriac and Vulgate read *hills* (compare Psalm 18:7). **22:11** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Septuagint; many Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, and Vulgate read *He flew* (compare Psalm 18:10); Targum reads *He spoke with power*.

14 "The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice.
15 He sent out arrows and scattered them;
Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them.
16 Then the channels of the sea were seen,
The foundations of the world were uncovered,
At the rebuke of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

17 "He sent from above, He took me,
He drew me out of many waters.
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From those who hated me;
For they were too strong for me.
19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
But the LORD was my support.
20 He also brought me out into a broad place;
He delivered me because He delighted in me.

21 "The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.
22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all His judgments *were* before me;
And *as for* His statutes, I did not depart from them.
24 I was also blameless before Him,
And I kept myself from my iniquity.
25 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to my cleanness in His eyes.[a]

26 "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful;
With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;
27 With the pure You will show Yourself pure;
And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.
28 You will save the humble people;
But Your eyes *are* on the haughty, *that* You may bring *them* down.

29 "For You *are* my lamp, O LORD;
The LORD shall enlighten my darkness.
30 For by You I can run against a troop;
By my God I can leap over a wall.
31 *As for* God, His way *is* perfect;
The word of the LORD *is* proven;
He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him.

32 "For who *is* God, except the LORD?
And who *is* a rock, except our God?
33 God *is* my strength *and* power,[a]
And He makes my[b] way perfect.
34 He makes my[a] feet like the *feet* of deer,
And sets me on my high places.
35 He teaches my hands to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

36 "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;
Your gentleness has made me great.
37 You enlarged my path under me;
So my feet did not slip.

38 "I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them;
Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.
39 And I have destroyed them and wounded them,
So that they could not rise;
They have fallen under my feet.
40 For You have armed me with strength for the battle;
You have subdued under me those who rose against me.
41 You have also given me the necks of my enemies,
So that I destroyed those who hated me.
42 They looked, but *there was* none to save;
*Even* to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
43 Then I beat them as fine as the dust of the earth;
I trod them like dirt in the streets,
*And* I spread them out.

44 "You have also delivered me from the strivings of my people;
You have kept me as the head of the nations.
A people I have not known shall serve me.

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**22:25** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *the cleanness of my hands in His sight* (compare Psalm 18:24); Targum reads *my cleanness before His word*. **22:33** [a]Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *It is God who arms me with strength* (compare Psalm 18:32); Targum reads *It is God who sustains me with strength*. [b]Following Qere, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate (compare Psalm 18:32); Kethib reads *His*.
**22:34** [a]Following Qere, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate (compare Psalm 18:33); Kethib reads *His*.

45 The foreigners submit to me;
As soon as they hear, they obey me.
46 The foreigners fade away,
And come frightened[a] from their hideouts.

47 "The LORD lives!
Blessed *be* my Rock!
Let God be exalted,
The Rock of my salvation!
48 *It is* God who avenges me,
And subdues the peoples under me;
49 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the violent man.
50 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.

51 *He* is the tower of salvation to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forevermore."

### *David's Last Words*

23 Now these *are* the last words of David.

*Thus* says David the son of Jesse;
*Thus* says the man raised up on high,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel:

2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word *was* on my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spoke to me:
'He who rules over men *must be* just,
Ruling in the fear of God.
4 And *he shall be* like the light of the morning *when* the sun rises,
A morning without clouds,
*Like* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth,
By clear shining after rain.'

5 "Although my house *is* not so with God,
Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all *things* and secure.
For *this is* all my salvation and all *my* desire;
Will He not make *it* increase?
6 But *the sons* of rebellion *shall* all *be* as thorns thrust away,
Because they cannot be taken with hands.
7 But the man *who* touches them
Must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their* place."

### *David's Mighty Men*

8 These *are* the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-Basshebeth[a] the Tachmonite, chief among the captains.[b] He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed eight hundred men at one time. 9 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo,[a] the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines *who* were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. 10 He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder. 11 And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory.

13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. 14 David *was* then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Bethlehem. 15 And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which *is* by the gate!" 16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that *was* by the gate, and took it and brought *it* to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD. 17 And he said, "Far be it from me, O LORD, that I should do this! Is *this not* the blood of the men who went in *jeopardy of* their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it.

These things were done by the three mighty men.

18 Now Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of

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**22:46** [a]Following Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate (compare Psalm 18:45); Masoretic Text reads *gird themselves*.
**23:8** [a]Literally *One Who Sits in the Seat* (compare 1 Chronicles 11:11) [b]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *the three*. **23:9** [a]Spelled *Dodai* in 1 Chronicles 27:4

Zeruiah, was chief of *another* three.[a] He lifted his spear against three hundred *men,* killed *them,* and won a name among *these* three. [19]Was he not the most honored of three? Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the *first* three.

[20]Benaiah *was* the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. [21]And he killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man. The Egyptian *had* a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. [22]These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men. [23]He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David appointed him over his guard.

[24]Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, [25]Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, [26]Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, [27]Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, [28]Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, [29]Heleb the son of Baanah (the Netophathite), Ittai the son of Ribai from Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, [30]Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai from the brooks of Gaash, [31]Abi-Albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, [32]Eliahba the Shaalbonite (of the sons of Jashen), Jonathan, [33]Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, [34]Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, [35]Hezrai[a] the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, [36]Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, [37]Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite (armorbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah), [38]Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, [39]*and* Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

### *David's Census of Israel and Judah*

**24** Again the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

[2]So the king said to Joab the commander of the army who *was* with him, "Now go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the number of the people."

[3]And Joab said to the king, "Now may the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times more than there are, and may the eyes of my lord the king see *it.* But why does my lord the king desire this thing?" [4]Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the army. Therefore Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king to count the people of Israel.

[5]And they crossed over the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right side of the town which *is* in the midst of the ravine of Gad, and toward Jazer. [6]Then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; they came to Dan Jaan and around to Sidon; [7]and they came to the stronghold of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites. Then they went out to South Judah *as far as* Beersheba. [8]So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. [9]Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

### *The Judgment on David's Sin*

[10]And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

[11]Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, [12]"Go and tell David, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three *things;* choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you."'" [13]So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, "Shall seven[a] years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

[14]And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

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**23:18** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *thirty;* Targum reads *the mighty men.* **23:35** [a]Spelled *Hezro* in 1 Chronicles 11:37
**24:13** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *three* (compare 1 Chronicles 21:12).

15 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the
morning till the appointed time. From Dan to
Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people
died. 16 And when the angel[a] stretched out His
hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD re-
lented from the destruction, and said to the angel
who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now
restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD was
by the threshing floor of Araunah[b] the Jebusite.
17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw
the angel who was striking the people, and said,
"Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly;
but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your
hand, I pray, be against me and against my fa-
ther's house."

### *The Altar on the Threshing Floor*

18 And Gad came that day to David and said to
him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the
threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." 19 So Da-
vid, according to the word of Gad, went up as the
LORD commanded. 20 Now Araunah looked, and
saw the king and his servants coming toward
him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the
king with his face to the ground.
21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the
king come to his servant?"

And David said, "To buy the threshing floor
from you, to build an altar to the LORD, that the
plague may be withdrawn from the people."
22 Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the
king take and offer up whatever *seems* good to
him. Look, *here are* oxen for burnt sacrifice, and
threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen
for wood. 23 All these, O king, Araunah has given to
the king."

And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD
your God accept you."
24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will
surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer
burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that
which costs me nothing." So David bought the
threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of
silver. 25 And David built there an altar to the LORD,
and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.
So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and
the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

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**24:16** [a]Or *Angel* [b]Spelled *Ornan* in 1 Chronicles 21:15

# The First Book of the
# KINGS

### *Adonijah Presumes to Be King*

1 Now King David was old, advanced in years;
and they put covers on him, but he could not
get warm. 2Therefore his servants said to
him, "Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought for
our lord the king, and let her stand before the
king, and let her care for him; and let her lie in
your bosom, that our lord the king may be warm."
3So they sought for a lovely young woman
throughout all the territory of Israel, and found
Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the
king. 4The young woman *was* very lovely; and she
cared for the king, and served him; but the king
did not know her.

5Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted
himself, saying, "I will be king"; and he prepared
for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men
to run before him. 6(And his father had not re-
buked him at any time by saying, "Why have you
done so?" He *was* also very good-looking. *His*
*mother* had borne him after Absalom.) 7Then he
conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with
Abiathar the priest, and they followed and helped
Adonijah. 8But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son
of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and
the mighty men who *belonged* to David were not
with Adonijah.

9And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and
fattened cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is*
by En Rogel; he also invited all his brothers, the
king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's
servants. 10But he did not invite Nathan the
prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or Solomon
his brother.

11So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of
Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adoni-
jah the son of Haggith has become king, and Da-
vid our lord does not know *it?* 12Come, please, let
me now give you advice, that you may save your
own life and the life of your son Solomon. 13Go im-
mediately to King David and say to him, 'Did you
not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant,
saying, "Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign
after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then
has Adonijah become king?' 14Then, while you are
still talking there with the king, I also will come in
after you and confirm your words."

15So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the
king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the
Shunammite was serving the king.) 16And
Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king.
Then the king said, "What is your wish?"

17Then she said to him, "My lord, you swore by
the Lord your God to your maidservant, *saying,*
'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me,
and he shall sit on my throne.' 18So now, look! Ad-
onijah has become king; and now, my lord the
king, you do not know about *it.* 19He has sacri-
ficed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abun-
dance, and has invited all the sons of the king,
Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of
the army; but Solomon your servant he has not
invited. 20And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes
of all Israel *are* on you, that you should tell them
who will sit on the throne of my lord the king
after him. 21Otherwise it will happen, when my
lord the king rests with his fathers, that I and my
son Solomon will be counted as offenders."

22And just then, while she was still talking with
the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. 23So
they told the king, saying, "Here is Nathan the
prophet." And when he came in before the king,
he bowed down before the king with his face to
the ground. 24And Nathan said, "My lord, O king,
have you said, 'Adonijah shall reign after me, and
he shall sit on my throne'? 25For he has gone down
today, and has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle
and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the
king's sons, and the commanders of the army, and
Abiathar the priest; and look! They are eating and
drinking before him; and they say, '*Long* live King
Adonijah!' 26But he has not invited me—me your
servant—nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada, nor your servant Solomon. 27Has
this thing been done by my lord the king, and you
have not told your servant who should sit on the
throne of my lord the king after him?"

### *David Proclaims Solomon King*

28Then King David answered and said, "Call
Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's
presence and stood before the king. 29And the
king took an oath and said, "*As* the Lord lives,
who has redeemed my life from every distress,
30just as I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel,
saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be

king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,' so I certainly will do this day."
31Then Bathsheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and paid homage to the king, and said, "Let my lord King David live forever!"
32And King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king. 33The king also said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon. 34There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel; and blow the horn, and say, '*Long* live King Solomon!' 35Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he shall be king in my place. For I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."
36Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! May the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too.* 37As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."
38So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and took him to Gihon. 39Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, *"Long* live King Solomon!" 40And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth *seemed to* split with their sound.
41Now Adonijah and all the guests who *were* with him heard *it* as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, "Why *is* the city in such a noisy uproar?" 42While he was still speaking, there came Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest. And Adonijah said to him, "Come in, for you *are* a prominent man, and bring good news."
43Then Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king. 44The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule. 45So Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This *is* the noise that you have heard. 46Also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. 47And moreover the king's servants have gone to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may He make his throne greater than your throne.' Then the king bowed himself on the bed. 48Also the king said thus, 'Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who has given *one* to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes see *it!*' "
49So all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and each one went his way.
50Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar. 51And it was told Solomon, saying, "Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.' "
52Then Solomon said, "If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die." 53So King Solomon sent them to bring him down from the altar. And he came and fell down before King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

### *David's Instructions to Solomon*

2 Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: 2"I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. 3And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; 4that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'
5"Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that *was* around his waist, and on his sandals that *were* on his feet. 6Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace.

7"But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

8"And see, *you have* with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' 9Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood."

### *Death of David*

10So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. 11The period that David reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years. 12Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

### *Solomon Executes Adonijah*

13Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. So she said, "Do you come peaceably?"

And he said, "Peaceably." 14Moreover he said, "I have something *to say* to you."

And she said, "Say it."

15Then he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their expectations on me, that I should reign. However, the kingdom has been turned over, and has become my brother's; for it was his from the LORD. 16Now I ask one petition of you; do not deny me."

And she said to him, "Say it."

17Then he said, "Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife."

18So Bathsheba said, "Very well, I will speak for you to the king."

19Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her and bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the king's mother; so she sat at his right hand. 20Then she said, "I desire one small petition of you; do not refuse me."

And the king said to her, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you."

21So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife."

22And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "Now why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also—for he *is* my older brother—for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah." 23Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life! 24Now therefore, *as* the LORD lives, who has confirmed me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has established a house[a] for me, as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death today!"

25So King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he struck him down, and he died.

### *Abiathar Exiled, Joab Executed*

26And to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you *are* deserving of death; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord GOD before my father David, and because you were afflicted every time my father was afflicted." 27So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, that he might fulfill the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

28Then news came to Joab, for Joab had defected to Adonijah, though he had not defected to Absalom. So Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and took hold of the horns of the altar. 29And King Solomon was told, "Joab has fled to the tabernacle of the LORD; there *he is,* by the altar." Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, strike him down." 30So Benaiah went to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus says the king, 'Come out!'"

And he said, "No, but I will die here." And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me."

31Then the king said to him, "Do as he has said, and strike him down and bury him, that you may take away from me and from the house of my father the innocent blood which Joab shed. 32So the LORD will return his blood on his head, because he struck down two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword—

**2:24** [a]That is, a royal dynasty

Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah—though my father David did not know *it.* [33]Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD."

[34]So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and struck and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. [35]The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

### *Shimei Executed*

[36]Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. [37]For it shall be, on the day you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head."

[38]And Shimei said to the king, "The saying *is* good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do." So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

[39]Now it happened at the end of three years, that two slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish the son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Look, your slaves *are* in Gath!" [40]So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Achish at Gath to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought his slaves from Gath. [41]And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back. [42]Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the LORD, and warn you, saying, 'Know for certain that on the day you go out and travel anywhere, you shall surely die'? And you said to me, 'The word I have heard *is* good.' [43]Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD and the commandment that I gave you?" [44]The king said moreover to Shimei, "You know, as your heart acknowledges, all the wickedness that you did to my father David; therefore the LORD will return your wickedness on your own head. [45]But King Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever."

[46]So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and struck him down, and he died. Thus the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

### *Solomon Requests Wisdom*

3 Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall all around Jerusalem. [2]Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. [3]And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

[4]Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. [5]At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

[6]And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. [7]Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. [8]And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. [9]Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

[10]The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. [11]Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, [12]behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. [13]And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. [14]So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as

your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

15Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

### *Solomon's Wise Judgment*

16Now two women *who were* harlots came to the king, and stood before him. 17And one woman said, "O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I gave birth while she *was* in the house. 18Then it happened, the third day after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we *were* together; no one *was* with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. 19And this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. 20So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from my side, while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, there he was, dead. But when I had examined him in the morning, indeed, he was not my son whom I had borne."

22Then the other woman said, "No! But the living one *is* my son, and the dead one *is* your son."

And the first woman said, "No! But the dead one *is* your son, and the living one *is* my son."

Thus they spoke before the king.

23And the king said, "The one says, 'This *is* my son, who lives, and your son *is* the dead one'; and the other says, 'No! But your son *is* the dead one, and my son *is* the living one.'" 24Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king. 25And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other."

26Then the woman whose son *was* living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!"

But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, *but* divide *him.*"

27So the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; she *is* his mother."

28And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him to administer justice.

### *Solomon's Administration*

4 So King Solomon was king over all Israel. 2And these *were* his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; 3Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; 4Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, over the army; Zadok and Abiathar, the priests; 5Azariah the son of Nathan, over the officers; Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest *and* the king's friend; 6Ahishar, over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda, over the labor force.

7And Solomon had twelve governors over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household; each one made provision for one month of the year. 8These *are* their names: Ben-Hur,[a] in the mountains of Ephraim; 9Ben-Deker,[a] in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan; 10Ben-Hesed,[a] in Arubboth; to him *belonged* Sochoh and all the land of Hepher; 11Ben-Abinadab,[a] *in* all the regions of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as wife; 12Baana the son of Ahilud, *in* Taanach, Megiddo, and all Beth Shean, which *is* beside Zaretan below Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as the other side of Jokneam; 13Ben-Geber,[a] in Ramoth Gilead; to him *belonged* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, in Gilead; to him *also belonged* the region of Argob in Bashan—sixty large cities with walls and bronze gate-bars; 14Ahinadab the son of Iddo, *in* Mahanaim; 15Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife; 16Baanah the son of Hushai, in Asher and Aloth; 17Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin; 19Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan. *He was* the only governor who *was* in the land.

### *Prosperity and Wisdom of Solomon's Reign*

20Judah and Israel *were* as numerous as the sand by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing. 21So Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River[a] *to* the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. *They* brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22Now Solomon's provision for one day was thirty kors of fine flour, sixty kors of meal, 23ten fatted oxen, twenty oxen from the pastures, and

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**4:8** [a]Literally *Son of Hur* **4:9** [a]Literally *Son of Deker*
**4:10** [a]Literally *Son of Hesed* **4:11** [a]Literally *Son of Abinadab*
**4:13** [a]Literally *Son of Geber* **4:21** [a]That is, the Euphrates

one hundred sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fatted fowl.

24For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side of the River[a] from Tiphsah even to Gaza, namely over all the kings on this side of the River; and he had peace on every side all around him. 25And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

26Solomon had forty[a] thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. 27And these governors, each man in his month, provided food for King Solomon and for all who came to King Solomon's table. There was no lack in their supply. 28They also brought barley and straw to the proper place, for the horses and steeds, each man according to his charge.

29And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. 30Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. 32He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five. 33Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. 34And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

### *Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple*

5 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, because he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always loved David. 2Then Solomon sent to Hiram, saying:

3 You know how my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which were fought against him on every side, until the LORD put *his foes*[a] under the soles of his feet.
4 But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; *there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrence.
5 And behold, I propose to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to my father David, saying, "Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for My name."
6 Now therefore, command that they cut down cedars for me from Lebanon; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants according to whatever you say. For you know *there is* none among us who has skill to cut timber like the Sidonians.

7So it was, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said,

Blessed *be* the LORD this day, for He has given David a wise son over this great people!

8Then Hiram sent to Solomon, saying:

I have considered *the message* which you sent me, *and* I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs.
9 My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea; I will float them in rafts by sea to the place you indicate to me, and will have them broken apart there; then you can take *them* away. And you shall fulfill my desire by giving food for my household.

10Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress logs *according to* all his desire. 11And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand kors of wheat *as* food for his household, and twenty[a] kors of pressed oil. Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

12So the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together.

13Then King Solomon raised up a labor force out of all Israel; and the labor force was thirty thousand men. 14And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts: they were one month in Lebanon *and* two months at home; Adoniram *was* in charge of the labor force. 15Solomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens, and eighty thousand who quarried *stone* in the mountains, 16besides three thousand three hundred[a] from the chiefs of Solomon's deputies,

**4:24** [a]That is, the Euphrates **4:26** [a]Following Masoretic Text and most other authorities; some manuscripts of the Septuagint read *four* (compare 2 Chronicles 9:25). **5:3** [a]Literally *them* **5:11** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *twenty thousand*. **5:16** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *three thousand six hundred*.

who supervised the people who labored in the work. 17And the king commanded them to quarry large stones, costly stones, *and* hewn stones, to lay the foundation of the temple.[a] 18So Solomon's builders, Hiram's builders, and the Gebalites quarried *them;* and they prepared timber and stones to build the temple.

### *Solomon Builds the Temple*

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth[a] year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which *is* the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD. 2Now the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length *was* sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits. 3The vestibule in front of the sanctuary[a] of the house *was* twenty cubits long across the width of the house, *and* the width of *the vestibule*[b] *extended* ten cubits from the front of the house. 4And he made for the house windows with beveled frames.

5Against the wall of the temple he built chambers all around, *against* the walls of the temple, all around the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary.[a] Thus he made side chambers all around it. 6The lowest chamber *was* five cubits wide, the middle *was* six cubits wide, and the third *was* seven cubits wide; for he made narrow ledges around the outside of the temple, so that *the support beams* would not be fastened into the walls of the temple. 7And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel *or* any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built. 8The doorway for the middle story[a] *was* on the right side of the temple. They went up by stairs to the middle *story,* and from the middle to the third.

9So he built the temple and finished it, and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar. 10And he built side chambers against the entire temple, each five cubits high; they were attached to the temple with cedar beams.

11Then the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying: 12"*Concerning* this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. 13And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

14So Solomon built the temple and finished it. 15And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress. 16Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built *it* inside as the inner sanctuary, as the Most Holy *Place.* 17And in front of it the temple sanctuary was forty cubits *long.* 18The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with ornamental buds and open flowers. All *was* cedar; there was no stone *to be* seen.

19And he prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple, to set the ark of the covenant of the LORD there. 20The inner sanctuary *was* twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, and overlaid the altar of cedar. 21So Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure gold. He stretched gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold. 22The whole temple he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the temple; also he overlaid with gold the entire altar that *was* by the inner sanctuary.

23Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim *of* olive wood, *each* ten cubits high. 24One wing of the cherub *was* five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. 25And the other cherub *was* ten cubits; both cherubim *were* of the same size and shape. 26The height of one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* the other cherub. 27Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room;[a] and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. 28Also he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29Then he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer *sanctuaries,* with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. 30And the floor of the temple he

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**5:17** [a]Literally *house,* and so frequently throughout this book
**6:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *fortieth.* **6:3** [a]Hebrew *heykal;* here the main room of the temple, elsewhere called the holy place (compare Exodus 26:33 and Ezekiel 41:1) [b]Literally *it* **6:5** [a]Hebrew *debir;* here the inner room of the temple, elsewhere called the Most Holy Place (compare verse 16) **6:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *upper story;* Targum reads *ground story.*
**6:27** [a]Literally *house*

overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer *sanctuaries.*

31For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors *of* olive wood; the lintel *and* doorposts *were* one-fifth *of the wall.* 32The two doors *were of* olive wood; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold; and he spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 33So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts *of* olive wood, one-fourth *of the wall.* 34And the two doors *were of* cypress wood; two panels *comprised* one folding door, and two panels *comprised* the other folding door. 35Then he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers *on them,* and overlaid *them* with gold applied evenly on the carved work.

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

37In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv. 38And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

### *Solomon's Other Buildings*

7 But Solomon took thirteen years to build his own house; so he finished all his house.

2He also built the House of the Forest of Lebanon; its length *was* one hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, with four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars. 3And *it was* paneled with cedar above the beams that *were* on forty-five pillars, fifteen *to* a row. 4*There were* windows *with beveled frames in* three rows, and window *was* opposite window *in* three tiers. 5And all the doorways and doorposts *had* rectangular frames; and window *was* opposite window *in* three tiers.

6He also made the Hall of Pillars: its length *was* fifty cubits, and its width thirty cubits; and in front of them *was* a portico with pillars, and a canopy *was* in front of them.

7Then he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Judgment, where he might judge; and *it was* paneled with cedar from floor to ceiling.[a]

8And the house where he dwelt *had* another court inside the hall, of like workmanship. Solomon also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *as wife.*

9All these *were of* costly stones cut to size, trimmed with saws, inside and out, from the foundation to the eaves, and also on the outside to the great court. 10The foundation *was of* costly stones, large stones, some ten cubits and some eight cubits. 11And above *were* costly stones, hewn to size, and cedar wood. 12The great court *was* enclosed with three rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams. So were the inner court of the house of the LORD and the vestibule of the temple.

### *Hiram the Craftsman*

13Now King Solomon sent and brought Huram[a] from Tyre. 14He *was* the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

### *The Bronze Pillars for the Temple*

15And he cast two pillars of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each. 16Then he made two capitals *of* cast bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of one capital *was* five cubits, and the height of the other capital *was* five cubits. 17*He made* a lattice network, with wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals which *were* on top of the pillars: seven chains for one capital and seven for the other capital. 18So he made the pillars, and two rows of pomegranates above the network all around to cover the capitals that *were* on top; and thus he did for the other capital.

19The capitals which *were* on top of the pillars in the hall *were* in the shape of lilies, four cubits. 20The capitals on the two pillars also *had pomegranates* above, by the convex surface which *was* next to the network; and there *were* two hundred such pomegranates in rows on each of the capitals all around.

21Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz. 22The tops of the pillars were in the shape of lilies. So the work of the pillars was finished.

### *The Sea and the Oxen*

23And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; *it was* completely

**7:7** [a]Literally *floor,* that is, of the upper level **7:13** [a]Hebrew *Hiram* (compare 2 Chronicles 2:13, 14)

round. Its height *was* five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.

[24]Below its brim *were* ornamental buds encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornamental buds *were* cast in two rows when it was cast. [25]It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea *was set* upon them, and all their back parts *pointed* inward. [26]It *was* a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, *like* a lily blossom. It contained two thousand[a] baths.

### *The Carts and the Lavers*

[27]He also made ten carts of bronze; four cubits *was* the length of each cart, four cubits its width, and three cubits its height. [28]And this *was* the design of the carts: They had panels, and the panels *were* between frames; [29]on the panels that *were* between the frames *were* lions, oxen, and cherubim. And on the frames *was* a pedestal on top. Below the lions and oxen *were* wreaths of plaited work. [30]Every cart had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze, and its four feet had supports. Under the laver *were* supports of cast *bronze* beside each wreath. [31]Its opening inside the crown at the top *was* one cubit in diameter; and the opening *was* round, shaped *like* a pedestal, one and a half cubits in outside diameter; and also on the opening *were* engravings, but the panels were square, not round. [32]Under the panels *were* the four wheels, and the axles of the wheels *were joined* to the cart. The height of a wheel *was* one and a half cubits. [33]The workmanship of the wheels *was* like the workmanship of a chariot wheel; their axle pins, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs *were* all of cast *bronze.* [34]And *there were* four supports at the four corners of each cart; its supports *were* part of the cart itself. [35]On the top of the cart, at the height of half a cubit, *it was* perfectly round. And on the top of the cart, its flanges and its panels *were* of the same casting. [36]On the plates of its flanges and on its panels he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, wherever there was a clear space on each, with wreaths all around. [37]Thus he made the ten carts. All of them were of the same mold, one measure, *and* one shape.

[38]Then he made ten lavers of bronze; each laver contained forty baths, *and* each laver *was* four cubits. On each of the ten carts *was* a laver. [39]And he put five carts on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. He set the Sea on the right side of the house, toward the southeast.

### *Furnishings of the Temple*

[40]Huram[a] made the lavers and the shovels and the bowls. So Huram finished doing all the work that he was to do for King Solomon *for* the house of the LORD: [41]the two pillars, the *two* bowl-shaped capitals that *were* on top of the two pillars; the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which *were* on top of the pillars; [42]four hundred pomegranates for the two networks (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that *were* on top of the pillars); [43]the ten carts, and ten lavers on the carts; [44]one Sea, and twelve oxen under the Sea; [45]the pots, the shovels, and the bowls.

All these articles which Huram[a] made for King Solomon *for* the house of the LORD *were of* burnished bronze. [46]In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth and Zaretan. [47]And Solomon did not weigh all the articles, because *there were* so many; the weight of the bronze was not determined.

[48]Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold on which *was* the showbread; [49]the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right *side* and five on the left in front of the inner sanctuary, with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold; [50]the basins, the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, *both* for the doors of the inner room (the Most Holy *Place*) *and* for the doors of the main hall of the temple.

[51]So all the work that King Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and the furnishings. He put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

### *The Ark Brought into the Temple*

8 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the City of

**7:26** [a]Or *three thousand* (compare 2 Chronicles 4:5)
**7:40** [a]Hebrew *Hiram* (compare 2 Chronicles 2:13, 14)
**7:45** [a]Hebrew *Hiram* (compare 2 Chronicles 2:13, 14)

David, which *is* Zion. 2Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month. 3So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4Then they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that *were* in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up. 5Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 6Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy *Place,* under the wings of the cherubim. 7For the cherubim spread *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. 8The poles extended so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy *place,* in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 9Nothing *was* in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy *place,* that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12Then Solomon spoke:

"The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud.
13 I have surely built You an exalted house,
And a place for You to dwell in forever."

### *Solomon's Speech at Completion of the Work*

14Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. 15And he said: "Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled *it,* saying, 16'Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel *in which* to build a house, that My name might be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.' 17Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple[a] for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 18But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart. 19Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.' 20So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 21And there I have made a place for the ark, in which *is* the covenant of the LORD which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt."

### *Solomon's Prayer of Dedication*

22Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; 23and he said: "LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. 24You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled *it* with Your hand, as *it is* this day. 25Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' 26And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father.

27"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! 28Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: 29that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. 30And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.

31"When anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes *and* takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, 32then hear in heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, condemning the wicked, bringing his way on his

**8:17** [a]Literally *house*, and so in verses 18–20

head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

33"When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple, 34then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.

35"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, 36then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

37"When there is famine in the land, pestilence *or* blight *or* mildew, locusts *or* grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness *there is;* 38whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, *or* by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: 39then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), 40that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

41"Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who *is* not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake 42(for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, 43hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as *do* Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

44"When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name, 45then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46"When they sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near; 47*yet* when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness'; 48and *when* they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name: 49then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, 50and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them 51(for they *are* Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Egypt, out of the iron furnace), 52that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You. 53For You separated them from among all the peoples of the earth *to be* Your inheritance, as You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD."

### *Solomon Blesses the Assembly*

54And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: 56"Blessed *be* the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses. 57May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us, 58that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. 59And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require, 60that all the peo-

ples of the earth may know that the LORD *is* God; *there is* no other. 61Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day."

### *Solomon Dedicates the Temple*

62Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD. 63And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. 64On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that *was* in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too small to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65At that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven *more* days—fourteen days. 66On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that the LORD had done for His servant David, and for Israel His people.

### *God's Second Appearance to Solomon*

9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do, 2that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 4Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' 6*But* if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments *and* My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8And *as for* this house, *which* is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' 9Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity on them.'"

### *Solomon and Hiram Exchange Gifts*

10Now it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house 11(Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired), *that* King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, but they did not please him. 13So he said, "What *kind of* cities *are* these which you have given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul,[a] as they are to this day. 14Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

### *Solomon's Additional Achievements*

15And this *is* the reason for the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the Millo,[a] the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. 16(Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it *as* a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.) 17And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth Horon, 18Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land *of Judah,* 19all the storage cities that Solomon had, cities for his chariots and cities for his cavalry, and whatever Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20All the people *who were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who *were* not of the children of Israel— 21that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely—from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day. 22But of the

**9:13** [a]Literally *Good for Nothing* **9:15** [a]Literally *The Landfill*

children of Israel Solomon made no forced laborers, because they *were* men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of his chariots, and his cavalry.

[23]Others *were* chiefs of the officials who *were* over Solomon's work: five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.

[24]But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which *Solomon*[a] had built for her. Then he built the Millo.

[25]Now three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he had built for the LORD, and he burned incense with them *on the altar* that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the temple.

[26]King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which *is* near Elath[a] on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. [27]Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. [28]And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought *it* to King Solomon.

### *The Queen of Sheba's Praise of Solomon*

10 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. [2]She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. [3]So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain *it* to her. [4]And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, [5]the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. [6]Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. [7]However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. [8]Happy *are* your men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you *and* hear your wisdom! [9]Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."

[10]Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. [11]Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug[a] wood and precious stones from Ophir. [12]And the king made steps of the almug wood for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

[13]Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

### *Solomon's Great Wealth*

[14]The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, [15]besides *that* from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

[16]And King Solomon made two hundred large shields *of* hammered gold; six hundred *shekels* of gold went into each shield. [17]He also *made* three hundred shields *of* hammered gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

[18]Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. [19]The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round at the back; *there were* armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests. [20]Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like *this* had been made for any *other* kingdom.

[21]All King Solomon's drinking vessels *were* gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon *were* pure gold. Not *one was* silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. [22]For the king had merchant ships[a] at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys.[b] [23]So King Solomon

**9:24** [a]Literally *he* (compare 2 Chronicles 8:11) **9:26** [a]Hebrew *Eloth* (compare 2 Kings 14:22) **10:11** [a]Or *algum* (compare 2 Chronicles 9:10, 11) **10:22** [a]Literally *ships of Tarshish,* deep-sea vessels [b]Or *peacocks*

surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

[24]Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. [25]Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

[26]And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed[a] in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. [27]The king made silver *as common* in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which *are* in the lowland.

[28]Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price. [29]Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty; and thus, through their agents,[a] they exported *them* to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

### *Solomon's Heart Turns from the LORD*

11 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, *and* Hittites— [2]from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. [3]And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. [4]For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of his father David. [5]For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. [6]Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as *did* his father David. [7]Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that *is* east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. [8]And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

[9]So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, [10]and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded. [11]Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant. [12]Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. [13]However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

### *Adversaries of Solomon*

[14]Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he *was* a descendant of the king in Edom. [15]For it happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had killed every male in Edom [16](because for six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut down every male in Edom), [17]that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him. Hadad *was* still a little child. [18]Then they arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, apportioned food for him, and gave him land. [19]And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, that is, the sister of Queen Tahpenes. [20]Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

[21]So when Hadad heard in Egypt that David rested with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country."

[22]Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that suddenly you seek to go to your own country?"

So he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go anyway."

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**10:26** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate (compare 2 Chronicles 9:25); Masoretic Text reads *led*.
**10:29** [a]Literally *by their hands*

23 And God raised up *another* adversary against
him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from
his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. 24 So he gath-
ered men to him and became captain over a band
*of raiders,* when David killed those *of Zobah.* And
they went to Damascus and dwelt there, and
reigned in Damascus. 25 He was an adversary of
Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble
that Hadad *caused*); and he abhorred Israel, and
reigned over Syria.

### *Jeroboam's Rebellion*

26 Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam the son
of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose
mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled
against the king.

27 And this *is* what caused him to rebel against
the king: Solomon had built the Millo *and* re-
paired the damages to the City of David his father.
28 The man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valor;
and Solomon, seeing that the young man was in-
dustrious, made him the officer over all the labor
force of the house of Joseph.

29 Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam
went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the
Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed
himself with a new garment, and the two *were*
alone in the field. 30 Then Ahijah took hold of the
new garment that *was* on him, and tore it *into*
twelve pieces. 31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take
for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the
God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out
of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to
you 32 (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of
My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem,
the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of
Israel), 33 because they have[a] forsaken Me, and
worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sido-
nians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Mil-
com the god of the people of Ammon, and have
not walked in My ways to do *what is* right in My
eyes and *keep* My statutes and My judgments, as
*did* his father David. 34 However I will not take the
whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have
made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake
of My servant David, whom I chose because he
kept My commandments and My statutes. 35 But I
will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and
give it to you—ten tribes. 36 And to his son I will
give one tribe, that My servant David may always
have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city
which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name
there. 37 So I will take you, and you shall reign over
all your heart desires, and you shall be king over
Israel. 38 Then it shall be, if you heed all that I com-
mand you, walk in My ways, and do *what is* right
in My sight, to keep My statutes and My com-
mandments, as My servant David did, then I will
be with you and build for you an enduring house,
as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.
39 And I will afflict the descendants of David be-
cause of this, but not forever.'"

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

### *Death of Solomon*

41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that
he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in
the book of the acts of Solomon? 42 And the period
that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel
*was* forty years. 43 Then Solomon rested with his
fathers, and was buried in the City of David his fa-
ther. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

### *The Revolt Against Rehoboam*

12 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all
Israel had gone to Shechem to make
him king. 2 So it happened, when Jer-
oboam the son of Nebat heard *it* (he was still in
Egypt, for he had fled from the presence of King
Solomon and had been dwelling in Egypt), 3 that
they sent and called him. Then Jeroboam and the
whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Re-
hoboam, saying, 4 "Your father made our yoke
heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome
service of your father, and his heavy yoke which
he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 So he said to them, "Depart *for* three days, then
come back to me." And the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders
who stood before his father Solomon while he
still lived, and he said, "How do you advise *me* to
answer these people?"

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be
a servant to these people today, and serve them,
and answer them, and speak good words to them,
then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he rejected the advice which the elders had
given him, and consulted the young men who had

**11:33** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *he has*.

grown up with him, who stood before him. 9And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

10Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's waist! 11And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!'"[a]

12So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying, "Come back to me the third day." 13Then the king answered the people roughly, and rejected the advice which the elders had given him; 14and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!"[a] 15So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn *of events* was from the LORD, that He might fulfill His word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

"What share have we in David?
*We have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse.
To your tents, O Israel!
Now, see to your own house, O David!"

So Israel departed to their tents. 17But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

18Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* in charge of the revenue; but all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem. 19So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

20Now it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men* who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 23"Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me."'" Therefore they obeyed the word of the LORD, and turned back, according to the word of the LORD.

### *Jeroboam's Gold Calves*

25Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel. 26And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: 27If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah."

28Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!" 29And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. 30Now this thing became a sin, for the people went *to worship* before the one as far as Dan. 31He made shrines[a] on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

32Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that *was* in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. 33So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.

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**12:11** [a]Literally *scorpions* **12:14** [a]Literally *scorpions*
**12:31** [a]Literally *a house*

*The Message of the Man of God*

13 And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. [2]Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burned on you.'" [3]And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This *is* the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out."

[4]So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Arrest him!" Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself. [5]The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. [6]Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me."

So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and became as before. [7]Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

[8]But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place. [9]For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.'" [10]So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.

*Death of the Man of God*

[11]Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king. [12]And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" For his sons had seen[a] which way the man of God went who came from Judah. [13]Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it, [14]and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "*Are* you the man of God who came from Judah?"

And he said, "I *am.*"

[15]Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

[16]And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. [17]For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'"

[18]He said to him, "I too *am* a prophet as you *are,* and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (He was lying to him.)

[19]So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

[20]Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; [21]and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, [22]but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which *the LORD* said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'"

[23]So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back. [24]When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse. [25]And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the road, and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

[26]Now when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard *it,* he said, "It *is* the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the LORD. Therefore the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him." [27]And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled *it.* [28]Then he

**13:12** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *showed him.*

went and found his corpse thrown on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey. [29]And the prophet took up the corpse of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him. [30]Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, *saying,* "Alas, my brother!" [31]So it was, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb where the man of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones. [32]For the saying which he cried out by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the shrines[a] on the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, will surely come to pass."

[33]After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again he made priests from every class of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places. [34]And this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate and destroy *it* from the face of the earth.

### *Judgment on the House of Jeroboam*

**14** At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick. [2]And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed, Ahijah the prophet *is* there, who told me that *I would be* king over this people. [3]Also take with you ten loaves, *some* cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child." [4]And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age.

[5]Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he *is* sick. Thus and thus you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend *to be* another *woman.*"

[6]And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend *to be* another *person?* For I *have been* sent to you *with* bad *news.* [7]Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Israel, [8]and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and *yet* you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only *what was* right in My eyes; [9]but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back— [10]therefore behold! I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone. [11]The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field; for the LORD has spoken!"' [12]Arise therefore, go to your own house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die. [13]And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something good toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

[14]"Moreover the LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; this is the day. What? Even now! [15]For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River,[a] because they have made their wooden images,[b] provoking the LORD to anger. [16]And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin."

[17]Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. When she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. [18]And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

### *Death of Jeroboam*

[19]Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [20]The period that Jeroboam reigned *was* twenty-two years. So he rested with his fathers. Then Nadab his son reigned in his place.

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**13:32** [a]Literally *houses* **14:15** [a]That is, the Euphrates [b]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities

*Rehoboam Reigns in Judah*

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned
in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old
when he became king. He reigned seventeen years
in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen
out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name
there. His mother's name *was* Naamah, an Am-
monitess. 22 Now Judah did evil in the sight of the
LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy with
their sins which they committed, more than all
that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built
for themselves high places, *sacred* pillars, and
wooden images on every high hill and under
every green tree. 24 And there were also perverted
persons[a] in the land. They did according to all the
abominations of the nations which the LORD had
cast out before the children of Israel.

25 It happened in the fifth year of King Reho-
boam *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against
Jerusalem. 26 And he took away the treasures of
the house of the LORD and the treasures of the
king's house; he took away everything. He also
took away all the gold shields which Solomon had
made. 27 Then King Rehoboam made bronze
shields in their place, and committed *them* to the
hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded
the doorway of the king's house. 28 And whenever
the king entered the house of the LORD, the guards
carried them, then brought them back into the
guardroom.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all
that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 And there was
war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their*
days. 31 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the City of David.
His mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess.
Then Abijam[a] his son reigned in his place.

*Abijam Reigns in Judah*

15 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam
the son of Nebat, Abijam became king
over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in
Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Maachah the
granddaughter of Abishalom. 3 And he walked in
all the sins of his father, which he had done before
him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God,
as was the heart of his father David. 4 Nevertheless
for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp
in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and
by establishing Jerusalem; 5 because David did
*what was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and had
not turned aside from anything that He com-
manded him all the days of his life, except in the
matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 And there was war
between Rehoboam[a] and Jeroboam all the days of
his life. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all
that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was
war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 So Abijam rested with his fathers, and they
buried him in the City of David. Then Asa his son
reigned in his place.

*Asa Reigns in Judah*

9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Is-
rael, Asa became king over Judah. 10 And he
reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His grand-
mother's name *was* Maachah the granddaughter
of Abishalom. 11 Asa did *what was* right in the eyes
of the LORD, as *did* his father David. 12 And he ban-
ished the perverted persons[a] from the land, and
removed all the idols that his fathers had made.
13 Also he removed Maachah his grandmother
from *being* queen mother, because she had made
an obscene image of Asherah.[a] And Asa cut down
her obscene image and burned *it* by the Brook
Kidron. 14 But the high places were not removed.
Nevertheless Asa's heart was loyal to the LORD all
his days. 15 He also brought into the house of the
LORD the things which his father had dedicated,
and the things which he himself had dedicated:
silver and gold and utensils.

16 Now there was war between Asa and Baasha
king of Israel all their days. 17 And Baasha king of
Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah,
that he might let none go out or come in to Asa
king of Judah. 18 Then Asa took all the silver and
gold *that was* left in the treasuries of the house of
the LORD and the treasuries of the king's house,
and delivered them into the hand of his servants.
And King Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad the son of
Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who
dwelt in Damascus, saying, 19 "*Let there be* a treaty
between you and me, as there was between my fa-
ther and your father. See, I have sent you a present
of silver and gold. Come and break your treaty

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**14:24** [a]Hebrew *qadesh,* that is, one practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals **14:31** [a]Spelled *Abijah* in 2 Chronicles 12:16ff **15:6** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *Abijam*. **15:12** [a]Hebrew *qedeshim,* that is, those practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals **15:13** [a]A Canaanite goddess

with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me."

20So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. He attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Beth Maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21Now it happened, when Baasha heard *it,* that he stopped building Ramah, and remained in Tirzah.

22Then King Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* exempted. And they took away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23The rest of all the acts of Asa, all his might, all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24So Asa rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

### *Nadab Reigns in Israel*

25Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years. 26And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

27Then Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha killed him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. 28Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. 29And it was so, when he became king, *that* he killed all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite, 30because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he had sinned and by which he had made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he had provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 32And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

### *Baasha Reigns in Israel*

33In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah, and *reigned* twenty-four years. 34He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

16 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying: 2"Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust and made you ruler over My people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins, 3surely I will take away the posterity of Baasha and the posterity of his house, and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Baasha and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the fields."

5Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6So Baasha rested with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah. Then Elah his son reigned in his place.

7And also the word of the LORD came by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed them.

### *Elah Reigns in Israel*

8In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha became king over Israel, *and reigned* two years in Tirzah. 9Now his servant Zimri, commander of half *his* chariots, conspired against him as he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, steward of *his* house in Tirzah. 10And Zimri went in and struck him and killed him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11Then it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he was seated on his throne, *that* he killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave him one male, neither of his relatives nor of his friends. 12Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 13for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, by which they had sinned and by which they had made Israel sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.

14Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that

he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

### *Zimri Reigns in Israel*

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri had reigned in Tirzah seven days. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines. 16 Now the people *who were* encamped heard it said, "Zimri has conspired and also has killed the king." So all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. 17 Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon, and they besieged Tirzah. 18 And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house and burned the king's house down upon himself with fire, and died, 19 because of the sins which he had committed in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he had committed to make Israel sin.

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

### *Omri Reigns in Israel*

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri. 22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Omri reigned. 23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel, *and reigned* twelve years. Six years he reigned in Tirzah. 24 And he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; then he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, Samaria, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill. 25 Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all who *were* before him. 26 For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.

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

28 So Omri rested with his fathers and was buried in Samaria. Then Ahab his son reigned in his place.

### *Ahab Reigns in Israel*

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who *were* before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image.[a] Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. 34 In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest *son* Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.[a]

### *Elijah Proclaims a Drought*

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "*As* the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

2 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 3 "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

### *Elijah and the Widow*

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate

**16:33** [a]Hebrew *Asherah,* a Canaanite goddess **16:34** [a]Compare Joshua 6:26

of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." [11]And as she was going to get *it,* he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

[12]So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

[13]And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. [14]For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

[15]So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. [16]The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

### *Elijah Revives the Widow's Son*

[17]Now it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. [18]So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

[19]And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. [20]Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" [21]And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." [22]Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

[23]And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

[24]Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is* the truth."

### *Elijah's Message to Ahab*

**18** And it came to pass *after* many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth."

[2]So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and *there was* a severe famine in Samaria. [3]And Ahab had called Obadiah, who *was* in charge of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly. [4]For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.) [5]And Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock." [6]So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

[7]Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him; and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, "*Is* that you, my lord Elijah?"

[8]And he answered him, "*It is* I. Go, tell your master, 'Elijah *is here.*'"

[9]So he said, "How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? [10]*As* the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said, '*He is* not *here,*' he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you. [11]And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah *is here*"'! [12]And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. [13]Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? [14]And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah *is here.*"' He will kill me!"

[15]Then Elijah said, "*As* the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today."

[16]So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

[17]Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "*Is that* you, O troubler of Israel?"

18 And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel,
but you and your father's house *have,* in that you
have forsaken the commandments of the LORD
and have followed the Baals. 19 Now therefore,
send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount
Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of
Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah,[a]
who eat at Jezebel's table."

### *Elijah's Mount Carmel Victory*

20 So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and
gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.
21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said,
"How long will you falter between two opinions?
If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow
him." But the people answered him not a word.
22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a
prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four
hundred and fifty men. 23 Therefore let them give
us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for
themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on the
wood, but put no fire *under it;* and I will prepare
the other bull, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no
fire *under it.* 24 Then you call on the name of your
gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and
the God who answers by fire, He is God."

So all the people answered and said, "It is well
spoken."

25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal,
"Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it*
first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of
your god, but put no fire *under it.*"

26 So they took the bull which was given them,
and they prepared *it,* and called on the name of
Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal,
hear us!" But *there was* no voice; no one an-
swered. Then they leaped about the altar which
they had made.

27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked
them and said, "Cry aloud, for he *is* a god; either
he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a jour-
ney, *or* perhaps he is sleeping and must be awak-
ened." 28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves,
as was their custom, with knives and lances, until
the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when mid-
day was past, they prophesied until the *time* of
the offering of the *evening* sacrifice. But *there was* no
voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near
to me." So all the people came near to him. And he
repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken
down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according
to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to
whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Is-
rael shall be your name."[a] 32 Then with the stones
he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he
made a trench around the altar large enough to
hold two seahs of seed. 33 And he put the wood in
order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid *it* on the
wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water,
and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the
wood." 34 Then he said, "Do *it* a second time," and
they did *it* a second time; and he said, "Do *it* a
third time," and they did *it* a third time. 35 So the
water ran all around the altar; and he also filled
the trench with water.

36 And it came to pass, at *the time of* the offering
of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet
came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham,
Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You
*are* God in Israel and I *am* Your servant, and *that*
I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Hear
me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know
that You *are* the LORD God, and *that* You have
turned their hearts back *to You* again."

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed
the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones
and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in
the trench. 39 Now when all the people saw *it,* they
fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He *is*
God! The LORD, He *is* God!"

40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets
of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they
seized them; and Elijah brought them down to
the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

### *The Drought Ends*

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and
drink; for *there is* the sound of abundance of
rain." 42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Eli-
jah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed
down on the ground, and put his face between his
knees, 43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look
toward the sea."

So he went up and looked, and said, "*There is*
nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

44 Then it came to pass the seventh *time,* that he
said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand,
rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to
Ahab, 'Prepare *your chariot,* and go down before
the rain stops you.'"

45 Now it happened in the meantime that the

**18:19** [a]A Canaanite goddess **18:31** [a]Genesis 32:28

sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. 46Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

### *Elijah Escapes from Jezebel*

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do *to me,* and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3And when he saw *that,* he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers!"

5Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel[a] touched him, and said to him, "Arise *and* eat." 6Then he looked, and there by his head *was* a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7And the angel[a] of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for you." 8So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

9And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

### *God's Revelation to Elijah*

11Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

13So it was, when Elijah heard *it,* that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

15Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael *as* king over Syria. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi *as* king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint *as* prophet in your place. 17It shall be *that* whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

### *Elisha Follows Elijah*

19So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you."

And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

21So *Elisha* turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

### *Ahab Defeats the Syrians*

20 Now Ben-Hadad the king of Syria gathered all his forces together; thirty-two kings *were* with him, with horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria, and made war against it. 2Then he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, "Thus says Ben-Hadad: 3'Your silver and your gold *are* mine; your loveliest wives and children are mine.'"

4And the king of Israel answered and said, "My lord, O king, just as you say, I and all that I have *are* yours."

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**19:5** [a]Or *Angel* **19:7** [a]Or *Angel*

5Then the messengers came back and said,
"Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying, 'Indeed I have
sent to you, saying, "You shall deliver to me your
silver and your gold, your wives and your chil-
dren"; 6but I will send my servants to you tomor-
row about this time, and they shall search your
house and the houses of your servants. And it
shall be, *that* whatever is pleasant in your eyes,
they will put *it* in their hands and take *it.*'"
7So the king of Israel called all the elders of the
land, and said, "Notice, please, and see how this
*man* seeks trouble, for he sent to me for my wives,
my children, my silver, and my gold; and I did not
deny him."
8And all the elders and all the people said to
him, "Do not listen or consent."
9Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben-
Hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for
to your servant the first time I will do, but this
thing I cannot do.'"
And the messengers departed and brought
back word to him.
10Then Ben-Hadad sent to him and said, "The
gods do so to me, and more also, if enough dust is
left of Samaria for a handful for each of the peo-
ple who follow me."
11So the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell
*him,* 'Let not the one who puts on *his armor* boast
like the one who takes *it off.*'"
12And it happened when *Ben-Hadad* heard this
message, as he and the kings *were* drinking at the
command post, that he said to his servants, "Get
ready." And they got ready to attack the city.
13Suddenly a prophet approached Ahab king of
Israel, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Have you seen
all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it
into your hand today, and you shall know that I
*am* the LORD.'"
14So Ahab said, "By whom?"
And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'By the young
leaders of the provinces.'"
Then he said, "Who will set the battle in order?"
And he answered, "You."
15Then he mustered the young leaders of the
provinces, and there were two hundred and thirty-
two; and after them he mustered all the people, all
the children of Israel—seven thousand.
16So they went out at noon. Meanwhile Ben-
Hadad and the thirty-two kings helping him were
getting drunk at the command post. 17The young
leaders of the provinces went out first. And Ben-
Hadad sent out *a patrol,* and they told him, say-
ing, "Men are coming out of Samaria!" 18So he
said, "If they have come out for peace, take them
alive; and if they have come out for war, take them
alive."
19Then these young leaders of the provinces
went out of the city with the army which followed
them. 20And each one killed his man; so the Syr-
ians fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-
Hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with
the cavalry. 21Then the king of Israel went out and
attacked the horses and chariots, and killed the
Syrians with a great slaughter.
22And the prophet came to the king of Israel
and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself; take
note, and see what you should do, for in the spring
of the year the king of Syria will come up against
you."

### *The Syrians Again Defeated*

23Then the servants of the king of Syria said to
him, "Their gods *are* gods of the hills. Therefore
they were stronger than we; but if we fight against
them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than
they. 24So do this thing: Dismiss the kings, each
from his position, and put captains in their
places; 25and you shall muster an army like the
army that you have lost, horse for horse and char-
iot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in
the plain; surely we will be stronger than they."
And he listened to their voice and did so.
26So it was, in the spring of the year, that Ben-
Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to
Aphek to fight against Israel. 27And the children of
Israel were mustered and given provisions, and
they went against them. Now the children of Is-
rael encamped before them like two little flocks of
goats, while the Syrians filled the countryside.
28Then a man of God came and spoke to the
king of Israel, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Be-
cause the Syrians have said, "The LORD *is* God of
the hills, but He *is* not God of the valleys," there-
fore I will deliver all this great multitude into your
hand, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.'"
29And they encamped opposite each other for
seven days. So it was that on the seventh day the
battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed
one hundred thousand foot soldiers *of* the Syrians
in one day. 30But the rest fled to Aphek, into the
city; then a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of
the men *who were* left.
And Ben-Hadad fled and went into the city,
into an inner chamber.

*Ahab's Treaty with Ben-Hadad*

31 Then his servants said to him, "Look now, we
have heard that the kings of the house of Israel
*are* merciful kings. Please, let us put sackcloth
around our waists and ropes around our heads,
and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will
spare your life." 32 So they wore sackcloth around
their waists and *put* ropes around their heads,
and came to the king of Israel and said, "Your ser-
vant Ben-Hadad says, 'Please let me live.'"

And he said, "*Is* he still alive? He *is* my brother."

33 Now the men were watching closely to see
whether *any sign of mercy would come* from him;
and they quickly grasped *at this word* and said,
"Your brother Ben-Hadad."

So he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben-Hadad
came out to him; and he had him come up into
the chariot.

34 So *Ben-Hadad* said to him, "The cities which
my father took from your father I will restore; and
you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Da-
mascus, as my father did in Samaria."

Then *Ahab said,* "I will send you away with this
treaty." So he made a treaty with him and sent
him away.

*Ahab Condemned*

35 Now a certain man of the sons of the proph-
ets said to his neighbor by the word of the LORD,
"Strike me, please." And the man refused to strike
him. 36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not
obeyed the voice of the LORD, surely, as soon as
you depart from me, a lion shall kill you." And as
soon as he left him, a lion found him and killed
him.

37 And he found another man, and said, "Strike
me, please." So the man struck him, inflicting a
wound. 38 Then the prophet departed and waited
for the king by the road, and disguised himself
with a bandage over his eyes. 39 Now as the king
passed by, he cried out to the king and said, "Your
servant went out into the midst of the battle; and
there, a man came over and brought a man to me,
and said, 'Guard this man; if by any means he is
missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you
shall pay a talent of silver.' 40 While your servant
was busy here and there, he was gone."

Then the king of Israel said to him, "So *shall*
your judgment *be;* you yourself have decided *it.*"

41 And he hastened to take the bandage away
from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized
him as one of the prophets. 42 Then he said to him,
"Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have let slip
out of *your* hand a man whom I appointed to
utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for
his life, and your people for his people.'"

43 So the king of Israel went to his house sullen
and displeased, and came to Samaria.

*Naboth Is Murdered for His Vineyard*

21 And it came to pass after these things
*that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vine-
yard which *was* in Jezreel, next to the
palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 So Ahab spoke
to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I
may have it for a vegetable garden, because it *is*
near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a
vineyard better than it. *Or,* if it seems good to you,
I will give you its worth in money."

3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid
that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to
you!"

4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and dis-
pleased because of the word which Naboth the
Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I
will not give you the inheritance of my fathers."
And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his
face, and would eat no food. 5 But Jezebel his wife
came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit
so sullen that you eat no food?"

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

7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now ex-
ercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let
your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vine-
yard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed
*them* with his seal, and sent the letters to the el-
ders and the nobles who *were* dwelling in the city
with Naboth. 9 She wrote in the letters, saying,

> Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high
> honor among the people; 10 and seat two
> men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness
> against him, saying, "You have blasphemed
> God and the king." *Then* take him out, and
> stone him, that he may die.

11 So the men of his city, the elders and nobles
who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel
had sent to them, as it *was* written in the letters
which she had sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a

fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people. 13And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!" Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. 14Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and is dead."

15And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." 16So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

### *The Lord Condemns Ahab*

17Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18"Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who *lives* in Samaria. There *he is,* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. 19You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "Have you murdered and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours."'"

20So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?"

And he answered, "I have found *you,* because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the Lord: 21'Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. 22I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and made Israel sin.' 23And concerning Jezebel the Lord also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall[a] of Jezreel.' 24The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field."

25But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up. 26And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all *that* the Amorites had done, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

27So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning.

28And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29"See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

### *Micaiah Warns Ahab*

22 Now three years passed without war between Syria and Israel. 2Then it came to pass, in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to *visit* the king of Israel.

3And the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, but we hesitate to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?" 4So he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?"

Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I *am* as you *are,* my people as your people, my horses as your horses." 5Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the Lord today."

6Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?"

So they said, "Go up, for the Lord will deliver *it* into the hand of the king."

7And Jehoshaphat said, "*Is there* not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of Him?"[a]

8So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "*There is* still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!"

9Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!"

10The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on *their* robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets proph-

**21:23** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Septuagint; some Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *plot of ground* (compare 2 Kings 9:36). **22:7** [a]Or *him*

esied before them. [11]Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.'" [12]And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver *it* into the king's hand."

[13]Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement."

[14]And Micaiah said, "*As* the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

[15]Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?"

And he answered him, "Go and prosper, for the LORD will deliver *it* into the hand of the king!"

[16]So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

[17]Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'"

[18]And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

[19]Then *Micaiah* said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. [20]And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. [21]Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' [22]The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade *him,* and also prevail. Go out and do so.' [23]Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."

[24]Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?"

[25]And Micaiah said, "Indeed, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!"

[26]So the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son; [27]and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this *fellow* in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I come in peace."'"

[28]But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"

### *Ahab Dies in Battle*

[29]So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. [30]And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle.

[31]Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel." [32]So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely it *is* the king of Israel!" Therefore they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out. [33]And it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. [34]Now a *certain* man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

[35]The battle increased that day; and the king was propped up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, and died at evening. The blood ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot. [36]Then, as the sun was going down, a shout went throughout the army, saying, "Every man to his city, and every man to his own country!"

[37]So the king died, and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. [38]Then *someone* washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood while the harlots bathed,[a] according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken.

[39]Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, the ivory house which he built and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [40]So Ahab rested with his fathers. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

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**22:38** [a]Syriac and Targum read *they washed his armor.*

### *Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah*

41 Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had become king
over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Is-
rael. 42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty-five years old when
he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years
in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Azubah the
daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in all the ways
of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from
them, doing *what was* right in the eyes of the
LORD. Nevertheless the high places were not taken
away, *for* the people offered sacrifices and burned
incense on the high places. 44 Also Jehoshaphat
made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the
might that he showed, and how he made war, *are*
they not written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah? 46 And the rest of the perverted
persons,[a] who remained in the days of his father
Asa, he banished from the land. 47 *There was* then
no king in Edom, only a deputy of the king.

48 Jehoshaphat made merchant ships[a] to go to
Ophir for gold; but they never sailed, for the ships
were wrecked at Ezion Geber. 49 Then Ahaziah the
son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants
go with your servants in the ships." But Jehosha-
phat would not.

50 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the City of David
his father. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his
place.

### *Ahaziah Reigns in Israel*

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Is-
rael in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehosh-
aphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over
Israel. 52 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and
walked in the way of his father and in the way of
his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who had made Israel sin; 53 for he served
Baal and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD
God of Israel to anger, according to all that his fa-
ther had done.

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**22:46** [a]Hebrew *qadesh,* that is, one practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals **22:48** [a]Or *ships of Tarshish*

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### *God Judges Ahaziah*

1 Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

[2]Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury." [3]But the angel[a] of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is *it* because *there is* no God in Israel *that* you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' [4]Now therefore, thus says the Lord: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah departed.

[5]And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, "Why have you come back?"

[6]So they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Is *it* because *there is* no God in Israel *that* you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"'"

[7]Then he said to them, "What kind of man *was it* who came up to meet you and told you these words?"

[8]So they answered him, "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist."

And he said, "It *is* Elijah the Tishbite."

[9]Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!'"

[10]So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I *am* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. [11]Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men.

And he answered and said to him: "Man of God, thus has the king said, 'Come down quickly!'"

[12]So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I *am* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

[13]Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. [14]Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight."

[15]And the angel[a] of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king. [16]Then he said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, *is it* because *there is* no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"

[17]So *Ahaziah* died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken. Because he had no son, Jehoram[a] became king in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.

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

### *Elijah Ascends to Heaven*

2 And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. [2]Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "*As* the Lord lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.

[3]Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?"

And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

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**1:3** [a]Or *Angel* **1:15** [a]Or *Angel* **1:17** [a]The son of Ahab king of Israel (compare 3:1)

4Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho."

But he said, "*As* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.

5Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?"

So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

6Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan."

But he said, "*As* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. 7And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled *it* up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

9And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

10So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless,* if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be *so.*" 11Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12And Elisha saw *it,* and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. 13He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

15Now when the sons of the prophets who *were* from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him. 16Then they said to him, "Look now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley."

And he said, "You shall not send anyone."

17But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send *them!*" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him. 18And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go'?"

### *Elisha Performs Miracles*

19Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water *is* bad, and the ground barren."

20And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought *it* to him. 21Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" 22So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"

24So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

25Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

### *Moab Rebels Against Israel*

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and mother; for he put away the *sacred* pillar of Baal that his father had made. 3Nevertheless he persisted in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; he did not depart from them.

4Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheepbreeder, and he regularly paid the king of Israel one hundred thousand lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams. 5But it happened, when Ahab died, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6So King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time and mustered all Israel. 7Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, "The

king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?"

And he said, "I will go up; I *am* as you *are,* my people as your people, my horses as your horses." [8]Then he said, "Which way shall we go up?"

And he answered, "By way of the Wilderness of Edom."

[9]So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they marched on that roundabout route seven days; and there was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them. [10]And the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

[11]But Jehoshaphat said, "*Is there* no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?"

So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat *is* here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah."

[12]And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

[13]Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother."

But the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings *together* to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

[14]And Elisha said, "*As* the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you. [15]But now bring me a musician."

Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. [16]And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' [17]For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.' [18]And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. [19]Also you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop up every spring of water, and ruin every good piece of land with stones."

[20]Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

[21]And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were gathered; and they stood at the border. [22]Then they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water; and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood. [23]And they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another; now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"

[24]So when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they entered *their* land, killing the Moabites. [25]Then they destroyed the cities, and each man threw a stone on every good piece of land and filled it; and they stopped up all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees. But they left the stones of Kir Haraseth *intact.* However the slingers surrounded and attacked it.

[26]And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not. [27]Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him *as* a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great indignation against Israel. So they departed from him and returned to *their own* land.

### *Elisha and the Widow's Oil*

4 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."

[2]So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

[3]Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. [4]And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

[5]So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured *it* out. [6]Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel."

And he said to her, "*There is* not another

vessel." So the oil ceased. 7Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you *and* your sons live on the rest."

### *Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son*

8Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there *was* a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. 9And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this *is* a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. 10Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."

11And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there. 12Then he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him. 13And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What *can I* do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?'"

She answered, "I dwell among my own people."

14So he said, "What then *is* to be done for her?"

And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old."

15So he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. 16Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son."

And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"

17But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

18And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers. 19And he said to his father, "My head, my head!"

So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother." 20When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died. 21And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut *the door* upon him, and went out. 22Then she called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back."

23So he said, "Why are you going to him today? *It is* neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath."

And she said, "*It is* well." 24Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you." 25And so she departed, and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look, the Shunammite woman! 26Please run now to meet her, and say to her, 'Is *it* well with you? *Is it* well with your husband? *Is it* well with the child?'"

And she answered, "*It is* well." 27Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone; for her soul *is* in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me."

28So she said, "Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me'?"

29Then he said to Gehazi, "Get yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child."

30And the mother of the child said, "*As* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. 31Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has not awakened."

32When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. 33He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. 34And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. 35He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son." 37So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

### *Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew*

38And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and *there was* a famine in the land. Now the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him; and he said to his ser-

vant, "Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets." [39]So one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and sliced *them* into the pot of stew, though they did not know *what they were.* [40]Then they served it to the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating the stew, that they cried out and said, "Man of God, *there is* death in the pot!" And they could not eat *it.*

[41]So he said, "Then bring some flour." And he put *it* into the pot, and said, "Serve *it* to the people, that they may eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

### *Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men*

[42]Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give *it* to the people, that they may eat."

[43]But his servant said, "What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?"

He said again, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the LORD: 'They shall eat and have *some* left over.'" [44]So he set *it* before them; and they ate and had *some* left over, according to the word of the LORD.

### *Naaman's Leprosy Healed*

5 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but* a leper. [2]And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. [3]Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." [4]And *Naaman* went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel."

[5]Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. [6]Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said,

> Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

[7]And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "*Am* I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me."

[8]So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

[9]Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. [10]And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and *you shall* be clean." [11]But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out *to me,* and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' [12]*Are* not the Abanah[a] and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. [13]And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do* something great, would you not have done *it?* How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14]So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

[15]And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

[16]But he said, "*As* the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take *it,* but he refused.

[17]So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD. [18]Yet in this thing may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—

**5:12** [a]Following Kethib, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Qere, Syriac, and Targum read *Amanah*.

when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD please pardon your servant in this thing."

19Then he said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him a short distance.

### *Gehazi's Greed*

20But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but *as* the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him." 21So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw *him* running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "*Is* all well?"

22And he said, "All *is* well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.'"

23So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed *them* to two of his servants; and they carried *them* on ahead of him. 24When he came to the citadel, he took *them* from their hand, and stored *them* away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. 25Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where *did you go,* Gehazi?"

And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

26Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go *with you* when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? *Is it* time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? 27Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, *as white* as snow.

### *The Floating Ax Head*

6 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. 2Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell."

So he answered, "Go."

3Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants."

And he answered, "I will go." 4So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron *ax head* fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed."

6So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw *it* in there; and he made the iron float. 7Therefore he said, "Pick *it* up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

### *The Blinded Syrians Captured*

8Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp *will be* in such and such a place." 9And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 10Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

11Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?"

12And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13So he said, "Go and see where he *is,* that I may send and get him."

And it was told him, saying, "Surely *he is* in Dothan."

14Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them." 17And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19Now Elisha said to them, "This *is* not the way, nor *is* this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you

to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria.

20So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these *men,* that they may see." And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there *they were,* inside Samaria!

21Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill *them?* Shall I kill *them?*"

22But he answered, "You shall not kill *them.* Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." 23Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian *raiders* came no more into the land of Israel.

### *Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine*

24And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. 25And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was *sold* for eighty *shekels* of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five *shekels* of silver.

26Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"

27And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?" 28Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?"

And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' 29So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

30Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath *he had* sackcloth on his body. 31Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!"

32But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And *the king* sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. *Is* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?" 33And while he was still talking with them, there was the messenger, coming down to him; and then *the king* said, "Surely this calamity *is* from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

7 Then Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD: 'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour *shall be sold* for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.'"

2So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, "Look, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?"

And he said, "In fact, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

### *The Syrians Flee*

3Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? 4If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die." 5And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one *was* there. 6For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!" 7Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives. 8And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid *them;* then they came back and entered another tent, and carried *some* from there *also,* and went and hid *it.*

9Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day *is* a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household." 10So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city,

and told them, saying, "We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one *was* there, not a human sound—only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact." [11]And the gatekeepers called out, and they told *it* to the king's household inside.

[12]So the king arose in the night and said to his servants, "Let me now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.'"

[13]And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let several *men* take five of the remaining horses which are left in the city. Look, they *may either become* like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; or indeed, *I say,* they *may become* like all the multitude of Israel left from those who are consumed; so let us send them and see." [14]Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them in the direction of the Syrian army, saying, "Go and see." [15]And they went after them to the Jordan; and indeed all the road *was* full of garments and weapons which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king. [16]Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

[17]Now the king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. But the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. [18]So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be *sold* tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria."

[19]Then that officer had answered the man of God, and said, "Now look, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?"

And he had said, "In fact, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it." [20]And so it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

### *The King Restores the Shunammite's Land*

8 Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the LORD has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years." [2]So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years.

[3]It came to pass, at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king for her house and for her land. [4]Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done." [5]Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son whom Elisha restored to life." [6]And when the king asked the woman, she told him.

So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "Restore all that *was* hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."

### *Death of Ben-Hadad*

[7]Then Elisha went to Damascus, and Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here." [8]And the king said to Hazael, "Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'" [9]So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"

[10]And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the LORD has shown me that he will really die." [11]Then he set his countenance in a stare until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. [12]And Hazael said, "Why is my lord weeping?"

He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women with child."

[13]So Hazael said, "But what *is* your servant—a dog, that he should do this gross thing?"

And Elisha answered, "The LORD has shown me that you *will become* king over Syria."

[14]Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me you would surely recover." [15]But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

### *Jehoram Reigns in Judah*

[16]Now in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *having been* king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat began to reign as king of Judah. [17]He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [18]And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. [19]Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah, for the sake of His servant David, as He promised him to give a lamp to him *and* his sons forever.

[20]In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. [21]So Joram[a] went to Zair, and all his chariots with him. Then he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; and the troops fled to their tents. [22]Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. And Libnah revolted at that time.

[23]Now the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [24]So Joram rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

### *Ahaziah Reigns in Judah*

[25]In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign. [26]Ahaziah *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel. [27]And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab, for he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

[28]Now he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. [29]Then King Joram went back to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

### *Jehu Anointed King of Israel*

**9** And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. [2]Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among his associates, and take him to an inner room. [3]Then take the flask of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee, and do not delay."

[4]So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead. [5]And when he arrived, there *were* the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, Commander."

Jehu said, "For which *one* of us?"

And he said, "For you, Commander." [6]Then he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. [7]You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. [8]For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all the males in Israel, both bond and free. [9]So I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. [10]The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot *of ground* at Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her.*'" And he opened the door and fled.

[11]Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and *one* said to him, "*Is* all well? Why did this madman come to you?"

And he said to them, "You know the man and his babble."

[12]And they said, "A lie! Tell us now."

So he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel."'"

[13]Then each man hastened to take his garment and put *it* under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"

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**8:21** [a]Spelled *Jehoram* in verse 16

*Joram of Israel Killed*

14So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had been defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael king of Syria. 15But King Joram had returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, "If you are so minded, let no one leave *or* escape from the city to go and tell *it* in Jezreel." 16So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was laid up there; and Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

17Now a watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company of men."

And Joram said, "Get a horseman and send him to meet them, and let him say, '*Is it* peace?'"

18So the horseman went to meet him, and said, "Thus says the king: '*Is it* peace?'"

And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn around and follow me."

So the watchman reported, saying, "The messenger went to them, but is not coming back."

19Then he sent out a second horseman who came to them, and said, "Thus says the king: '*Is it* peace?'"

And Jehu answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn around and follow me."

20So the watchman reported, saying, "He went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!"

21Then Joram said, "Make ready." And his chariot was made ready. Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot; and they went out to meet Jehu, and met him on the property of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "*Is it* peace, Jehu?"

So he answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft *are so* many?"

23Then Joram turned around and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!" 24Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot. 25Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick *him* up, *and* throw him into the tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember, when you and I were riding together behind Ahab his father, that the LORD laid this burden upon him: 26'Surely I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD, 'and I will repay you in this plot,' says the LORD. Now therefore, take *and* throw him on the plot *of ground,* according to the word of the LORD."

*Ahaziah of Judah Killed*

27But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw *this,* he fled by the road to Beth Haggan.[a] So Jehu pursued him, and said, "Shoot him also in the chariot." *And they shot him* at the Ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. Then he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28And his servants carried him in the chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David. 29In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Judah.

*Jezebel's Violent Death*

30Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it;* and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window. 31Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "*Is it* peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?"

32And he looked up at the window, and said, "Who *is* on my side? Who?" So two *or* three eunuchs looked out at him. 33Then he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and *some* of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot. 34And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this accursed *woman,* and bury her, for she was a king's daughter." 35So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of *her* hands. 36Therefore they came back and told him. And he said, "This *is* the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot *of ground* at Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;[a] 37and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "Here *lies* Jezebel."'"

*Ahab's Seventy Sons Killed*

10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote and sent letters to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel,[a] to the elders, and to those who reared Ahab's *sons,* saying:

**9:27** [a]Literally *The Garden House* **9:36** [a]1 Kings 21:23
**10:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Targum; Septuagint reads *Samaria;* Vulgate reads *city*.

2 Now as soon as this letter comes to you,
since your master's sons *are* with you, and
you have chariots and horses, a fortified city
also, and weapons, 3choose the best qualified
of your master's sons, set *him* on his father's
throne, and fight for your master's house.

4But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Look, two kings could not stand up to him; how then can we stand?" 5And he who *was* in charge of the house, and he who *was* in charge of the city, the elders also, and those who reared *the sons,* sent to Jehu, saying, "We *are* your servants, we will do all you tell us; but we will not make anyone king. Do *what is* good in your sight." 6Then he wrote a second letter to them, saying:

If you *are* for me and will obey my voice,
take the heads of the men, your master's
sons, and come to me at Jezreel by this time
tomorrow.

Now the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, *who* were rearing them. 7So it was, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons and slaughtered seventy persons, put their heads in baskets and sent *them* to him at Jezreel.

8Then a messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons."

And he said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."

9So it was, in the morning, that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You *are* righteous. Indeed I conspired against my master and killed him; but who killed all these? 10Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of the LORD which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab; for the LORD has done what He spoke by His servant Elijah." 11So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his close acquaintances and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

### *Ahaziah's Forty-two Brothers Killed*

12And he arose and departed and went to Samaria. On the way, at Beth Eked[a] of the Shepherds, 13Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who *are* you?"

So they answered, "We *are* the brothers of Ahaziah; we have come down to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."

14And he said, "Take them alive!" So they took them alive, and killed them at the well of Beth Eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.

### *The Rest of Ahab's Family Killed*

15Now when he departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab, *coming* to meet him; and he greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart *is* toward your heart?"

And Jehonadab answered, "It is."

*Jehu said,* "If it is, give *me* your hand." So he gave *him* his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16Then he said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD." So they had him ride in his chariot. 17And when he came to Samaria, he killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed them, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to Elijah.

### *Worshipers of Baal Killed*

18Then Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, Jehu will serve him much. 19Now therefore, call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu acted deceptively, with the intent of destroying the worshipers of Baal. 20And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal." So they proclaimed *it.* 21Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel; and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. So they came into the temple[a] of Baal, and the temple of Baal was full from one end to the other. 22And he said to the one in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out vestments for all the worshipers of Baal." So he brought out vestments for them. 23Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went into the temple of Baal, and said to the worshipers of Baal, "Search and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you, but only the worshipers of Baal." 24So they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed for himself eighty men on the outside, and had said, "*If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escapes, *whoever lets him escape, it shall be* his life for the life of the other."

25Now it happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in *and* kill

**10:12** [a]Or *The Shearing House* **10:21** [a]Literally *house,* and so elsewhere in this chapter

them; let no one come out!" And they killed them with the edge of the sword; then the guards and the officers threw *them* out, and went into the inner room of the temple of Baal. [26]And they brought the *sacred* pillars out of the temple of Baal and burned them. [27]Then they broke down the *sacred* pillar of Baal, and tore down the temple of Baal and made it a refuse dump to this day. [28]Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.

[29]However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, *that is,* from the golden calves that *were* at Bethel and Dan. [30]And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in doing *what is* right in My sight, *and* have done to the house of Ahab all that *was* in My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth *generation.*" [31]But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.

### *Death of Jehu*

[32]In those days the LORD began to cut off *parts* of Israel; and Hazael conquered them in all the territory of Israel [33]from the Jordan eastward: all the land of Gilead—Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh—from Aroer, which *is* by the River Arnon, including Gilead and Bashan.

[34]Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [35]So Jehu rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. [36]And the period that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty-eight years.

### *Athaliah Reigns in Judah*

**11** When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs. [2]But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons *who were* being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. [3]So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

### *Joash Crowned King of Judah*

[4]In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds—of the bodyguards and the escorts—and brought them into the house of the LORD to him. And he made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son. [5]Then he commanded them, saying, "This *is* what you shall do: One-third of you who come on duty on the Sabbath shall be keeping watch over the king's house, [6]one-third *shall be* at the gate of Sur, and one-third at the gate behind the escorts. You shall keep the watch of the house, lest it be broken down. [7]The two contingents of you who go off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD for the king. [8]But you shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within range, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in."

[9]So the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each of them took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. [10]And the priest gave the captains of hundreds the spears and shields which *had belonged* to King David, that were in the temple of the LORD. [11]Then the escorts stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, by the altar and the house. [12]And he brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and *gave him* the Testimony;[a] they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

### *Death of Athaliah*

[13]Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the escorts *and* the people, she came to the people *in* the temple of the LORD. [14]When she looked, there was the king standing by a pillar according to custom; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. So Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out, "Treason! Treason!"

[15]And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the

**11:12** [a]That is, the Law (compare Exodus 25:16, 21 and Deuteronomy 31:9)

house of the LORD." 16So they seized her; and she went by way of the horses' entrance *into* the king's house, and there she was killed.

17Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD, the king, and the people, that they should be the LORD's people, and *also* between the king and the people. 18And all the people of the land went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They thoroughly broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD. 19Then he took the captains of hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts, and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and went by way of the gate of the escorts to the king's house. Then he sat on the throne of the kings. 20So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword *in* the king's house. 21Jehoash *was* seven years old when he became king.

### *Jehoash Repairs the Temple*

12 In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash[a] became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba. 2Jehoash did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4And Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the dedicated gifts that are brought into the house of the LORD—each man's census money, each man's assessment money[a]—*and* all the money that a man purposes in his heart to bring into the house of the LORD, 5let the priests take *it* themselves, each from his constituency; and let them repair the damages of the temple, wherever any dilapidation is found."

6Now it was so, by the twenty-third year of King Jehoash, *that* the priests had not repaired the damages of the temple. 7So King Jehoash called Jehoiada the priest and the *other* priests, and said to them, "Why have you not repaired the damages of the temple? Now therefore, do not take *more* money from your constituency, but deliver it for repairing the damages of the temple." 8And the priests agreed that they would neither receive *more* money from the people, nor repair the damages of the temple.

9Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD; and the priests who kept the door put there all the money brought into the house of the LORD. 10So it was, whenever they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up and put it in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD. 11Then they gave the money, which had been apportioned, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the house of the LORD, 12and to masons and stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone, to repair the damage of the house of the LORD, and for all that was paid out to repair the temple. 13However there were not made for the house of the LORD basins of silver, trimmers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, any articles of gold or articles of silver, from the money brought into the house of the LORD. 14But they gave that to the workmen, and they repaired the house of the LORD with it. 15Moreover they did not require an account from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid to workmen, for they dealt faithfully. 16The money from the trespass offerings and the money from the sin offerings was not brought into the house of the LORD. It belonged to the priests.

### *Hazael Threatens Jerusalem*

17Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it; then Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18And Jehoash king of Judah took all the sacred things that his fathers, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred things, and all the gold found in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and in the king's house, and sent *them* to Hazael king of Syria. Then he went away from Jerusalem.

### *Death of Joash*

19Now the rest of the acts of Joash,[a] and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20And his servants arose and formed a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of the Millo,[a]

**12:1** [a]Spelled *Joash* in 11:2ff **12:4** [a]Compare Leviticus 27:2ff
**12:19** [a]Spelled *Jehoash* in 12:1ff **12:20** [a]Literally *The Landfill*

which goes down to Silla. [21]For Jozachar[a] the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of Shomer,[b] his servants, struck him. So he died, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

### *Jehoahaz Reigns in Israel*

13 In the twenty-third year of Joash[a] the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. [2]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them.

[3]Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days. [4]So Jehoahaz pleaded with the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. [5]Then the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before. [6]Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin, *but* walked in them; and the wooden image[a] also remained in Samaria. [7]For He left of the army of Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing.

[8]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [9]So Jehoahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Joash his son reigned in his place.

### *Jehoash Reigns in Israel*

[10]In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash[a] the son of Jehoahaz became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years. [11]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, *but* walked in them.

[12]Now the rest of the acts of Joash, all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [13]So Joash rested with his fathers. Then Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

### *Death of Elisha*

[14]Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

[15]And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows." So he took himself a bow and some arrows. [16]Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand *on it,* and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. [17]And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened *it.* Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the LORD's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed *them.*" [18]Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took *them.* And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck three times, and stopped. [19]And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed *it!* But now you will strike Syria *only* three times."

[20]Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the *raiding* bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. [21]So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band *of raiders;* and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

### *Israel Recaptures Cities from Syria*

[22]And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. [23]But the LORD was gracious to them, had compassion on them, and regarded them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence.

[24]Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place. [25]And Jehoash[a] the son of Jehoahaz recaptured from the hand of Ben-Hadad, the son of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times Joash defeated him and recaptured the cities of Israel.

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**12:21** [a]Called *Zabad* in 2 Chronicles 24:26 [b]Called *Shimrith* in 2 Chronicles 24:26 **13:1** [a]Spelled *Jehoash* in 12:1ff **13:6** [a]Hebrew *Asherah,* a Canaanite goddess **13:10** [a]Spelled *Joash* in verse 9 **13:25** [a]Spelled *Joash* in verses 12–14, 25

*Amaziah Reigns in Judah*

14 In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, became king. [2]He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. [3]And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like his father David; he did everything as his father Joash had done. [4]However the high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

[5]Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king. [6]But the children of the murderers he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, "Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin."[a]

[7]He killed ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel to this day.

[8]Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash[a] the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face one another *in battle.*" [9]And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife'; and a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle. [10]You have indeed defeated Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Glory *in that,* and stay at home; for why should you meddle with trouble so that you fall—you and Judah with you?"

[11]But Amaziah would not heed. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went out; so he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, which *belongs* to Judah. [12]And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent. [13]Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh; and he went to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate—four hundred cubits. [14]And he took all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

[15]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did—his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah—*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [16]So Jehoash rested with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

[17]Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel. [18]Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [19]And they formed a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. [20]Then they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.

[21]And all the people of Judah took Azariah,[a] who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. [22]He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

*Jeroboam II Reigns in Israel*

[23]In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. [24]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [25]He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who *was* from Gath Hepher. [26]For the LORD saw *that* the affliction of Israel *was* very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. [27]And the LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

[28]Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did—his might, how he made war, and how he recaptured for Israel, from Damascus and Hamath, *what had belonged* to Judah—*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [29]So Jeroboam rested with his fathers, the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

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**14:6** [a]Deuteronomy 24:16 **14:8** [a]Spelled *Joash* in 13:12ff and 2 Chronicles 25:17ff **14:21** [a]Called *Uzziah* in 2 Chronicles 26:1ff, Isaiah 6:1, and elsewhere

### *Azariah Reigns in Judah*

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king. [2]He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem. [3]And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done, [4]except that the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. [5]Then the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the *royal* house, judging the people of the land.

[6]Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [7]So Azariah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

### *Zechariah Reigns in Israel*

[8]In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months. [9]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [10]Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck and killed him in front of the people; and he reigned in his place.

[11]Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

[12]This *was* the word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth *generation.*"[a] And so it was.

### *Shallum Reigns in Israel*

[13]Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah[a] king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria. [14]For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria and killed him; and he reigned in his place.

[15]Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he led, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [16]Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked Tiphsah, all who *were* there, and its territory. Because they did not surrender, therefore he attacked *it.* All the women there who were with child he ripped open.

### *Menahem Reigns in Israel*

[17]In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria. [18]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [19]Pul[a] king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his control. [20]And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, from all the very wealthy, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay there in the land.

[21]Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [22]So Menahem rested with his fathers. Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

### *Pekahiah Reigns in Israel*

[23]In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years. [24]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [25]Then Pekah the son of Remaliah, an officer of his, conspired against him and killed him in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's house, along with Argob and Arieh; and with him were fifty men of Gilead. He killed him and reigned in his place.

[26]Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

### *Pekah Reigns in Israel*

[27]In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years. [28]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. [29]In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah,

**15:12** [a]2 Kings 10:30 **15:13** [a]Called *Azariah* in 14:21ff and 15:1ff **15:19** [a]That is, Tiglath-Pileser III (compare verse 29)

Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. 30Then Hoshea the son of Elah led a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so he reigned in his place in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

### *Jotham Reigns in Judah*

32In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign. 33He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jerusha[a] the daughter of Zadok. 34And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 35However the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house of the LORD.

36Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 37In those days the LORD began to send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah. 38So Jotham rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

### *Ahaz Reigns in Judah*

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, began to reign. 2Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do *what was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David *had done.* 3But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed he made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel. 4And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

5Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to *make* war; and they besieged Ahaz but could not overcome *him.* 6At that time Rezin king of Syria captured Elath for Syria, and drove the men of Judah from Elath. Then the Edomites[a] went to Elath, and dwell there to this day.

7So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I *am* your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the hand of the king of Syria and from the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me." 8And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent *it as* a present to the king of Assyria. 9So the king of Assyria heeded him; for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it, carried *its people* captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

10Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the design of the altar and its pattern, according to all its workmanship. 11Then Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. So Urijah the priest made *it* before King Ahaz came back from Damascus. 12And when the king came back from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king approached the altar and made offerings on it. 13So he burned his burnt offering and his grain offering; and he poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar. 14He also brought the bronze altar which *was* before the LORD, from the front of the temple—from between the *new* altar and the house of the LORD—and put it on the north side of the *new* altar. 15Then King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great *new* altar burn the morning burnt offering, the evening grain offering, the king's burnt sacrifice, and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, their grain offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. And the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire *by.*" 16Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that King Ahaz commanded.

17And King Ahaz cut off the panels of the carts, and removed the lavers from them; and he took down the Sea from the bronze oxen that *were* under it, and put it on a pavement of stones. 18Also he removed the Sabbath pavilion which they had built in the temple, and he removed the king's outer entrance from the house of the LORD, on account of the king of Assyria.

19Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did,

**15:33** [a]Spelled *Jerushah* in 2 Chronicles 27:1 **16:6** [a]Some ancient authorities read *Syrians.*

*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [20]So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

### *Hoshea Reigns in Israel*

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, *and he reigned* nine years. [2]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him. [3]Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him; and Hoshea became his vassal, and paid him tribute money. [4]And the king of Assyria uncovered a conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and brought no tribute to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

### *Israel Carried Captive to Assyria*

[5]Now the king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years. [6]In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

[7]For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had feared other gods, [8]and had walked in the statutes of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. [9]Also the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that *were* not right, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from watchtower to fortified city. [10]They set up for themselves *sacred* pillars and wooden images[a] on every high hill and under every green tree. [11]There they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger, [12]for they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

[13]Yet the LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments *and* My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets." [14]Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God. [15]And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and *went* after the nations who *were* all around them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them. [16]So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image *and* two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. [17]And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. [18]Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.

[19]Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. [20]And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight. [21]For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them commit a great sin. [22]For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them, [23]until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, *as it is* to this day.

### *Assyria Resettles Samaria*

[24]Then the king of Assyria brought *people* from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities. [25]And it was so, at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed *some* of them. [26]So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not

**17:10** [a]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities

know the rituals of the God of the land; therefore He has sent lions among them, and indeed, they are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land." 27Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Send there one of the priests whom you brought from there; let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the rituals of the God of the land." 28Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29However every nation continued to make gods of its own, and put *them* in the shrines on the high places which the Samaritans had made, *every* nation in the cities where they dwelt. 30The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima, 31and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 32So they feared the LORD, and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places. 33They feared the LORD, yet served their own gods—according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away.

34To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the LORD had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel, 35with whom the LORD had made a covenant and charged them, saying: "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow down to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them; 36but the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm, Him you shall fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall offer sacrifice. 37And the statutes, the ordinances, the law, and the commandment which He wrote for you, you shall be careful to observe forever; you shall not fear other gods. 38And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, nor shall you fear other gods. 39But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies." 40However they did not obey, but they followed their former rituals. 41So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.

### *Hezekiah Reigns in Judah*

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. 2He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Abi[a] the daughter of Zechariah. 3And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

4He removed the high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the wooden image[a] and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.[b] 5He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. 6For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses. 7The LORD was with him; he prospered wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. 8He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

9Now it came to pass in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it. 10And at the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, that *is,* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, 12because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded; and they would neither hear nor do *them.*

13And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. 14Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have done wrong; turn away from me; whatever you impose on me I will pay." And the king of Assyria assessed Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15So Hezekiah gave *him* all the

**18:2** [a]Called *Abijah* in 2 Chronicles 29:1ff **18:4** [a]Hebrew *Asherah,* a Canaanite goddess [b]Literally *Bronze Thing*

silver that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house. 16At that time Hezekiah stripped *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

### *Sennacherib Boasts Against the LORD*

17Then the king of Assyria sent *the* Tartan,[a] *the* Rabsaris,[b] *and the* Rabshakeh[c] from Lachish, with a great army against Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they went and stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, which *was* on the highway to the Fuller's Field. 18And when they had called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them. 19Then *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence *is* this in which you trust? 20You speak of *having* plans and power for war; but *they are* mere words. And in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? 21Now look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 22But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' *is* it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem'?"' 23Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them! 24How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen? 25Have I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'"

26Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, Shebna, and Joah said to *the* Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand *it;* and do not speak to us in Hebrew[a] in the hearing of the people who *are* on the wall."

27But *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?"

28Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! 29Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand; 30nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."' 31Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make *peace* with me by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; 32until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive groves and honey, that you may live and not die. But do not listen to Hezekiah, lest he persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." 33Has any of the gods of the nations at all delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria? 34Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim and Hena and Ivah? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand? 35Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'"

36But the people held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him." 37Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn, and told him the words of *the* Rabshakeh.

### *Isaiah Assures Deliverance*

19 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard *it,* that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. 2Then he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. 3And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day *is* a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but *there is* no strength to bring them forth. 4It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of *the* Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has

**18:17** [a]A title, probably *Commander in Chief* [b]A title, probably *Chief Officer* [c]A title, probably *Chief of Staff* or *Governor*
**18:26** [a]Literally *Judean*

sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke
the words which the LORD your God has heard.
Therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that
is left.'"

5So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say
to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be
afraid of the words which you have heard, with
which the servants of the king of Assyria have
blasphemed Me. 7Surely I will send a spirit upon
him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his
own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword
in his own land."'"

### *Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer*

8Then *the* Rabshakeh returned and found the
king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he
heard that he had departed from Lachish. 9And
the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has come out to make war with
you." So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah,
saying, 10"'Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king
of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom
you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not
be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."
11Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria
have done to all lands by utterly destroying them;
and shall you be delivered? 12Have the gods of the
nations delivered those whom my fathers have
destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the
people of Eden who *were* in Telassar? 13Where *is*
the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the
king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?'"

14And Hezekiah received the letter from the
hand of the messengers, and read it; and
Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and
spread it before the LORD. 15Then Hezekiah prayed
before the LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel,
*the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You are
God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth.
You have made heaven and earth. 16Incline Your
ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and
see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he
has sent to reproach the living God. 17Truly, LORD,
the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations
and their lands, 18and have cast their gods into the
fire; for they *were* not gods, but the work of men's
hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. 19Now therefore, O LORD our God, I
pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms
of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD God,
You alone."

### *The Word of the LORD Concerning Sennacherib*

20Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah,
saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib
king of Assyria, I have heard.' 21This *is* the word
which the LORD has spoken concerning him:

'The virgin, the daughter of Zion,
Has despised you, laughed you to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
Has shaken *her* head behind your back!

22 'Whom have you reproached and
blasphemed?
Against whom have you raised *your* voice,
And lifted up your eyes on high?
Against the Holy *One* of Israel.
23 By your messengers you have reproached the
Lord,
And said: "By the multitude of my chariots
I have come up to the height of the
mountains,
To the limits of Lebanon;
I will cut down its tall cedars
*And* its choice cypress trees;
I will enter the extremity of its borders,
*To* its fruitful forest.
24 I have dug and drunk strange water,
And with the soles of my feet I have dried up
All the brooks of defense."

25 'Did you not hear long ago
*How* I made it,
From ancient times that I formed it?
Now I have brought it to pass,
That you should be
For crushing fortified cities *into* heaps of
ruins.
26 Therefore their inhabitants had little power;
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were *as* the grass of the field
And the green herb,
*As* the grass on the housetops
And *grain* blighted before it is grown.

27 'But I know your dwelling place,
Your going out and your coming in,
And your rage against Me.
28 Because your rage against Me and your
tumult
Have come up to My ears,
Therefore I will put My hook in your nose
And My bridle in your lips,

And I will turn you back
By the way which you came.

29 "This *shall be* a sign to you:

You shall eat this year such as grows of itself,
And in the second year what springs from the same;
Also in the third year sow and reap,
Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.
30 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah
Shall again take root downward,
And bear fruit upward.
31 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant,
And those who escape from Mount Zion.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts[a] will do this.'

32 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria:

'He shall not come into this city,
Nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with shield,
Nor build a siege mound against it.
33 By the way that he came,
By the same shall he return;
And he shall not come into this city,'
Says the LORD.
34 'For I will defend this city, to save it
For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"

### *Sennacherib's Defeat and Death*

35 And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel[a] of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned *home,* and remained at Nineveh. 37 Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

### *Hezekiah's Life Extended*

20 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'"

2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. 6 And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David."'"

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

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What *is* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?"

9 Then Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing which He has spoken: *shall* the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?"

10 And Hezekiah answered, "It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees."

11 So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the LORD, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

### *The Babylonian Envoys*

12 At that time Berodach-Baladan[a] the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah was attentive to them, and showed them all the house of his treasures—the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all[a] his armory—all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

14 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?"

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**19:31** [a]Following many Hebrew manuscripts and ancient versions (compare Isaiah 37:32); Masoretic Text omits *of hosts*. **19:35** [a]Or *Angel* **20:12** [a]Spelled *Merodach-Baladan* in Isaiah 39:1 **20:13** [a]Following many Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, and Targum; Masoretic Text omits *all*.

So Hezekiah said, "They came from a far country, from Babylon."

15And he said, "What have they seen in your house?"

So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that *is* in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

16Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: 17'Behold, the days are coming when all that *is* in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD. 18'And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"

19So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken *is* good!" For he said, "Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?"

### *Death of Hezekiah*

20Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah—all his might, and how he made a pool and a tunnel and brought water into the city—*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21So Hezekiah rested with his fathers. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

### *Manasseh Reigns in Judah*

**21** Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Hephzibah. 2And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. 3For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image,[a] as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all the host of heaven[b] and served them. 4He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." 5And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *Him* to anger. 7He even set a carved image of Asherah[a] that he had made, in the house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them." 9But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10And the LORD spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, 11"Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the Amorites who *were* before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols), 12therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Behold, *I* am bringing *such* calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle. 13And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab; I will wipe Jerusalem as *one* wipes a dish, wiping *it* and turning *it* upside down. 14So I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become victims of plunder to all their enemies, 15because they have done evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.'"

16Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD.

17Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh—all that he did, and the sin that he committed—*are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

### *Amon's Reign and Death*

19Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done. 21So he walked in all the ways that his father had walked; and he served the idols that his father had served, and worshiped them. 22He forsook the

**21:3** [a]Hebrew *Asherah,* a Canaanite goddess [b]The gods of the Assryians **21:7** [a]A Canaanite goddess

LORD God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

[23]Then the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house. [24]But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

[25]Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [26]And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. Then Josiah his son reigned in his place.

### *Josiah Reigns in Judah*

22 Josiah *was* eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. [2]And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

### *Hilkiah Finds the Book of the Law*

[3]Now it came to pass, in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the scribe, the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the house of the LORD, saying: [4]"Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money which has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people. [5]And let them deliver it into the hand of those doing the work, who are the overseers in the house of the LORD; let them give it to those who *are* in the house of the LORD doing the work, to repair the damages of the house— [6]to carpenters and builders and masons—and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. [7]However there need be no accounting made with them of the money delivered into their hand, because they deal faithfully."

[8]Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. [9]So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the LORD." [10]Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

[11]Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes. [12]Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor[a] the son of Michaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, [13]"Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

[14]So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.) And they spoke with her. [15]Then she said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me, [16]"'Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read— [17]because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath shall be aroused against this place and shall not be quenched.'"' [18]But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "*Concerning* the words which you have heard— [19]because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard *you,*" says the LORD. [20]"Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place."'" So they brought back word to the king.

### *Josiah Restores True Worship*

23 Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. [2]The king went up to the house of the LORD with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great.

**22:12** [a]*Abdon the son of Micah* in 2 Chronicles 34:20

And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD.

3Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant. 4And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah,[a] and for all the host of heaven;[b] and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. 5Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven. 6And he brought out the wooden image[a] from the house of the LORD, to the Brook Kidron outside Jerusalem, burned it at the Brook Kidron and ground *it* to ashes, and threw its ashes on the graves of the common people. 7Then he tore down the *ritual* booths of the perverted persons[a] that *were* in the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the wooden image. 8And he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; also he broke down the high places at the gates which *were* at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* to the left of the city gate. 9Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brethren.

10And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the Valley of the Son[a] of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech. 11Then he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech, the officer who *was* in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12The altars that *were* on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down and pulverized there, and threw their dust into the Brook Kidron. 13Then the king defiled the high places that *were* east of Jerusalem, which *were* on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. 14And he broke in pieces the *sacred* pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15Moreover the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place *and* crushed *it* to powder, and burned the wooden image. 16As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that *were* there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned *them* on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. 17Then he said, "What gravestone *is* this that I see?"

So the men of the city told him, "*It is* the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel."

18And he said, "Let him alone; let no one move his bones." So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

19Now Josiah also took away all the shrines of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD[a] to anger; and he did to them according to all the deeds he had done in Bethel. 20He executed all the priests of the high places who *were* there, on the altars, and burned men's bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

21Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as *it is* written in this Book of the Covenant." 22Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. 23But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the LORD in

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**23:4** [a]A Canaanite goddess [b]The gods of the Assyrians **23:6** [a]Hebrew *Asherah,* a Canaanite goddess **23:7** [a]Hebrew *qedeshim,* that is, those practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals **23:10** [a]Kethib reads *Sons.* **23:19** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text and Targum omit *the LORD.*

Jerusalem. [24]Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. [25]Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did *any* arise like him.

### *Impending Judgment on Judah*

[26]Nevertheless the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His anger was aroused against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him. [27]And the LORD said, "I will also remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"[a]

### *Josiah Dies in Battle*

[28]Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [29]In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went to the aid of the king of Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him. And *Pharaoh Necho* killed him at Megiddo when he confronted him. [30]Then his servants moved his body in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

### *The Reign and Captivity of Jehoahaz*

[31]Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. [32]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. [33]Now Pharaoh Necho put him in prison at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. [34]Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And *Pharaoh* took Jehoahaz and went to Egypt, and he[a] died there.

### *Jehoiakim Reigns in Judah*

[35]So Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give money according to the command of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, from every one according to his assessment, to give *it* to Pharaoh Necho. [36]Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. [37]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

### *Judah Overrun by Enemies*

**24** In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his vassal *for* three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him. [2]And the LORD sent against him *raiding* bands of Chaldeans, bands of Syrians, bands of Moabites, and bands of the people of Ammon; He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken by His servants the prophets. [3]Surely at the commandment of the LORD *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, [4]and also because of the innocent blood that he had shed; for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon.

[5]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [6]So Jehoiakim rested with his fathers. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

[7]And the king of Egypt did not come out of his land anymore, for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the Brook of Egypt to the River Euphrates.

### *The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiachin*

[8]Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name *was* Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. [9]And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

[10]At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. [11]And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, as his ser-

**23:27** [a]1 Kings 8:29 **23:34** [a]That is, Jehoahaz

vants were besieging it. 12Then Jehoiachin king of Judah, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers went out to the king of Babylon; and the king of Babylon, in the eighth year of his reign, took him prisoner.

### *The Captivity of Jerusalem*

13And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut in pieces all the articles of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. 14Also he carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land. 15And he carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon. The king's mother, the king's wives, his officers, and the mighty of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16All the valiant men, seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths, one thousand, all *who were* strong *and* fit for war, these the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

### *Zedekiah Reigns in Judah*

17Then the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, *Jehoiachin's*[a] uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19He also did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20For because of the anger of the LORD *this* happened in Jerusalem and Judah, that He finally cast them out from His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

### *The Fall and Captivity of Judah*

25 Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around. 2So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 3By the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

4Then the city wall was broken through, and all the men of war *fled* at night by way of the gate between two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans *were* still encamped all around against the city. And *the king*[a] went by way of the plain.[b] 5But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him. 6So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment on him. 7Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon.

8And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month (which *was* the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 9He burned the house of the LORD and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire. 10And all the army of the Chaldeans who *were with* the captain of the guard broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

11Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive the rest of the people *who* remained in the city and the defectors who had deserted to the king of Babylon, with the rest of the multitude. 12But the captain of the guard left *some* of the poor of the land as vinedressers and farmers. 13The bronze pillars that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the carts and the bronze Sea that *were* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried their bronze to Babylon. 14They also took away the pots, the shovels, the trimmers, the spoons, and all the bronze utensils with which the priests ministered. 15The firepans and the basins, the things of solid gold and solid silver, the captain of the guard took away. 16The two pillars, one Sea, and the carts, which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD, the bronze of all these articles was beyond measure. 17The height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the capital on it *was* of bronze. The height of the capital was three cubits, and the network and pomegranates all around the capital were all of bronze. The second pillar was the same, with a network.

18And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the

**24:17** [a]Literally *his* **25:4** [a]Literally *he* [b]Or *Arabah,* that is, the Jordan Valley

chief priest, Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. [19]He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war, five men of the king's close associates who were found in the city, the chief recruiting officer of the army, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land *who were* found in the city. [20]So Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. [21]Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

### *Gedaliah Made Governor of Judah*

[22]Then he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left. [23]Now when all the captains of the armies, they and *their* men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah—Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan the son of Careah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah[a] the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. [24]And Gedaliah took an oath before them and their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you."

[25]But it happened in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family, came with ten men and struck and killed Gedaliah, the Jews, as well as the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah. [26]And all the people, small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

### *Jehoiachin Released from Prison*

[27]Now it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh *day* of the month, *that* Evil-Merodach[a] king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison. [28]He spoke kindly to him, and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon. [29]So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the king all the days of his life. [30]And as for his provisions, *there was* a regular ration given him by the king, a portion for each day, all the days of his life.

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**25:23** [a]Spelled *Jezaniah* in Jeremiah 40:8 **25:27** [a]Literally *Man of Marduk*

# The First Book of the
# CHRONICLES

### *The Family of Adam—Seth to Abraham*

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2Cainan,[a] Mahalalel,
Jared, 3Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4Noah,[a]
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 6The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, Diphath,[a] and Togarmah. 7The sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshishah,[a] Kittim, and Rodanim.[b]

8The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabta,[a] Raama,[b] and Sabtecha. The sons of Raama *were* Sheba and Dedan. 10Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 11Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 12Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and the Caphtorim). 13Canaan begot Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth; 14the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; 15the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; 16the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17The sons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.[a] 18Arphaxad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. 19To Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg,[a] for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan. 20Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 21Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 22Ebal,[a] Abimael, Sheba, 23Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

24Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, 25Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27and Abram, who *is* Abraham. 28The sons of Abraham *were* Isaac and Ishmael.

### *The Family of Ishmael*

29These *are* their genealogies: The firstborn of Ishmael *was* Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 30Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad,[a] Tema, 31Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These *were* the sons of Ishmael.

### *The Family of Keturah*

32Now the sons born to Keturah, Abraham's concubine, *were* Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan *were* Sheba and Dedan. 33The sons of Midian *were* Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

### *The Family of Isaac*

34And Abraham begot Isaac. The sons of Isaac *were* Esau and Israel. 35The sons of Esau *were* Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. 36And the sons of Eliphaz *were* Teman, Omar, Zephi,[a] Gatam, *and* Kenaz; and *by* Timna,[b] Amalek. 37The sons of Reuel *were* Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

### *The Family of Seir*

38The sons of Seir *were* Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. 39And the sons of Lotan *were* Hori and Homam; Lotan's sister *was* Timna. 40The sons of Shobal *were* Alian,[a] Manahath, Ebal, Shephi,[b] and Onam. The sons of Zibeon *were* Ajah and Anah. 41The son of Anah *was* Dishon. The sons of Dishon *were* Hamran,[a] Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. 42The sons of Ezer *were* Bilhan, Zaavan, *and* Jaakan.[a] The sons of Dishan *were* Uz and Aran.

### *The Kings of Edom*

43Now these *were* the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 45When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 46And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. The name of his city *was* Avith. 47When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 48And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his place. 49When Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 50And when Baal-Hanan died, Hadad[a] reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pai.[b] His wife's name was Mehetabel the daughter

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**1:2** [a]Hebrew *Qenan* **1:4** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint adds *the sons of Noah*. **1:6** [a]Spelled *Riphath* in Genesis 10:3 **1:7** [a]Spelled *Tarshish* in Genesis 10:4 [b]Spelled *Dodanim* in Genesis 10:4 **1:9** [a]Spelled *Sabtah* in Genesis 10:7 [b]Spelled *Raamah* in Genesis 10:7 **1:17** [a]Spelled *Mash* in Genesis 10:23 **1:19** [a]Literally *Division* **1:22** [a]Spelled *Obal* in Genesis 10:28 **1:30** [a]Spelled *Hadar* in Genesis 25:15 **1:36** [a]Spelled *Zepho* in Genesis 36:11 [b]Compare Genesis 36:12 **1:40** [a]Spelled *Alvan* in Genesis 36:23 [b]Spelled *Shepho* in Genesis 36:23 **1:41** [a]Spelled *Hemdan* in Genesis 36:26 **1:42** [a]Spelled *Akan* in Genesis 36:27 **1:50** [a]Spelled *Hadar* in Genesis 36:39 [b]Spelled *Pau* in Genesis 36:39

of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 51Hadad died also. And the chiefs of Edom were Chief Timnah, Chief Aliah,[a] Chief Jetheth, 52Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, 53Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, 54Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These *were* the chiefs of Edom.

### *The Family of Israel*

2 These *were* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, 2Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

### *From Judah to David*

3The sons of Judah *were* Er, Onan, and Shelah. *These* three were born to him by the daughter of Shua, the Canaanitess. Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; so He killed him. 4And Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.

5The sons of Perez *were* Hezron and Hamul. 6The sons of Zerah *were* Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara—five of them in all.

7The son of Carmi *was* Achar,[a] the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the accursed thing.

8The son of Ethan *was* Azariah.

9Also the sons of Hezron who were born to him *were* Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.[a] 10Ram begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, leader of the children of Judah; 11Nahshon begot Salma,[a] and Salma begot Boaz; 12Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse; 13Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea[a] the third, 14Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15Ozem the sixth, *and* David the seventh.

16Now their sisters *were* Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah *were* Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three. 17Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmaelite.[a]

### *The Family of Hezron*

18Caleb the son of Hezron had children by Azubah, *his* wife, and by Jerioth. Now these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon. 19When Azubah died, Caleb took Ephrath[a] as his wife, who bore him Hur. 20And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot Bezalel.

21Now afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he *was* sixty years old; and she bore him Segub. 22Segub begot Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead. 23(Geshur and Syria took from them the towns of Jair, with Kenath and its towns—sixty towns.) All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah, Hezron's wife Abijah bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

### *The Family of Jerahmeel*

25The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, *were* Ram, the firstborn, and Bunah, Oren, Ozem, *and* Ahijah. 26Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam. 27The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker. 28The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai *were* Nadab and Abishur.

29And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid. 30The sons of Nadab *were* Seled and Appaim; Seled died without children. 31The son of Appaim *was* Ishi, the son of Ishi *was* Sheshan, and Sheshan's son *was* Ahlai. 32The sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai, *were* Jether and Jonathan; Jether died without children. 33The sons of Jonathan *were* Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name *was* Jarha. 35Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife, and she bore him Attai. 36Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Zabad; 37Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot Obed; 38Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot Azariah; 39Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot Eleasah; 40Eleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai begot Shallum; 41Shallum begot Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot Elishama.

### *The Family of Caleb*

42The descendants of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were* Mesha, his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 43The sons of Hebron *were* Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema. 44Shema begot Raham the father of Jorkoam, and Rekem begot Shammai. 45And the son of Shammai *was* Maon, and Maon *was* the father of Beth Zur.

46Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begot Gazez. 47And the sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and

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**1:51** [a]Spelled *Alvah* in Genesis 36:40 **2:7** [a]Spelled *Achan* in Joshua 7:1 and elsewhere **2:9** [a]Spelled *Caleb* in 2:18, 42 **2:11** [a]Spelled *Salmon* in Ruth 4:21 and Luke 3:32 **2:13** [a]Spelled *Shammah* in 1 Samuel 16:9 and elsewhere **2:17** [a]Compare 2 Samuel 17:25 **2:19** [a]Spelled *Ephrathah* elsewhere

Tirhanah. [49]She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah and the father of Gibea. And the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsah.

[50]These were the descendants of Caleb: The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, *were* Shobal the father of Kirjath Jearim, [51]Salma the father of Bethlehem, *and* Hareph the father of Beth Gader.

[52]And Shobal the father of Kirjath Jearim had descendants: Haroeh, *and* half of the *families of* Manuhoth.[a] [53]The families of Kirjath Jearim *were* the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

[54]The sons of Salma *were* Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, half of the Manahethites, and the Zorites.

[55]And the families of the scribes who dwelt at Jabez *were* the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* the Suchathites. These *were* the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

### *The Family of David*

3 Now these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: The firstborn *was* Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel,[a] by Abigail the Carmelitess; [2]the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; [3]the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth, Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

[4]*These* six were born to him in Hebron. There he reigned seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years. [5]And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea,[a] Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon—four by Bathshua[b] the daughter of Ammiel.[c] [6]Also *there* were Ibhar, Elishama,[a] Eliphelet,[b] [7]Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, [8]Elishama, Eliada,[a] and Eliphelet—nine *in all.* [9]*These were* all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

### *The Family of Solomon*

[10]Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam; Abijah[a] *was* his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, [11]Joram[a] his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash[b] his son, [12]Amaziah his son, Azariah[a] his son, Jotham his son, [13]Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, [14]Amon his son, *and* Josiah his son. [15]The sons of Josiah *were* Johanan the firstborn, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum.[a] [16]The sons of Jehoiakim *were* Jeconiah his son *and* Zedekiah[a] his son.

### *The Family of Jeconiah*

[17]And the sons of Jeconiah[a] *were* Assir,[b] Shealtiel his son, [18]*and* Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. [19]The sons of Pedaiah *were* Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel *were* Meshullam, Hananiah, Shelomith their sister, [20]and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed—five *in all.*

[21]The sons of Hananiah *were* Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, and the sons of Shechaniah. [22]The son of Shechaniah was Shemaiah. The sons of Shemaiah *were* Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat—six *in all.* [23]The sons of Neariah *were* Elioenai, Hezekiah, and Azrikam—three *in all.* [24]The sons of Elioenai *were* Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani—seven *in all.*

### *The Family of Judah*

4 The sons of Judah *were* Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal. [2]And Reaiah the son of Shobal begot Jahath, and Jahath begot Ahumai and Lahad. These *were* the families of the Zorathites. [3]These *were the sons of* the father of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi; [4]and Penuel *was* the father of Gedor, and Ezer *was the* father of Hushah.

These *were* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah the father of Bethlehem.

[5]And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. [6]Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah. [7]The sons of Helah *were* Zereth, Zohar, and Ethnan; [8]and Koz begot Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

[9]Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez,[a]

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**2:52** [a]Same as *the Manahethites,* verse 54 **3:1** [a]Called *Chileab* in 2 Samuel 3:3 **3:5** [a]Spelled *Shammua* in 14:4 and 2 Samuel 5:14 [b]Spelled *Bathsheba* in 2 Samuel 11:3 [c]Called *Eliam* in 2 Samuel 11:3 **3:6** [a]Spelled *Elishua* in 14:5 and 2 Samuel 5:15 [b]Spelled *Elpelet* in 14:5 **3:8** [a]Spelled *Beeliada* in 14:7 **3:10** [a]Spelled *Abijam* in 1 Kings 15:1 **3:11** [a]Spelled *Jehoram* in 2 Kings 1:17 and 8:16 [b]Spelled *Jehoash* in 2 Kings 12:1 **3:12** [a]Called *Uzziah* in Isaiah 6:1 **3:15** [a]Called *Jehoahaz* in 2 Kings 23:31 **3:16** [a]Compare 2 Kings 24:17 **3:17** [a]Also called *Coniah* in Jeremiah 22:24 and *Jehoiachin* in 2 Kings 24:8 [b]Or *Jeconiah the captive were* **4:9** [a]Literally *He Will Cause Pain*

saying, "Because I bore *him* in pain." [10]And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

[11]Chelub the brother of Shuhah begot Mehir, who *was* the father of Eshton. [12]And Eshton begot Beth-Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-Nahash. These *were* the men of Rechah.

[13]The sons of Kenaz *were* Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel *were* Hathath,[a] [14]and Meonothai *who* begot Ophrah. Seraiah begot Joab the father of Ge Harashim,[a] for they were craftsmen. [15]The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh *were* Iru, Elah, and Naam. The son of Elah *was* Kenaz. [16]The sons of Jehallelel *were* Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. [17]The sons of Ezrah *were* Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. And *Mered's wife*[a] bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. [18](His wife Jehudijah[a] bore Jered the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Sochoh, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.) And these were the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.

[19]The sons of Hodiah's wife, the sister of Naham, *were* the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and of Eshtemoa the Maachathite. [20]And the sons of Shimon *were* Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were* Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

[21]The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were* Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers of the house of Ashbea; [22]also Jokim, the men of Chozeba, and Joash; Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jashubi-Lehem. Now the records are ancient. [23]These *were* the potters and those who dwell at Netaim[a] and Gederah;[b] there they dwelt with the king for his work.

### *The Family of Simeon*

[24]The sons of Simeon *were* Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib,[a] Zerah,[b] *and* Shaul, [25]Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and Mishma his son. [26]And the sons of Mishma *were* Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, and Shimei his son. [27]Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, nor did any of their families multiply as much as the children of Judah.

[28]They dwelt at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar Shual, [29]Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad, [30]Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag, [31]Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities until the reign of David. [32]And their villages *were* Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan—five cities—[33]and all the villages that *were* around these cities as far as Baal.[a] These *were* their dwelling places, and they maintained their genealogy: [34]Meshobab, Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah; [35]Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel; [36]Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, and Benaiah; [37]Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah— [38]these mentioned by name *were* leaders in their families, and their father's house increased greatly.

[39]So they went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. [40]And they found rich, good pasture, and the land *was* broad, quiet, and peaceful; for some Hamites formerly lived there.

[41]These recorded by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and they attacked their tents and the Meunites who were found there, and utterly destroyed them, as it is to this day. So they dwelt in their place, because *there was* pasture for their flocks there. [42]Now *some* of them, five hundred men of the sons of Simeon, went to Mount Seir, having as their captains Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. [43]And they defeated the rest of the Amalekites who had escaped. They have dwelt there to this day.

### *The Family of Reuben*

5 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he *was* indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; [2]yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him *came* a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's— [3]the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

[4]The sons of Joel *were* Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, [5]Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, [6]and Beerah his son, whom

**4:13** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate add *and Meonothai*.
**4:14** [a]Literally *Valley of Craftsmen* **4:17** [a]Literally *she* **4:18** [a]Or *His Judean wife* **4:23** [a]Literally *Plants* [b]Literally *Hedges*
**4:24** [a]Called *Jachin* in Genesis 46:10 [b]Called *Zohar* in Genesis 46:10 **4:33** [a]Or *Baalath Beer* (compare Joshua 19:8)

Tiglath-Pileser[a] king of Assyria carried into captivity. He *was* leader of the Reubenites. [7]And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was registered: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, [8]and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon. [9]Eastward they settled as far as the entrance of the wilderness this side of the River Euphrates, because their cattle had multiplied in the land of Gilead.

[10]Now in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout the entire *area* east of Gilead.

### *The Family of Gad*

[11]And the children of Gad dwelt next to them in the land of Bashan as far as Salcah: [12]Joel *was* the chief, Shapham the next, then Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan, [13]and their brethren of their father's house: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jachan, Zia, and Eber—seven *in all.* [14]These *were* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; [15]Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, *was* chief of their father's house. [16]And *the Gadites* dwelt in Gilead, in Bashan and in its villages, and in all the common-lands of Sharon within their borders. [17]All these were registered by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

[18]The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh *had* forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty valiant men, men able to bear shield and sword, to shoot with the bow, and skillful in war, who went to war. [19]They made war with the Hagrites, Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab. [20]And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who *were* with them, for they cried out to God in the battle. He heeded their prayer, because they put their trust in Him. [21]Then they took away their livestock—fifty thousand of their camels, two hundred and fifty thousand of their sheep, and two thousand of their donkeys—also one hundred thousand of their men; [22]for many fell dead, because the war *was* God's. And they dwelt in their place until the captivity.

### *The Family of Manasseh (East)*

[23]So the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land. Their *numbers* increased from Bashan to Baal Hermon, that is, to Senir, or Mount Hermon. [24]These *were* the heads of their fathers' houses: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They were mighty men of valor, famous men, *and* heads of their fathers' houses.

[25]And they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers, and played the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them. [26]So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, that is, Tiglath-Pileser[a] king of Assyria. He carried the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into captivity. He took them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river of Gozan to this day.

### *The Family of Levi*

6 The sons of Levi *were* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [2]The sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. [3]The children of Amram *were* Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [4]Eleazar begot Phinehas, *and* Phinehas begot Abishua; [5]Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi; [6]Uzzi begot Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begot Meraioth; [7]Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub; [8]Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Ahimaaz; [9]Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan; [10]Johanan begot Azariah (it was he who ministered as priest in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem); [11]Azariah begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub; [12]Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Shallum; [13]Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah; [14]Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah begot Jehozadak. [15]Jehozadak went *into captivity* when the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem into captivity by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

[16]The sons of Levi *were* Gershon,[a] Kohath, and Merari. [17]These are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei. [18]The sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. [19]The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. Now these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers: [20]Of Gershon *were* Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, [21]Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, *and* Jeatherai his son. [22]The sons of Kohath *were* Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, [23]Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph

**5:6** [a]Hebrew *Tilgath-Pilneser* **5:26** [a]Hebrew *Tilgath-Pilneser*
**6:16** [a]Hebrew *Gershom* (alternate spelling of *Gershon,* as in verses 1, 17, 20, 43, 62, and 71)

his son, Assir his son, 24Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son. 25The sons of Elkanah *were* Amasai and Ahimoth. 26*As for* Elkanah,[a] the sons of Elkanah *were* Zophai[b] his son, Nahath[c] his son, 27Eliab[a] his son, Jeroham his son, *and* Elkanah his son. 28The sons of Samuel *were Joel*[a] the firstborn, and Abijah the second.[b] 29The sons of Merari *were* Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, 30Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, *and* Asaiah his son.

### *Musicians in the House of the LORD*

31Now these are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark came to rest. 32They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they served in their office according to their order.

33And these *are* the ones who ministered with their sons: Of the sons of the Kohathites *were* Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, 34the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel,[a] the son of Toah,[b] 35the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, 37the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, 38the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. 39And his brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand, *was* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea, 40the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah, 41the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.

44Their brethren, the sons of Merari, on the left hand, *were* Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, 46the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer, 47the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48And their brethren, the Levites, *were* appointed to every kind of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

### *The Family of Aaron*

49But Aaron and his sons offered sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the Most Holy *Place,* and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. 50Now these *are* the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, 51Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, 52Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, 53Zadok his son, *and* Ahimaaz his son.

### *Dwelling Places of the Levites*

54Now these *are* their dwelling places throughout their settlements in their territory, for they were *given* by lot to the sons of Aaron, of the family of the Kohathites: 55They gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, with its surrounding commonlands. 56But the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 57And to the sons of Aaron they gave *one of* the cities of refuge, Hebron; also Libnah with its commonlands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its common-lands, 58Hilen[a] with its common-lands, Debir with its common-lands, 59Ashan[a] with its common-lands, and Beth Shemesh with its common-lands. 60And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its common-lands, Alemeth[a] with its common-lands, and Anathoth with its common-lands. All their cities among their families *were* thirteen.

61To the rest of the family of the tribe of the Kohathites *they gave* by lot ten cities from half the tribe of Manasseh. 62And to the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, *they gave* thirteen cities from the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. 63To the sons of Merari, throughout their families, *they gave* twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun. 64So the children of Israel gave *these* cities with their common-lands to the Levites. 65And they gave by lot from the tribe of the children of Judah, from the tribe of the children of Simeon, and from the tribe of the children of Benjamin these cities which are called by *their* names.

66Now some of the families of the sons of Kohath *were given* cities as their territory from the tribe of Ephraim. 67And they gave them *one of* the cities of refuge, Shechem with its common-lands, in the mountains of Ephraim, also Gezer with its

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**6:26** [a]Compare verse 35 [b]Spelled *Zuph* in verse 35 and 1 Samuel 1:1 [c]Compare verse 34 **6:27** [a]Compare verse 34
**6:28** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Arabic (compare verse 33 and 1 Samuel 8:2) [b]Hebrew *Vasheni* **6:34** [a]Spelled *Elihu* in 1 Samuel 1:1 [b]Spelled *Tohu* in 1 Samuel 1:1 **6:58** [a]Spelled *Holon* in Joshua 21:15 **6:59** [a]Spelled *Ain* in Joshua 21:16
**6:60** [a]Spelled *Almon* in Joshua 21:18

common-lands, [68]Jokmeam with its common-lands, Beth Horon with its common-lands, [69]Aijalon with its common-lands, and Gath Rimmon with its common-lands. [70]And from the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its common-lands and Bileam with its common-lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

[71]From the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh the sons of Gershon *were given* Golan in Bashan with its common-lands and Ashtaroth with its common-lands. [72]And from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its common-lands, Daberath with its common-lands, [73]Ramoth with its common-lands, and Anem with its common-lands. [74]And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its common-lands, Abdon with its common-lands, [75]Hukok with its common-lands, and Rehob with its common-lands. [76]And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its common-lands, Hammon with its common-lands, and Kirjathaim with its common-lands.

[77]From the tribe of Zebulun the rest of the children of Merari *were given* Rimmon[a] with its common-lands and Tabor with its common-lands. [78]And on the other side of the Jordan, across from Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, *they were given* from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its common-lands, Jahzah with its common-lands, [79]Kedemoth with its common-lands, and Mephaath with its common-lands. [80]And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its common-lands, Mahanaim with its common-lands, [81]Heshbon with its common-lands, and Jazer with its common-lands.

### *The Family of Issachar*

7 The sons of Issachar *were* Tola, Puah,[a] Jashub, and Shimron—four *in all.* [2]The sons of Tola *were* Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house. *The sons* of Tola *were* mighty men of valor in their generations; their number in the days of David *was* twenty-two thousand six hundred. [3]The son of Uzzi *was* Izrahiah, and the sons of Izrahiah *were* Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Ishiah. All five of them *were* chief men. [4]And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' houses, *were* thirty-six thousand troops ready for war; for they had many wives and sons.

[5]Now their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* mighty men of valor, listed by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand in all.

### *The Family of Benjamin*

[6]*The sons* of Benjamin *were* Bela, Becher, and Jediael—three *in all.* [7]The sons of Bela were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri—five *in all.* They *were* heads of *their* fathers' houses, and they were listed by their genealogies, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four mighty men of valor.

[8]The sons of Becher *were* Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jerimoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these *are* the sons of Becher. [9]And they were recorded by genealogy according to their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, twenty thousand two hundred mighty men of valor. [10]The son of Jediael *was* Bilhan, and the sons of Bilhan *were* Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

[11]All these sons of Jediael *were* heads of their fathers' houses; *there were* seventeen thousand two hundred mighty men of valor fit to go out for war *and* battle. [12]Shuppim and Huppim[a] *were* the sons of Ir, *and* Hushim *was* the son of Aher.

### *The Family of Naphtali*

[13]The sons of Naphtali *were* Jahziel,[a] Guni, Jezer, and Shallum,[b] the sons of Bilhah.

### *The Family of Manasseh (West)*

[14]The descendants of Manasseh: his Syrian concubine bore him Machir the father of Gilead, the father of Asriel.[a] [15]Machir took as his wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim,[a] whose name *was* Maachah. The name of *Gilead's* grandson[b] *was* Zelophehad,[c] but Zelophehad begot only daughters. [16](Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh. The name of his brother *was* Sheresh, and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. [17]The son of Ulam *was* Bedan.) These *were* the descendants of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

[18]His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

[19]And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

### *The Family of Ephraim*

[20]The sons of Ephraim *were* Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah his son, Tahath his son, [21]Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer

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**6:77** [a]Hebrew *Rimmono,* alternate spelling of *Rimmon;* see 4:32 **7:1** [a]Spelled *Puvah* in Genesis 46:13 **7:12** [a]Called *Hupham* in Numbers 26:39 **7:13** [a]Spelled *Jahzeel* in Genesis 46:24 [b]Spelled *Shillem* in Genesis 46:24 **7:14** [a]The son of Gilead (compare Numbers 26:30, 31) **7:15** [a]Compare verse 12 [b]Literally *the second* [c]Compare Numbers 26:30–33

and Elead. The men of Gath who were born in *that* land killed *them* because they came down to take away their cattle. 22Then Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bore a son; and he called his name Beriah,[a] because tragedy had come upon his house. 24Now his daughter *was* Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper Beth Horon and Uzzen Sheerah; 25and Rephah *was* his son, *as well* as Resheph, and Telah his son, Tahan his son, 26Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27Nun[a] his son, and Joshua his son.

28Now their possessions and dwelling places *were* Bethel and its towns: to the east Naaran, to the west Gezer and its towns, and Shechem and its towns, as far as Ayyah[a] and its towns; 29and by the borders of the children of Manasseh *were* Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph, the son of Israel.

### *The Family of Asher*

30The sons of Asher *were* Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah. 31The sons of Beriah *were* Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.[a] 32And Heber begot Japhlet, Shomer,[a] Hotham,[b] and their sister Shua. 33The sons of Japhlet *were* Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *were* the children of Japhlet. 34The sons of Shemer *were* Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. 35And the sons of his brother Helem *were* Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal. 36The sons of Zophah *were* Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah, 37Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Jithran,[a] and Beera. 38The sons of Jether *were* Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara. 39The sons of Ulla *were* Arah, Haniel, and Rizia.

40All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of *their* fathers' houses, choice men, mighty men of valor, chief leaders. And they were recorded by genealogies among the army fit for battle; their number *was* twenty-six thousand.

### *The Family Tree of King Saul of Benjamin*

8 Now Benjamin begot Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah[a] the third, 2Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3The sons of Bela *were* Addar,[a] Gera, Abihud, 4Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, 5Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

6These *are* the sons of Ehud, who were the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Geba, and who forced them to move to Manahath: 7Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera who forced them to move. He begot Uzza and Ahihud.

8Also Shaharaim had children in the country of Moab, after he had sent away Hushim and Baara his wives. 9By Hodesh his wife he begot Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, 10Jeuz, Sachiah, and Mirmah. These *were* his sons, heads of their fathers' *houses.*

11And by Hushim he begot Abitub and Elpaal. 12The sons of Elpaal *were* Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its towns; 13and Beriah and Shema, who *were* heads of their fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath. 14Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth, 15Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, 16Michael, Ispah, and Joha *were* the sons of Beriah. 17Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, 18Ishmerai, Jizliah, and Jobab *were* the sons of Elpaal. 19Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi, 20Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, 21Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath *were* the sons of Shimei. 22Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, 23Abdon, Zichri, Hanan, 24Hananiah, Elam, Antothijah, 25Iphdeiah, and Penuel *were* the sons of Shashak. 26Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah, 27Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri *were* the sons of Jeroham.

28These *were* heads of the fathers' *houses* by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

29Now the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name *was* Maacah, dwelt at Gibeon. 30And his firstborn son *was* Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, 31Gedor, Ahio, Zecher, 32and Mikloth, *who* begot Shimeah.[a] They also dwelt alongside their relatives in Jerusalem, with their brethren. 33Ner[a] begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab,[b] and Esh-Baal.[c] 34The son of Jonathan *was* Merib-Baal,[a] and Merib-Baal begot Micah. 35The sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz. 36And Ahaz begot Jehoaddah;[a] Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza. 37Moza begot Binea, Raphah[a] his son, Eleasah his son, *and* Azel his son.

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**7:23** [a]Literally *In Tragedy* **7:27** [a]Hebrew *Non* **7:28** [a]Many Hebrew manuscripts, Bomberg, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *Gazza.* **7:31** [a]Or *Birzavith* or *Birzoth* **7:32** [a]Spelled *Shemer* in verse 34 [b]Spelled *Helem* in verse 35 **7:37** [a]Spelled *Jether* in verse 38 **8:1** [a]Spelled *Ahiram* in Numbers 26:38 **8:3** [a]Called *Ard* in Numbers 26:40 **8:32** [a]Spelled *Shimeam* in 9:38 **8:33** [a]Also the son of Gibeon (compare 9:36, 39) [b]Called *Jishui* in 1 Samuel 14:49 [c]Called *Ishbosheth* in 2 Samuel 2:8 and elsewhere **8:34** [a]Called *Mephibosheth* in 2 Samuel 4:4 **8:36** [a]Spelled *Jarah* in 9:42 **8:37** [a]Spelled *Rephaiah* in 9:43

[38]Azel had six sons whose names *were* these:
Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah,
and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel. [39]And
the sons of Eshek his brother *were* Ulam his first-
born, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
[40]The sons of Ulam were mighty men of
valor—archers. *They* had many sons and grand-
sons, one hundred and fifty *in all.* These *were* all
sons of Benjamin.

9 So all Israel was recorded by genealogies,
and indeed, they *were* inscribed in the book
of the kings of Israel. But Judah was carried
away captive to Babylon because of their unfaith-
fulness. [2]And the first inhabitants who *dwelt* in
their possessions in their cities *were* Israelites,
priests, Levites, and the Nethinim.

### *Dwellers in Jerusalem*

[3]Now in Jerusalem the children of Judah dwelt,
and some of the children of Benjamin, and of the
children of Ephraim and Manasseh: [4]Uthai the
son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of
Imri, the son of Bani, of the descendants of Perez,
the son of Judah. [5]Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the
firstborn and his sons. [6]Of the sons of Zerah:
Jeuel, and their brethren—six hundred and
ninety. [7]Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of
Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Has-
senuah; [8]Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; Elah the son
of Uzzi, the son of Michri; Meshullam the son of
Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;
[9]and their brethren, according to their genera-
tions—nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men
*were* heads of a father's *house* in their fathers'
houses.

### *The Priests at Jerusalem*

[10]Of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and Jachin;
[11]Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshul-
lam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the
son of Ahitub, the officer over the house of God;
[12]Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur,
the son of Malchijah; Maasai the son of Adiel, the
son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of
Meshillemith, the son of Immer; [13]and their
brethren, heads of their fathers' houses—one
thousand seven hundred and sixty. *They were*
very able men for the work of the service of the
house of God.

### *The Levites at Jerusalem*

[14]Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub,
the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the
sons of Merari; [15]Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and
Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the
son of Asaph; [16]Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the
son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah
the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in
the villages of the Netophathites.

### *The Levite Gatekeepers*

[17]And the gatekeepers *were* Shallum, Akkub,
Talmon, Ahiman, and their brethren. Shallum *was*
the chief. [18]Until then *they had been* gatekeepers
for the camps of the children of Levi at the King's
Gate on the east.
[19]Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph,
the son of Korah, and his brethren, from his fa-
ther's house, the Korahites, *were* in charge of the
work of the service, gatekeepers of the tabernacle.
Their fathers had been keepers of the entrance to
the camp of the LORD. [20]And Phinehas the son of
Eleazar had been the officer over them in time
past; the LORD *was* with him. [21]Zechariah the son
of Meshelemiah *was* keeper of the door of the
tabernacle of meeting.
[22]All those chosen as gatekeepers *were* two
hundred and twelve. They were recorded by their
genealogy, in their villages. David and Samuel the
seer had appointed them to their trusted office.
[23]So they and their children *were* in charge of the
gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the
tabernacle, by assignment. [24]The gatekeepers
were assigned to the four directions: the east,
west, north, and south. [25]And their brethren in
their villages *had* to come with them from time to
time for seven days. [26]For in this trusted office
*were* four chief gatekeepers; they were Levites.
And they had charge over the chambers and
treasuries of the house of God. [27]And they lodged
*all* around the house of God because they *had* the
responsibility, and they *were* in charge of opening
*it* every morning.

### *Other Levite Responsibilities*

[28]Now *some* of them were in charge of the serv-
ing vessels, for they brought them in and took
them out by count. [29]*Some* of them *were* ap-
pointed over the furnishings and over all the im-
plements of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour
and the wine and the oil and the incense and the
spices. [30]And *some* of the sons of the priests made
the ointment of the spices.
[31]Mattithiah of the Levites, the firstborn of
Shallum the Korahite, had the trusted office over
the things that were baked in the pans. [32]And

some of their brethren of the sons of the Kohathites *were* in charge of preparing the showbread for every Sabbath.

33These are the singers, heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Levites, *who lodged* in the chambers, *and were* free *from other duties;* for they were employed in *that* work day and night. 34These heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Levites *were* heads throughout their generations. They dwelt at Jerusalem.

### *The Family of King Saul*

35Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name *was* Maacah, dwelt at Gibeon. 36His firstborn son *was* Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, 37Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah,[a] and Mikloth. 38And Mikloth begot Shimeam.[a] They also dwelt alongside their relatives in Jerusalem, with their brethren. 39Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal. 40The son of Jonathan *was* Merib-Baal, and Merib-Baal begot Micah. 41The sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tahrea,[a] and Ahaz.[b] 42And Ahaz begot Jarah;[a] Jarah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza; 43Moza begot Binea, Rephaiah[a] his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

44And Azel had six sons whose names *were* these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these *were* the sons of Azel.

### *Tragic End of Saul and His Sons*

10 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. 2Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. 3The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers. 4Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and abuse me." But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it. 5And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died. 6So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together. 7And when all the men of Israel who *were* in the valley saw that they had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; then the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9And they stripped him and took his head and his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines to proclaim the news *in the temple* of their idols and among the people. 10Then they put his armor in the temple of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11And when all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, 12all the valiant men arose and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons; and they brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. 14But *he* did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

**9:37** [a]Called *Zecher* in 8:31 **9:38** [a]Spelled *Shimeah* in 8:32 **9:41** [a]Spelled *Tarea* in 8:35 [b]Following Arabic, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate (compare 8:35); Masoretic Text and Septuagint omit *and Ahaz*. **9:42** [a]Spelled *Jehoaddah* in 8:36 **9:43** [a]Spelled *Raphah* in 8:37

**THE OCCULT** — **2 PUNISHED BY GOD**

► *See* **1 CHRONICLES 10:13, 14**

The occult in its various forms is a substitute for God, His power, His will, and His ways. Casting spells, seeking to know the future, and communicating with the dead show a lack of faith and trust in God. God took King Saul's life for his involvement in such things and turned his kingdom over to David.

If you have been involved in occult practices, we are glad you are looking to God's Word for insight and help. When you have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit lives in you and gives you wisdom for daily life and strength against spiritual forces. If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*.

► *Now turn to page 537 for Psalm 91:14, 15 and Point 3. Deliverance by God.*

### *David Made King over All Israel*

11 Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh. 2Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.'" 3Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

### *The City of David*

4And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites *were,* the inhabitants of the land. 5But the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). 6Now David said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief. 7Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David. 8And he built the city around it, from the Millo[a] to the surrounding area. Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9So David went on and became great, and the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

### *The Mighty Men of David*

10Now these *were* the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, chief of the captains;[a] he had lifted up his spear against three hundred, killed *by him* at one time.

12After him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighty men. 13He was with David at Pasdammim. Now there the Philistines were gathered for battle, and there was a piece of ground full of barley. So the people fled from the Philistines. 14But they stationed themselves in the middle of *that* field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory.

15Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. 16David *was* then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem. 17And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!" 18So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that *was* by the gate, and took *it* and brought *it* to David. Nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD. 19And he said, "Far be it from me, O my God, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men *who have put* their lives *in jeopardy?* For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.

20Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of *another* three.[a] He had lifted up his spear against three hundred *men,* killed *them,* and won a name among *these* three. 21Of the three he was more honored than the other two men. Therefore he became their captain. However he did not attain to the *first* three.

22Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. 23And he killed an Egyptian, a man of *great* height, five cubits tall. In the Egyptian's hand *there was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. 24These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men. 25Indeed he was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David appointed him over his guard.

26Also the mighty warriors *were* Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 27Shammoth the Harorite,[a] Helez the Pelonite,[b] 28Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, 29Sibbechai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, 30Maharai the Netophathite, Heled[a] the son of Baanah the Netophathite, 31Ithai[a] the son of Ribai of Gibeah, of the sons of

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**11:8** [a]Literally *The Landfill* **11:11** [a]Following Qere; Kethib, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *the thirty* (compare 2 Samuel 23:8). **11:20** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Syriac reads *thirty*. **11:27** [a]Spelled *Harodite* in 2 Samuel 23:25 [b]Called *Paltite* in 2 Samuel 23:26 **11:30** [a]Spelled *Heleb* in 2 Samuel 23:29 and *Heldai* in 1 Chronicles 27:15 **11:31** [a]Spelled *Ittai* in 2 Samuel 23:29

Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, [32]Hurai[a] of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel[b] the Arbathite, [33]Azmaveth the Baharumite,[a] Eliahba the Shaalbonite, [34]the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite, [35]Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, [36]Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, [37]Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, [38]Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri, [39]Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite[a] (the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah), [40]Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, [41]Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, [42]Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief of the Reubenites) and thirty with him, [43]Hanan the son of Maachah, Joshaphat the Mithnite, [44]Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, [45]Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, [46]Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah the sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite, [47]Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

### *The Growth of David's Army*

12 Now these *were* the men who came to David at Ziklag while he was still a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish; and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers in the war, [2]armed with bows, using both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows with the bow. *They were* of Benjamin, Saul's brethren.

[3]The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth; Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite; [4]Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite; [5]Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite; [6]Elkanah, Jisshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; [7]and Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

[8]*Some* Gadites joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* as swift as gazelles on the mountains: [9]Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, [10]Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, [11]Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, [12]Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, [13]Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbanai the eleventh. [14]These *were* from the sons of Gad, captains of the army; the least was over a hundred, and the greatest was over a thousand. [15]These *are* the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all *those* in the valleys, to the east and to the west.

[16]Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold. [17]And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since *there is* no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment." [18]Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, *and he said:*

" *We are* yours, O David;
We *are* on your side, O son of Jesse!
Peace, peace to you,
And peace to your helpers!
For your God helps you."

So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

[19]And *some* from Manasseh defected to David when he was going with the Philistines to battle against Saul; but they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines sent him away by agreement, saying, "He may defect to his master Saul *and endanger* our heads." [20]When he went to Ziklag, those of Manasseh who defected to him were Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of the thousands who *were* from Manasseh. [21]And they helped David against the bands *of raiders,* for they *were* all mighty men of valor, and they were captains in the army. [22]For at *that* time they came to David day by day to help him, until *it was* a great army, like the army of God.

### *David's Army at Hebron*

[23]Now these *were* the numbers of the divisions *that were* equipped for war, *and* came to David at Hebron to turn *over* the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD: [24]of the sons of Judah bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred armed for war; [25]of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor fit for war, seven thousand one hundred; [26]of the sons of Levi four thousand six hundred; [27]Jehoiada, the leader of the Aaronites, and with him three thousand seven hundred; [28]Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior,

**11:32** [a]Spelled *Hiddai* in 2 Samuel 23:30 [b]Spelled *Abi-Albon* in 2 Samuel 23:31 **11:33** [a]Spelled *Barhumite* in 2 Samuel 23:31
**11:39** [a]Spelled *Beerothite* in 2 Samuel 23:37

and from his father's house twenty-two captains;
29 of the sons of Benjamin, relatives of Saul, three
thousand (until then the greatest part of them
had remained loyal to the house of Saul); 30 of the
sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred,
mighty men of valor, famous men throughout
their father's house; 31 of the half-tribe of Ma-
nasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated
by name to come and make David king; 32 of the
sons of Issachar who had understanding of the
times, to know what Israel ought to do, their
chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren
were at their command; 33 of Zebulun there were
fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in
war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men
who could keep ranks; 34 of Naphtali one thousand
captains, and with them thirty-seven thousand
with shield and spear; 35 of the Danites who could
keep battle formation, twenty-eight thousand six
hundred; 36 of Asher, those who could go out to
war, able to keep battle formation, forty thousand;
37 of the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-
tribe of Manasseh, from the other side of the Jor-
dan, one hundred and twenty thousand armed
for battle with every *kind* of weapon of war.

38 All these men of war, who could keep ranks,
came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David
king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel *were*
of one mind to make David king. 39 And they were
there with David three days, eating and drinking,
for their brethren had prepared for them. 40 More-
over those who were near to them, from as far
away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were
bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules
and oxen—provisions of flour and cakes of figs
and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and
sheep abundantly, for *there was* joy in Israel.

### *The Ark Brought from Kirjath Jearim*

13 Then David consulted with the captains
of thousands and hundreds, *and* with
every leader. 2 And David said to all the
assembly of Israel, "If *it seems* good to you, and if
it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our
brethren everywhere *who are* left in all the land of
Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites
*who are* in their cities *and* their common-lands,
that they may gather together to us; 3 and let us
bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have
not inquired at it since the days of Saul." 4 Then all
the assembly said that they would do so, for the
thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shi-
hor in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath,
to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim. 6 And
David and all Israel went up to Baalah,[a] to Kirjath
Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up
from there the ark of God the LORD, who dwells
*between* the cherubim, where *His* name is pro-
claimed. 7 So they carried the ark of God on a new
cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and
Ahio drove the cart. 8 Then David and all Israel
played *music* before God with all *their* might, with
singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on
tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came to Chidon's[a] threshing
floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the
oxen stumbled. 10 Then the anger of the LORD was
aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because
he put his hand to the ark; and he died there be-
fore God. 11 And David became angry because of
the LORD's outbreak against Uzza; therefore that
place is called Perez Uzza[a] to this day. 12 David was
afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring
the ark of God to me?"

13 So David would not move the ark with him
into the City of David, but took it aside into the
house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 14 The ark of God
remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his
house three months. And the LORD blessed the
house of Obed-Edom and all that he had.

### *David Established at Jerusalem*

14 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messen-
gers to David, and cedar trees, with ma-
sons and carpenters, to build him a
house. 2 So David knew that the LORD had estab-
lished him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was
highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel.

3 Then David took more wives in Jerusalem, and
David begot more sons and daughters. 4 And these
are the names of his children whom he had in Je-
rusalem: Shammua,[a] Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
5 Ibhar, Elishua,[a] Elpelet,[b] 6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
7 Elishama, Beeliada,[a] and Eliphelet.

### *The Philistines Defeated*

8 Now when the Philistines heard that David
had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Phi-
listines went up to search for David. And David
heard *of it* and went out against them. 9 Then the

**13:6** [a]Called *Baale Judah* in 2 Samuel 6:2 **13:9** [a]Called *Nachon* in 2 Samuel 6:6 **13:11** [a]Literally *Outburst Against Uzza*
**14:4** [a]Spelled *Shimea* in 3:5 **14:5** [a]Spelled *Elishama* in 3:6 [b]Spelled *Eliphelet* in 3:6 **14:7** [a]Spelled *Eliada* in 3:8

Philistines went and made a raid on the Valley of Rephaim. 10And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?"

The LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand."

11So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.[a] 12And when they left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13Then the Philistines once again made a raid on the valley. 14Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. 15And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines." 16So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer. 17Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

### *The Ark Brought to Jerusalem*

15 *David* built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. 2Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever." 3And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it. 4Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites: 5of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren; 6of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren; 7of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren; 8of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren; 9of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren; 10of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren.

11And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab. 12He said to them, "You *are* the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to *the place* I have prepared for it. 13For because you *did* not *do it* the first *time,* the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

14So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. 15And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy. 17So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; 18and with them their brethren of the second *rank:* Zechariah, Ben,[a] Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers; 19the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were* to sound the cymbals of bronze; 20Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoth; 21Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith; 22Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor *in charge of* the music, because he *was* skillful; 23Berechiah and Elkanah *were* doorkeepers for the ark; 24Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.

25So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy. 26And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams. 27David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master

**14:11** [a]Literally *Master of Breakthroughs* **15:18** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint omits *Ben*.

*with* the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.
28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

29 And it happened, *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

### *The Ark Placed in the Tabernacle*

16 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.
2 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.
3 Then he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece *of meat,* and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the LORD God of Israel:
5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, *then* Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals;
6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly *blew* the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

### *David's Song of Thanksgiving*

7 On that day David first delivered *this psalm* into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the LORD:

8 Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
10 Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
11 Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!
12 Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
13 O seed of Israel His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

14 He *is* the LORD our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.
15 Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,
16 *The covenant which* He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,
17 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

**4 A WITNESS TO OTHERS**

▶ *See* **1 CHRONICLES 16:8–13, 23, 24**

When you are thankful to God, your faith deepens. You become an example and inspiration to those around you, and you become more like Christ.

A heart of praise and thankfulness is a great deterrent to sin in your life. Praising God leads you to a greater awareness of who He is and His goodness to you. When your heart is full of genuine thanks and praise, you are unable to hang on to sinful attitudes, such as jealousy, bitterness, or resentment. When you focus on God and who He is and what He has done for you, your perspective necessarily changes!

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. . . . If there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things . . . and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:4–9).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

19 When you were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

20 When they went from one nation to another,
And from *one* kingdom to another people,
21 He permitted no man to do them wrong;
Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,
22 *Saying,* "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."[a]

23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.
24 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

25 For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be
praised;
He *is* also to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.
27 Honor and majesty *are* before Him;
Strength and gladness are in His place.

28 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Give to the LORD glory and strength.
29 Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name;
Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness!
30 Tremble before Him, all the earth.
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved.

31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad;
And let them say among the nations, "The
LORD reigns."
32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
Let the field rejoice, and all that *is* in it.
33 Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice
before the LORD,
For He is coming to judge the earth.[a]

34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is*
good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.[a]
35 And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation;
Gather us together, and deliver us from the
Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise."

36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting![a]
And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the
LORD.

### *Regular Worship Maintained*

37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there before
the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister be-
fore the ark regularly, as every day's work re-
quired; 38 and Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight
brethren, including Obed-Edom the son of Je-
duthun, and Hosah, *to be* gatekeepers; 39 and
Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, be-
fore the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place
that *was* at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt offerings to the
LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly
morning and evening, and *to do* according to all
that is written in the Law of the LORD which He
commanded Israel; 41 and with them Heman and
Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were
designated by name, to give thanks to the LORD,
because His mercy *endures* forever; 42 and with
them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound aloud with
trumpets and cymbals and the musical instru-
ments of God. Now the sons of Jeduthun *were*
gatekeepers.

43 Then all the people departed, every man to
his house; and David returned to bless his house.

### *God's Covenant with David*

17 Now it came to pass, when David was
dwelling in his house, that David said to
Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in
a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the
LORD *is* under tent curtains."

2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that *is* in
your heart, for God *is* with you."

3 But it happened that night that the word of
God came to Nathan, saying, 4 "Go and tell My ser-
vant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not
build Me a house to dwell in. 5 For I have not dwelt
in a house since the time that I brought up Israel,
even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent,
and from *one* tabernacle *to another.* 6 Wherever I
have moved about with all Israel, have I ever spo-
ken a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I
commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why
have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"' 7 Now
therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David,
'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the

**16:22** [a]Compare verses 8–22 with Psalm 105:1–15
**16:33** [a]Compare verses 23–33 with Psalm 96:1–13
**16:34** [a]Compare verse 34 with Psalm 106:1 **16:36** [a]Compare verses 35, 36 with Psalm 106:47, 48

sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler
over My people Israel. 8And I have been with you
wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your
enemies from before you, and have made you a
name like the name of the great men who *are* on
the earth. 9Moreover I will appoint a place for My
people Israel, and will plant them, that they may
dwell in a place of their own and move no more;
nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them
anymore, as previously, 10since the time that I
commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel.
Also I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore
I tell you that the LORD will build you a house.[a]
11And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled,
when you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I
will set up your seed after you, who will be of your
sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12He shall
build Me a house, and I will establish his throne
forever. 13I will be his Father, and he shall be My
son; and I will not take My mercy away from him,
as I took *it* from *him* who was before you. 14And I
will establish him in My house and in My king-
dom forever; and his throne shall be established
forever."'"

15According to all these words and according to
all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

16Then King David went in and sat before the
LORD; and he said: "Who *am* I, O LORD God? And
what is my house, that You have brought me this
far? 17And *yet* this was a small thing in Your sight,
O God; and You have *also* spoken of Your servant's
house for a great while to come, and have re-
garded me according to the rank of a man of high
degree, O LORD God. 18What more can David *say*
to You for the honor of Your servant? For You
know Your servant. 19O LORD, for Your servant's
sake, and according to Your own heart, You have
done all this greatness, in making known all these
great things. 20O LORD, *there is* none like You, nor *is*
*there any* God besides You, according to all that we
have heard with our ears. 21And who *is* like Your
people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom
God went to redeem for Himself *as* a people—to
make for Yourself a name by great and awesome
deeds, by driving out nations from before Your
people whom You redeemed from Egypt? 22For
You have made Your people Israel Your very own
people forever; and You, LORD, have become their
God.

23"And now, O LORD, the word which You have
spoken concerning Your servant and concerning
his house, *let it* be established forever, and do as
You have said. 24So let it be established, that Your
name may be magnified forever, saying, 'The
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, *is* Israel's God.'
And let the house of Your servant David be estab-
lished before You. 25For You, O my God, have re-
vealed to Your servant that You will build him a
house. Therefore Your servant has found it *in his*
*heart* to pray before You. 26And now, LORD, You are
God, and have promised this goodness to Your
servant. 27Now You have been pleased to bless the
house of Your servant, that it may continue before
You forever; for You have blessed it, O LORD, and *it*
*shall be* blessed forever."

### *David's Further Conquests*

18 After this it came to pass that David at-
tacked the Philistines, subdued them,
and took Gath and its towns from the
hand of the Philistines. 2Then he defeated Moab,
and the Moabites became David's servants, *and*
brought tribute.

3And David defeated Hadadezer[a] king of Zobah
*as far as* Hamath, as he went to establish his
power by the River Euphrates. 4David took from
him one thousand chariots, seven thousand[a]
horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers.
Also David hamstrung all the chariot *horses,* ex-
cept that he spared enough of them for one hun-
dred chariots.

5When the Syrians of Damascus came to help
Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-
two thousand of the Syrians. 6Then David put *gar-*
*risons* in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians
became David's servants, *and* brought tribute. So
the LORD preserved David wherever he went. 7And
David took the shields of gold that were on the
servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jeru-
salem. 8Also from Tibhath[a] and from Chun, cities
of Hadadezer, David brought a large amount of
bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze
Sea, the pillars, and the articles of bronze.

9Now when Tou[a] king of Hamath heard that
David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer
king of Zobah, 10he sent Hadoram[a] his son to
King David, to greet him and bless him, because
he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated
him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou);

**17:10** [a]That is, a royal dynasty **18:3** [a]Hebrew *Hadarezer,* and so throughout chapters 18 and 19 **18:4** [a]Or *seven hundred* (compare 2 Samuel 8:4) **18:8** [a]Spelled *Betah* in 2 Samuel 8:8 **18:9** [a]Spelled *Toi* in 2 Samuel 8:9, 10 **18:10** [a]Spelled *Joram* in 2 Samuel 8:10

and *Hadoram brought with him* all kinds of articles of gold, silver, and bronze. 11King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all *these* nations—from Edom, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand Edomites[a] in the Valley of Salt. 13He also put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

### *David's Administration*

14So David reigned over all Israel, and administered judgment and justice to all his people. 15Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder; 16Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar *were* the priests; Shavsha[a] *was* the scribe; 17Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons *were* chief ministers at the king's side.

### *The Ammonites and Syrians Defeated*

**19** It happened after this that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place. 2Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came to Hanun in the land of the people of Ammon to comfort him.

3And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Did his servants not come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

4Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away. 5Then *some* went and told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and *then* return."

6When the people of Ammon saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, Hanun and the people of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from Mesopotamia,[a] from Syrian Maacah, and from Zobah.[b] 7So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, with the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. Also the people of Ammon gathered together from their cities, and came to battle.

8Now when David heard *of it,* he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. 9Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array before the gate of the city, and the kings who had come *were* by themselves in the field.

10When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best, and put *them* in battle array against the Syrians. 11And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in battle array against the people of Ammon. 12Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. 13Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do *what is* good in His sight."

14So Joab and the people who *were* with him drew near for the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him. 15When the people of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled before Abishai his brother, and entered the city. So Joab went to Jerusalem.

16Now when the Syrians saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought the Syrians who were beyond the River,[a] and Shophach[b] the commander of Hadadezer's army *went* before them. 17When it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the Jordan and came upon them, and set up in *battle* array against them. So when David had set up in battle array against the Syrians, they fought with him. 18Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven thousand[a] charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers[b] of the Syrians, and killed Shophach the commander of the army. 19And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and became his servants. So the Syrians were not willing to help the people of Ammon anymore.

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**18:12** [a]Or *Syrians* (compare 2 Samuel 8:13) **18:16** [a]Spelled *Seraiah* in 2 Samuel 8:17 **19:6** [a]Hebrew *Aram Naharaim* [b]Spelled *Zoba* in 2 Samuel 10:6 **19:16** [a]That is, the Euphrates [b]Spelled *Shobach* in 2 Samuel 10:16 **19:18** [a]Or *seven hundred* (compare 2 Samuel 10:18) [b]Or *horsemen* (compare 2 Samuel 10:18)

### *Rabbah Is Conquered*

20 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time kings go out *to battle,* that Joab led out the armed forces and ravaged the country of the people of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And Joab defeated Rabbah and overthrew it. 2Then David took their king's crown from his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it. And it was set on David's head. Also he brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance. 3And he brought out the people who *were* in it, and put *them* to work[a] with saws, with iron picks, and with axes. So David did to all the cities of the people of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned *to* Jerusalem.

### *Philistine Giants Destroyed*

4Now it happened afterward that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Sippai,[a] *who was one* of the sons of the giant. And they were subdued.

5Again there was war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair[a] killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

6Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature, with twenty-four fingers and toes, six *on each hand* and six *on each foot;* and he also was born to the giant. 7So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea,[a] David's brother, killed him.

8These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

### *The Census of Israel and Judah*

21 Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know *it.*"

3And Joab answered, "May the LORD make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?"

4Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem. 5Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel *had* one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and Judah *had* four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword. 6But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel. 8So David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

9Then the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 10"Go and tell David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three *things;* choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you."' "

11So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Choose for yourself, 12either three[a] years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking *you,* or else for three days the sword of the LORD—the plague in the land, with the angel[b] of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

13And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

14So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. 15And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he[a] was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your[b] hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan[c] the Jebusite.

16Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. 17And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

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**20:3** [a]Septuagint reads *cut them.* **20:4** [a]Spelled *Saph* in 2 Samuel 21:18 **20:5** [a]Spelled *Jaare-Oregim* in 2 Samuel 21:19 **20:7** [a]Spelled *Shimeah* in 2 Samuel 21:21 and *Shammah* in 1 Samuel 16:9 **21:12** [a]Or *seven* (compare 2 Samuel 24:13) [b]Or *Angel*, and so elsewhere in this chapter **21:15** [a]Or *He* [b]Or *Your* [c]Spelled *Araunah* in 2 Samuel 24:16

18Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded
Gad to say to David that David should go and
erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of
Ornan the Jebusite. 19So David went up at the
word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of
the LORD. 20Now Ornan turned and saw the angel;
and his four sons *who were* with him hid them-
selves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat. 21So
David came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw
David. And he went out from the threshing floor,
and bowed before David with *his* face to the
ground. 22Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me
the place of *this* threshing floor, that I may build
an altar on it to the LORD. You shall grant it to me
at the full price, that the plague may be with-
drawn from the people."

23But Ornan said to David, "Take *it* to yourself,
and let my lord the king do *what is* good in his
eyes. Look, I *also* give *you* the oxen for burnt of-
ferings, the threshing implements for wood, and
the wheat for the grain offering; I give *it* all."

24Then King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will
surely buy *it* for the full price, for I will not take
what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offer-
ings with *that which* costs *me* nothing." 25So David
gave Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight
for the place. 26And David built there an altar to
the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace
offerings, and called on the LORD; and He an-
swered him from heaven by fire on the altar of
burnt offering.

27So the LORD commanded the angel, and he re-
turned his sword to its sheath.

28At that time, when David saw that the LORD
had answered him on the threshing floor of
Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there. 29For the
tabernacle of the LORD and the altar of the burnt
offering, which Moses had made in the wilder-
ness, *were* at that time at the high place in Gibeon.
30But David could not go before it to inquire of
God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of
the LORD.

### *David Prepares to Build the Temple*

22 Then David said, "This *is* the house of
the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of
burnt offering for Israel." 2So David
commanded to gather the aliens who *were* in the
land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut
hewn stones to build the house of God. 3And Da-
vid prepared iron in abundance for the nails of
the doors of the gates and for the joints, and
bronze in abundance beyond measure, 4and cedar
trees in abundance; for the Sidonians and those
from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5Now David said, "Solomon my son *is* young
and inexperienced, and the house to be built for
the LORD *must be* exceedingly magnificent, fa-
mous and glorious throughout all countries. I will
now make preparation for it." So David made
abundant preparations before his death.

6Then he called for his son Solomon, and
charged him to build a house for the LORD God of
Israel. 7And David said to Solomon: "My son, as
for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the
name of the LORD my God; 8but the word of the
LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much
blood and have made great wars; you shall not
build a house for My name, because you have
shed much blood on the earth in My sight. 9Be-
hold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a
man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his
enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon,[a]
for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his
days. 10He shall build a house for My name, and he
shall be My son, and I *will be* his Father; and I will
establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel
forever.' 11Now, my son, may the LORD be with you;
and may you prosper, and build the house of the
LORD your God, as He has said to you. 12Only may
the LORD give you wisdom and understanding,
and give you charge concerning Israel, that you
may keep the law of the LORD your God. 13Then
you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the
statutes and judgments with which the LORD
charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and
of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.
14Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for
the house of the LORD one hundred thousand tal-
ents of gold and one million talents of silver, and
bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so
abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also,
and you may add to them. 15Moreover *there are*
workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and
stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for
every kind of work. 16Of gold and silver and
bronze and iron *there is* no limit. Arise and begin
working, and the LORD be with you."

17David also commanded all the leaders of Is-
rael to help Solomon his son, *saying,* 18"*Is* not the
LORD your God with you? And has He *not* given
you rest on every side? For He has given the in-

**22:9** [a]Literally *Peaceful*

habitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people. 19Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

### *The Divisions of the Levites*

23 So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

2And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and above; and the number of individual males was thirty-eight thousand. 4Of these, twenty-four thousand *were* to look after the work of the house of the LORD, six thousand *were* officers and judges, 5four thousand *were* gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with *musical* instruments, "which I made," *said David,* "for giving praise."

6Also David separated them into divisions among the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7Of the Gershonites: Laadan[a] and Shimei. 8The sons of Laadan: the first Jehiel, then Zetham and Joel—three *in all.* 9The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziel, and Haran—three *in all.* These were the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Laadan. 10And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina,[a] Jeush, and Beriah. These *were* the four sons of Shimei. 11Jahath was the first and Zizah the second. But Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons; therefore they were assigned as one father's house.

12The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel—four *in all.* 13The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should sanctify the most holy things, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him, and to give the blessing in His name forever. 14Now the sons of Moses the man of God were reckoned to the tribe of Levi. 15The sons of Moses *were* Gershon[a] and Eliezer. 16Of the sons of Gershon, Shebuel[a] *was* the first. 17Of the descendants of Eliezer, Rehabiah was the first. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith *was* the first. 19Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah *was* the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah *was* the first and Jesshiah the second.

21The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli *were* Eleazar and Kish. 22And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but only daughters; and their brethren, the sons of Kish, took them *as wives.* 23The sons of Mushi *were* Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth—three *in all.*

24These *were* the sons of Levi by their fathers' houses—the heads of the fathers' *houses* as they were counted individually by the number of their names, who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and above.

25For David said, "The LORD God of Israel has given rest to His people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever"; 26and also to the Levites, "They shall no longer carry the tabernacle, or any of the articles for its service." 27For by the last words of David the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above; 28because their duty *was* to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers, in the purifying of all holy things and the work of the service of the house of God, 29both with the showbread and the fine flour for the grain offering, with the unleavened cakes and *what is baked in* the pan, with what is mixed and with all kinds of measures and sizes; 30to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening; 31and at every presentation of a burnt offering to the LORD on the Sabbaths and on the New Moons and on the set feasts, by number according to the ordinance governing them, regularly before the LORD; 32and that they should attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, the needs of the holy *place,* and the needs of the sons of Aaron their brethren in the work of the house of the LORD.

### *The Divisions of the Priests*

24 Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 2And Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests. 3Then David with

**23:7** [a]Spelled *Libni* in Exodus 6:17 **23:10** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Zizah* (compare verse 11). **23:15** [a]Hebrew *Gershom* (compare 6:16) **23:16** [a]Spelled *Shubael* in 24:20

Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to the schedule of their service.

4There were more leaders found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and *thus* they were divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *were* sixteen heads of *their* fathers' houses, and eight heads of their fathers' houses among the sons of Ithamar. 5Thus they were divided by lot, one group as another, for there were officials of the sanctuary and officials *of the house* of God, from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar. 6And the scribe, Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, *one of* the Levites, wrote them down before the king, the leaders, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and Levites, one father's house taken for Eleazar and *one* for Ithamar.

7Now the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 9the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 10the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, 12the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 13the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 14the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 15the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez,[a] 16the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,[a] 17the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, 18the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

19This *was* the schedule of their service for coming into the house of the LORD according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

### *Other Levites*

20And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael;[a] of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. 22Of the Izharites, Shelomoth;[a] of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. 23Of the sons *of Hebron,*[a] Jeriah *was the first,*[b] Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, *and* Jekameam the fourth. 24*Of* the sons of Uzziel, Michah; of the sons of Michah, Shamir. 25The brother of Michah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. 26The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno. 27The sons of Merari by Jaaziah *were* Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri. 28Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. 29Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.

30Also the sons of Mushi *were* Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

31These also cast lots just as their brothers the sons of Aaron did, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and Levites. The chief fathers *did* just as their younger brethren.

### *The Musicians*

25 Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service *some* of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who *should* prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was: 2Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah;[a] the sons of Asaph *were* under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. 3Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri,[a] Jeshaiah, *Shimei,* Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six,[b] under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD. 4Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel,[a] Shebuel,[b] Jerimoth,[c] Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth. 5All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to exalt his horn.[a] For God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6All these *were* under the direction of their father for the music *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman *were* under the authority of the king. 7So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all who were skillful, *was* two hundred and eighty-eight.

8And they cast lots for their duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student.

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**24:15** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Aphses.* **24:16** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Jehezkel.* **24:20** [a]Spelled *Shebuel* in 23:16 **24:22** [a]Spelled *Shelomith* in 23:18 **24:23** [a]Supplied from 23:19 (following some Hebrew manuscripts and Septuagint manuscripts) [b]Supplied from 23:19 (following some Hebrew manuscripts and Septuagint manuscripts) **25:2** [a]Spelled *Jesharelah* in verse 14 **25:3** [a]Spelled *Jizri* in verse 11 [b]*Shimei,* appearing in one Hebrew and several Septuagint manuscripts, completes the total of six sons (compare verse 17). **25:4** [a]Spelled *Azarel* in verse 18 [b]Spelled *Shubael* in verse 20 [c]Spelled *Jeremoth* in verse 22 **25:5** [a]That is, to increase his power or influence

9Now the first lot for Asaph came out for Joseph; the second for Gedaliah, him with his brethren and sons, twelve; 10the third for Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 11the fourth for Jizri,[a] his sons and his brethren, twelve; 12the fifth for Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 13the sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 14the seventh for Jesharelah,[a] his sons and his brethren, twelve; 15the eighth for Jeshaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 16the ninth for Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 17the tenth for Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 18the eleventh for Azarel,[a] his sons and his brethren, twelve; 19the twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 20the thirteenth for Shubael,[a] his sons and his brethren, twelve; 21the fourteenth for Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 22the fifteenth for Jeremoth,[a] his sons and his brethren, twelve; 23the sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 24the seventeenth for Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 25the eighteenth for Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 26the nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 27the twentieth for Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 28the twenty-first for Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 29the twenty-second for Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 30the twenty-third for Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 31the twenty-fourth for Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

### *The Gatekeepers*

**26** Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. 2And the sons of Meshelemiah *were* Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4Moreover the sons of Obed-Edom *were* Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, 5Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him.

6Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born who governed their fathers' houses, because they *were* men of great ability. 7The sons of Shemaiah *were* Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers Elihu and Semachiah *were* able men.

8All these *were* of the sons of Obed-Edom, they and their sons and their brethren, able men with strength for the work: sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

9And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, eighteen able men.

10Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the first (for *though* he was not the firstborn, his father made him the first), 11Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

12Among these *were* the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, *having* duties just like their brethren, to serve in the house of the LORD. 13And they cast lots for each gate, the small as well as the great, according to their father's house. 14The lot for the East *Gate* fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots *for* his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for the North Gate; 15to Obed-Edom the South Gate, and to his sons the storehouse.[a] 16To Shuppim and Hosah *the lot came out* for the West Gate, with the Shallecheth Gate on the ascending highway—watchman opposite watchman. 17On the east *were* six Levites, on the north four each day, on the south four each day, and for the storehouse[a] two by two. 18As for the Parbar[a] on the west, *there were* four on the highway *and* two at the Parbar. 19These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Korah and among the sons of Merari.

### *The Treasuries and Other Duties*

20Of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the treasuries of the house of God and over the treasuries of the dedicated things. 21The sons of Laadan, the descendants of the Gershonites of Laadan, heads of their fathers' *houses,* of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli. 22The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, *were* over the treasuries of the house of the LORD. 23Of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: 24Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* overseer of the treasuries. 25And his brethren by Eliezer *were* Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

26This Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasuries of the dedicated things which King

**25:11** [a]Spelled *Zeri* in verse 3 **25:14** [a]Spelled *Asharelah* in verse 2 **25:18** [a]Spelled *Uzziel* in verse 4 **25:20** [a]Spelled *Shebuel* in verse 4 **25:22** [a]Spelled *Jerimoth* in verse 4 **26:15** [a]Hebrew *asuppim* **26:17** [a]Hebrew *asuppim* **26:18** [a]Probably a court or colonnade extending west of the temple

David and the heads of fathers' *houses,* the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. [27]Some of the spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain the house of the LORD. [28]And all that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, every dedicated *thing,* was under the hand of Shelomith and his brethren.

[29]Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *performed* duties as officials and judges over Israel outside Jerusalem.

[30]Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, one thousand seven hundred able men, had the oversight of Israel on the west side of the Jordan for all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. [31]Among the Hebronites, Jerijah *was* head of the Hebronites according to his genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought, and there were found among them capable men at Jazer of Gilead. [32]And his brethren *were* two thousand seven hundred able men, heads of fathers' *houses,* whom King David made officials over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God and the affairs of the king.

### *The Military Divisions*

27 And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' *houses,* the captains of thousands and hundreds and their officers, served the king in every matter of the *military* divisions. *These divisions* came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division *having* twenty-four thousand.

[2]Over the first division for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel, and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand; [3]*he was* of the children of Perez, and the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. [4]Over the division of the second month *was* Dodai[a] an Ahohite, and of his division Mikloth also *was* the leader; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [5]The third captain of the army for the third month *was* Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, who was chief; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [6]This was the Benaiah *who was* mighty *among* the thirty, and was over the thirty; in his division *was* Ammizabad his son. [7]The fourth *captain* for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [8]The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth[a] the Izrahite; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [9]The sixth *captain* for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [10]The seventh *captain* for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [11]The eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sibbechai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [12]The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [13]The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [14]The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. [15]The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* Heldai[a] the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

### *Leaders of Tribes*

[16]Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the officer over the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri; over the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah; [17]*over* the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; over the Aaronites, Zadok; [18]*over* Judah, Elihu, *one* of David's brothers; *over* Issachar, Omri the son of Michael; [19]*over* Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; *over* Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel; [20]*over* the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; *over* the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah; [21]*over* the half-*tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; *over* Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner; [22]*over* Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the leaders of the tribes of Israel.

[23]But David did not take the number of those twenty years old and under, because the LORD had said He would multiply Israel like the stars of the heavens. [24]Joab the son of Zeruiah began a census, but he did not finish, for wrath came upon Israel because of this census; nor was the number recorded in the account of the chronicles of King David.

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**27:4** [a]Hebrew *Dodai,* usually spelled *Dodo* (compare 2 Samuel 23:9) **27:8** [a]Spelled *Shammoth* in 11:27 and *Shammah* in 2 Samuel 23:11 **27:15** [a]Spelled *Heled* in 11:30 and *Heleb* in 2 Samuel 23:29

*Other State Officials*

25And Azmaveth the son of Adiel *was* over the king's treasuries; and Jehonathan the son of Uzziah was over the storehouses in the field, in the cities, in the villages, and in the fortresses. 26Ezri the son of Chelub was over those who did the work of the field for tilling the ground. 27And Shimei the Ramathite *was* over the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine. 28Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that *were* in the lowlands, and Joash *was* over the store of oil. 29And Shitrai the Sharonite *was* over the herds that fed in Sharon, and Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the herds *that were* in the valleys. 30Obil the Ishmaelite *was* over the camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite *was* over the donkeys, 31and Jaziz the Hagrite *was* over the flocks. All these *were* the officials over King David's property.

32Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, *was* a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons. 33Ahithophel *was* the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite *was* the king's companion. 34After Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then Abiathar. And the general of the king's army *was* Joab.

*Solomon Instructed to Build the Temple*

28 Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor.

2Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I *had* it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. 3But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you *have been* a man of war and have shed blood.' 4However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah *to be* the ruler. And of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make *me* king over all Israel. 5And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. 6Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon *who* shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him *to be* My son, and I will be his Father. 7Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.' 8Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave *it* as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

9"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. 10Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

11Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the

**THE HEART** **1 God Sees Beyond Outward Appearances**

► *See* **1 Chronicles 28:9**

When God looks at you, He does not judge you by your outward appearance. King David challenged his son Solomon to consider this truth. God knows what you are really like despite the image you may try to show others.

First Samuel 16:7 says, "But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.' "

When Samuel, searching for a new king for Israel, is influenced by outward appearances, the Lord reminds him to look at the heart. God is not impressed by your exterior; He cares about the condition of your heart.

► *Now turn to page 930 for Mark 7:21, 22 and Point 2. God Reveals the Heart's True Condition.*

place of the mercy seat; [12]and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; [13]also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the articles of service in the house of the LORD. [14]*He gave* gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service; also *silver* for all articles of silver by weight, for all articles used in every kind of service; [15]the weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand. [16]And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and silver for the tables of silver; [17]also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden bowls—*he gave gold* by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls, *silver* by weight for every bowl; [18]and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread *their wings* and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the LORD. [19]"All *this,*" *said David,* "the LORD made me understand in writing, by *His* hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

[20]And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do *it;* do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—*will be* with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. [21]*Here are* the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and every willing craftsman *will be* with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people *will be* completely at your command."

### *Offerings for Building the Temple*

**29** Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, *is* young and inexperienced; and the work *is* great, because the temple[a] *is* not for man but for the LORD God. [2]Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for *things to be made of* gold, silver for *things of* silver, bronze for *things of* bronze, iron for *things of* iron, wood for *things of* wood, onyx stones, *stones* to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance. [3]Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: [4]three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; [5]the gold for *things of* gold and the silver for *things of* silver, and for all kinds of work *to be done* by the hands of craftsmen. Who *then* is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

[6]Then the leaders of the fathers' *houses,* leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly. [7]They gave for the work of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. [8]And whoever had *precious* stones gave *them* to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the hand of Jehiel[a] the Gershonite. [9]Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

### *David's Praise to God*

[10]Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said:

"Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our
Father, forever and ever.
[11] Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours;*
Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD,
And You are exalted as head over all.
[12] Both riches and honor *come* from You,
And You reign over all.
In Your hand *is* power and might;
In Your hand *it is* to make great
And to give strength to all.
[13] "Now therefore, our God,
We thank You
And praise Your glorious name.

**29:1** [a]Literally *palace* **29:8** [a]Possibly the same as *Jehieli* (compare 26:21, 22)

14 But who *am* I, and who *are* my people,
That we should be able to offer so willingly as this?
For all things *come* from You,
And of Your own we have given You.
15 For we *are* aliens and pilgrims before You,
As *were* all our fathers;
Our days on earth *are* as a shadow,
And without hope.

16"O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and *is* all Your own. 17I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things;* and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You. 18O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You. 19And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all *these things,* and to build the temple[a] for which I have made provision."

20Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." So all the assembly blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king.

### *Solomon Anointed King*

21And they made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the next day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. 22So they ate and drank before the LORD with great gladness on that day. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* before the LORD *to be* the leader, and Zadok *to be* priest. 23Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to King Solomon. 25So the LORD exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

### *The Close of David's Reign*

26Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27And the period that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three *years* he reigned in Jerusalem. 28So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place. 29Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, 30with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

**29:19** [a]Literally *palace*

**TITHING** **1 EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS FROM GOD**

▶ *See* **1 CHRONICLES 29:12–14**

Everything we have belongs to God. He, in turn, gives to us. David, the king of Israel, had asked his people for an offering to build the temple for God. Overwhelmed by their gift, David responded with this prayer of thanksgiving and praise. He understood that, while the people had been generous, God was the ultimate source of wealth and every provision.

When you begin to understand this principle, you can give with joy. When you give to God, you are simply giving back what is rightfully His, grateful for what He has given to you. A tithe is not a "tax" imposed on Christians; it is your acknowledgment of God's blessing and goodness to you. When you tithe, you are proclaiming to God that you are dependent on *Him* rather than on yourself, your job, or your riches.

▶ *Now turn to page 1093 for 2 Corinthians 9:6–8 and Point 2. Giving Should Be Prompted by Love and a Personal Commitment to Christ.*

# The Second Book of the
# CHRONICLES

### *Solomon Requests Wisdom*

1 Now Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God *was* with him and exalted him exceedingly.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' *houses.* 3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness. 4 But David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim to *the place* David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put[a] before the tabernacle of the Lord; Solomon and the assembly sought Him *there.* 6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which *was* at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

8 And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

11 Then God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king— 12 wisdom and knowledge *are* granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who *were* before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

### *Solomon's Military and Economic Power*

13 So Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place that *was* at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of meeting, and reigned over Israel. 14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem. 15 Also the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as abundant as the sycamores which *are* in the lowland. 16 And Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price. 17 They also acquired and imported from Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty; thus, through their agents,[a] they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

### *Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple*

2 Then Solomon determined to build a temple for the name of the Lord, and a royal house for himself. 2 Solomon selected seventy thousand men to bear burdens, eighty thousand to quarry *stone* in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.

3 Then Solomon sent to Hiram[a] king of Tyre, saying:

> As you have dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in, *so deal with me.* 4 Behold, I am building a temple for the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate *it* to Him, to burn before Him sweet incense, for the continual showbread, for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, on the New Moons, and on the set feasts of the Lord our God. This *is an ordinance* forever to Israel.
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> 5 And the temple which I build *will be* great, for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who *am* I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?
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> 7 Therefore send me at once a man skillful to work in gold and silver, in bronze and iron,

**1:5** [a]Some authorities read *it was there.* **1:17** [a]Literally *by their hands* **2:3** [a]Hebrew *Huram* (compare 1 Kings 5:1)

in purple and crimson and blue, who has skill to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. 8Also send me cedar and cypress and algum logs from Lebanon, for I know that your servants have skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and indeed my servants *will be* with your servants, 9to prepare timber for me in abundance, for the temple which I am about to build *shall be* great and wonderful.

10 And indeed I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty thousand kors of ground wheat, twenty thousand kors of barley, twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11Then Hiram king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon:

Because the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them.

12Hiram[a] also said:

Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for the LORD and a royal house for himself!

13 And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Huram[a] my master[b] *craftsman* 14(the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan which may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

15 Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants. 16And we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you need; we will bring it to you in rafts by sea to Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem.

17Then Solomon numbered all the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel, after the census in which David his father had numbered them; and there were found to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred. 18And he made seventy thousand of them bearers of burdens, eighty thousand stonecutters in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work.

### *Solomon Builds the Temple*

3 Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where *the LORD*[a] had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan[b] the Jebusite. 2And he began to build on the second *day* of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

3This is the foundation which Solomon laid for building the house of God: The length *was* sixty cubits (by cubits according to the former measure) and the width twenty cubits. 4And the vestibule that *was* in front *of the sanctuary*[a] was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the height *was* one hundred and[b] twenty. He overlaid the inside with pure gold. 5The larger room[a] he paneled with cypress which he overlaid with fine gold, and he carved palm trees and chainwork on it. 6And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold *was* gold from Parvaim. 7He also overlaid the house—the beams and doorposts, its walls and doors—with gold; and he carved cherubim on the walls.

8And he made the Most Holy Place. Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six hundred talents of fine gold. 9The weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold; and he overlaid the upper area with gold. 10In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim, fashioned by carving, and overlaid them with gold. 11The wings of the cherubim *were* twenty cubits in *overall* length: one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing *was* five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub; 12*one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing *also was* five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub. 13The wings of these cherubim spanned twenty cubits overall. They stood on

**2:12** [a]Hebrew *Huram* (compare 1 Kings 5:1) **2:13** [a]Spelled *Hiram* in 1 Kings 7:13 [b]Literally *father* (compare 1 Kings 7:13, 14)
**3:1** [a]Literally *He,* following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *the LORD;* Targum reads *the Angel of the LORD.* [b]Spelled *Araunah* in 2 Samuel 24:16ff **3:4** [a]The main room of the temple; elsewhere called the holy place (compare 1 Kings 6:3) [b]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Arabic, some manuscripts of the Septuagint, and Syriac omit *one hundred and.*
**3:5** [a]Literally *house*

their feet, and they faced inward. 14And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.

15Also he made in front of the temple[a] two pillars thirty-five[b] cubits high, and the capital that *was* on the top of each of *them* was five cubits. 16He made wreaths of chainwork, as in the inner sanctuary, and put *them* on top of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the wreaths of chainwork. 17Then he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; he called the name of the one on the right hand Jachin, and the name of the one on the left Boaz.

### *Furnishings of the Temple*

4 Moreover he made a bronze altar: twenty cubits was its length, twenty cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.

2Then he made the Sea of cast *bronze,* ten cubits from one brim to the other; *it was* completely round. Its height *was* five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. 3And under it *was* the likeness of oxen encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The oxen *were* cast in two rows, when it was cast. 4It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea *was set* upon them, and all their back parts *pointed* inward. 5It *was* a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, *like* a lily blossom. It contained three thousand[a] baths.

6He also made ten lavers, and put five on the right side and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they would wash in them, but the Sea *was* for the priests to wash in. 7And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their design, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. 8He also made ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred bowls of gold.

9Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court and doors for the court; and he overlaid these doors with bronze. 10He set the Sea on the right side, toward the southeast.

11Then Huram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. So Huram finished doing the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of God: 12the two pillars and the bowl-shaped capitals *that were* on top of the two pillars; the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which *were* on top of the pillars; 13four hundred pomegranates for the two networks (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that *were* on the pillars); 14he also made carts and the lavers on the carts; 15one Sea and twelve oxen under it; 16also the pots, the shovels, the forks—and all their articles Huram his master[a] *craftsman* made of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD.

17In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth and Zeredah.[a] 18And Solomon had all these articles made in such great abundance that the weight of the bronze was not determined.

19Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of God: the altar of gold and the tables on which *was* the showbread; 20the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, to burn in the prescribed manner in front of the inner sanctuary, 21with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold, of purest gold; 22the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold. As for the entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to the Most Holy *Place,* and the doors of the main hall of the temple, *were* gold.

5 So all the work that Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and all the furnishings. And he put *them* in the treasuries of the house of God.

### *The Ark Brought into the Temple*

2Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, in Jerusalem, that they might bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD up from the City of David, which *is* Zion. 3Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with the king at the feast, which *was* in the seventh month. 4So all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark. 5Then they brought up the ark, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that *were* in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up. 6Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were as-

**3:15** [a]Literally *house* [b]Or *eighteen* (compare 1 Kings 7:15; 2 Kings 25:17; and Jeremiah 52:21) **4:5** [a]Or *two thousand* (compare 1 Kings 7:26) **4:16** [a]Literally *father* **4:17** [a]Spelled *Zaretan* in 1 Kings 7:46

sembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 7Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple,[a] to the Most Holy *Place,* under the wings of the cherubim. 8For the cherubim spread *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. 9The poles extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen from *the holy place,* in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 10Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put *there* at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.

11And it came to pass when the priests came out of the *Most* Holy *Place* (for all the priests who *were* present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), 12and the Levites *who were* the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets— 13indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying:*

"*For He is* good,
For His mercy *endures* forever,"[a]

That the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

6 Then Solomon spoke:

"The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud.
2 I have surely built You an exalted house,
And a place for You to dwell in forever."

### *Solomon's Speech upon Completion of the Work*

3Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. 4And he said: "Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands *what* He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying, 5'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel *in which* to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. 6Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.' 7Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple[a] for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 8But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. 9Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.' 10So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 11And there I have put the ark, in which *is* the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel."

### *Solomon's Prayer of Dedication*

12Then *Solomon*[a] stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands 13(for Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven); 14and he said: "LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. 15You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled *it* with Your hand, as *it is* this day. 16Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.' 17And now, O LORD God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David.

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**5:7** [a]Literally *house* **5:13** [a]Compare Psalm 106:1 **6:7** [a]Literally *house,* and so in verses 8–10 **6:12** [a]Literally *he* (compare 1 Kings 8:22)

18 "But will God indeed dwell with men on the
earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens
cannot contain You. How much less this temple[a]
which I have built! 19 Yet regard the prayer of Your
servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and
listen to the cry and the prayer which Your ser-
vant is praying before You: 20 that Your eyes may be
open toward this temple day and night, toward
the place where *You* said *You would* put Your
name, that You may hear the prayer which Your
servant makes toward this place. 21 And may You
hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your
people Israel, when they pray toward this place.
Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when
You hear, forgive.

22 "If anyone sins against his neighbor, and is
forced to take an oath, and comes *and* takes an
oath before Your altar in this temple, 23 then hear
from heaven, and act, and judge Your servants,
bringing retribution on the wicked by bringing
his way on his own head, and justifying the right-
eous by giving him according to his righteous-
ness.

24 "Or if Your people Israel are defeated before
an enemy because they have sinned against You,
and return and confess Your name, and pray and
make supplication before You in this temple,
25 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of
Your people Israel, and bring them back to the
land which You gave to them and their fathers.

26 "When the heavens are shut up and there is
no rain because they have sinned against You,
when they pray toward this place and confess
Your name, and turn from their sin because You
afflict them, 27 then hear *in* heaven, and forgive the
sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You
may teach them the good way in which they
should walk; and send rain on Your land which
You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

28 "When there is famine in the land, pestilence
or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers;
when their enemies besiege them in the land of
their cities; whatever plague or whatever sick-
ness *there is;* 29 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is *made* by anyone, or by all Your people
Israel, when each one knows his own burden and
his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this
temple: 30 then hear from heaven Your dwelling
place, and forgive, and give to everyone accord-
ing to all his ways, whose heart You know (for
You alone know the hearts of the sons of men),
31 that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as
long as they live in the land which You gave to
our fathers.

32 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not
of Your people Israel, but has come from a far
country for the sake of Your great name and Your
mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when
they come and pray in this temple; 33 then hear
from heaven Your dwelling place, and do accord-
ing to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that
all peoples of the earth may know Your name and
fear You, as *do* Your people Israel, and that they
may know that this temple which I have built is
called by Your name.

34 "When Your people go out to battle against
their enemies, wherever You send them, and
when they pray to You toward this city which You
have chosen and the temple which I have built for
Your name, 35 then hear from heaven their prayer
and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 "When they sin against You (for *there is* no
one who does not sin), and You become angry
with them and deliver them to the enemy, and
they take them captive to a land far or near; 37 *yet*
when they come to themselves in the land where
they were carried captive, and repent, and make
supplication to You in the land of their captivity,
saying, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong, and
have committed wickedness'; 38 and *when* they re-
turn to You with all their heart and with all their
soul in the land of their captivity, where they have
been carried captive, and pray toward their land
which You gave to their fathers, the city which You
have chosen, and toward the temple which I have
built for Your name: 39 then hear from heaven Your
dwelling place their prayer and their supplica-
tions, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your
people who have sinned against You. 40 Now, my
God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and *let* Your ears
*be* attentive to the prayer *made* in this place.

41 "Now therefore,
Arise, O LORD God, to Your resting place,
You and the ark of Your strength.
Let Your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with
salvation,
And let Your saints rejoice in goodness.

42 "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of
Your Anointed;
Remember the mercies of Your servant
David."[a]

**6:18** [a]Literally *house* **6:42** [a]Compare Psalm 132:8–10

### *Solomon Dedicates the Temple*

7 When Solomon had finished praying, fire
came down from heaven and consumed the
burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the
glory of the LORD filled the temple.[a] 2And
the priests could not enter the house of the LORD,
because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's
house. 3When all the children of Israel saw how
the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on
the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground
on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the
LORD, *saying:*

"For *He is* good,
For His mercy *endures* forever."[a]

4Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. 5King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, "For His mercy *endures* forever,"[a] whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

7Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that *was* in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

8At that time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt.[a] 9And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that the LORD had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel. 11Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the LORD and in his own house.

### *God's Second Appearance to Solomon*

12Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place. 16For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 17As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 18then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail *to have* a man as ruler in Israel.'

19"But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, 20then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21"And *as for* this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and this house?' 22Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.'"

### *Solomon's Additional Achievements*

8 It came to pass at the end of twenty years,
when Solomon had built the house of the
LORD and his own house, 2that the cities
which Hiram[a] had given to Solomon, Solomon
built them; and he settled the children of Israel
there. 3And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah and
seized it. 4He also built Tadmor in the wilderness,
and all the storage cities which he built in
Hamath. 5He built Upper Beth Horon and Lower

**7:1** [a]Literally *house* **7:3** [a]Compare Psalm 106:1 **7:6** [a]Compare Psalm 106:1 **7:8** [a]That is, the Shihor (compare 1 Chronicles 13:5) **8:2** [a]Hebrew *Huram* (compare 2 Chronicles 2:3)

Beth Horon, fortified cities *with* walls, gates, and bars, [6]also Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities and the cities of the cavalry, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

[7]All the people *who were* left of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who *were* not of Israel— [8]that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel did not destroy—from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day. [9]But Solomon did not make the children of Israel servants for his work. Some *were* men of war, captains of his officers, captains of his chariots, and his cavalry. [10]And others *were* chiefs of the officials of King Solomon: two hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people.

[11]Now Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh up from the City of David to the house he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places* to which the ark of the LORD has come are holy."

[12]Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD which he had built before the vestibule, [13]according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three appointed yearly feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. [14]And, according to the order of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, the Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate; for so David the man of God had commanded. [15]They did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasuries.

[16]Now all the work of Solomon was well-ordered from[a] the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed.

[17]Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and Elath[a] on the seacoast, in the land of Edom. [18]And Hiram sent him ships by the hand of his servants, and servants who knew the sea. They went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

### *The Queen of Sheba's Praise of Solomon*

9 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, *having* a very great retinue, camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. [2]So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for Solomon that he could not explain it to her. [3]And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, [4]the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

[5]Then she said to the king: "*It was* a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. [6]However I did not believe their words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You exceed the fame of which I heard. [7]Happy *are* your men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! [8]Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne *to be* king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

[9]And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones; there never were any spices such as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

[10]Also, the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum[a] wood and precious stones. [11]And the king made walkways *of* the algum[a] wood for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers; and there were none such *as these* seen before in the land of Judah.

[12]Now King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, *much more* than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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**8:16** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *as far as*. **8:17** [a]Hebrew *Eloth* (compare 2 Kings 14:22) **9:10** [a]Or *almug* (compare 1 Kings 10:11, 12) **9:11** [a]Or *almug* (compare 1 Kings 10:11, 12)

*Solomon's Great Wealth*

13The weight of gold that came to Solomon
yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of
gold, 14besides *what* the traveling merchants and
traders brought. And all the kings of Arabia and
governors of the country brought gold and silver
to Solomon. 15And King Solomon made two hun-
dred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred
*shekels* of hammered gold went into each shield.
16*He* also *made* three hundred shields of ham-
mered gold; three hundred *shekels*[a] of gold went
into each shield. The king put them in the House
of the Forest of Lebanon.

17Moreover the king made a great throne of
ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18The throne
*had* six steps, with a footstool of gold, *which were*
fastened to the throne; there were armrests on ei-
ther side of the place of the seat, and two lions
stood beside the armrests. 19Twelve lions stood
there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing
like *this* had been made for any *other* kingdom.

20All King Solomon's drinking vessels *were*
gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest
of Lebanon *were* pure gold. Not *one was* silver, for
this was accounted as nothing in the days of Sol-
omon. 21For the king's ships went to Tarshish with
the servants of Hiram.[a] Once every three years
the merchant ships[b] came, bringing gold, silver,
ivory, apes, and monkeys.[c]

22So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of
the earth in riches and wisdom. 23And all the
kings of the earth sought the presence of Sol-
omon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in
his heart. 24Each man brought his present: articles
of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices,
horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

25Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses
and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen
whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with
the king at Jerusalem.

26So he reigned over all the kings from the
River[a] to the land of the Philistines, as far as the
border of Egypt. 27The king made silver *as com-
mon* in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar
trees as abundant as the sycamores which *are* in
the lowland. 28And they brought horses to Sol-
omon from Egypt and from all lands.

*Death of Solomon*

29Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and
last, *are* they not written in the book of Nathan
the prophet, in the prophecy of Ahijah the
Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer con-
cerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30Solomon
reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
31Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was
buried in the City of David his father. And Reho-
boam his son reigned in his place.

*The Revolt Against Rehoboam*

10 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all
Israel had gone to Shechem to make
him king. 2So it happened, when Jer-
oboam the son of Nebat heard *it* (he was in Egypt,
where he had fled from the presence of King Sol-
omon), that Jeroboam returned from Egypt.
3Then they sent for him and called him. And Jer-
oboam and all Israel came and spoke to Reho-
boam, saying, 4"Your father made our yoke heavy;
now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of
your father and his heavy yoke which he put on
us, and we will serve you."

5So he said to them, "Come back to me after
three days." And the people departed.

6Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders
who stood before his father Solomon while he
still lived, saying, "How do you advise *me* to an-
swer these people?"

7And they spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind
to these people, and please them, and speak good
words to them, they will be your servants forever."

8But he rejected the advice which the elders had
given him, and consulted the young men who had
grown up with him, who stood before him. 9And
he said to them, "What advice do you give? How
should we answer this people who have spoken to
me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father
put on us'?"

10Then the young men who had grown up with
him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak
to the people who have spoken to you, saying,
'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it*
lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My lit-
tle *finger* shall be thicker than my father's waist!
11And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on
you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised
you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with
scourges!'"[a]

12So Jeroboam and all the people came to Reho-
boam on the third day, as the king had directed,

**9:16** [a]Or *three minas* (compare 1 Kings 10:17) **9:21** [a]Hebrew *Huram* (compare 1 Kings 10:22) [b]Literally *ships of Tarshish* (deep-sea vessels) [c]Or *peacocks* **9:26** [a]That is, the Euphrates
**10:11** [a]Literally *scorpions*

saying, "Come back to me the third day." [13]Then the king answered them roughly. King Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders, [14]and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father[a] made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scourges!"[b] [15]So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn *of events* was from God, that the LORD might fulfill His word, which He had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

[16]Now when all Israel *saw* that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

"What share have we in David?
*We have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse.
Every man to your tents, O Israel!
Now see to your own house, O David!"

So all Israel departed to their tents. [17]But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

[18]Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who *was* in charge of revenue; but the children of Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted *his* chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem. [19]So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

**11** Now when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled from the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men* who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

[2]But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, [3]"Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, [4]'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not go up or fight against your brethren! Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me."'" Therefore they obeyed the words of the LORD, and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.

### *Rehoboam Fortifies the Cities*

[5]So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. [6]And he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, [7]Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam, [8]Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, [9]Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, [10]Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and Benjamin, fortified cities. [11]And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine. [12]Also in every city *he put* shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

### *Priests and Levites Move to Judah*

[13]And from all their territories the priests and the Levites who *were* in all Israel took their stand with him. [14]For the Levites left their commonlands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to the LORD. [15]Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made. [16]And after *the Levites left,*[a] those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers. [17]So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

### *The Family of Rehoboam*

[18]Then Rehoboam took for himself as wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, *and of* Abihail the daughter of Eliah the son of Jesse. [19]And she bore him children: Jeush, Shamariah, and Zaham. [20]After her he took Maachah the granddaughter[a] of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith. [21]Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and begot twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters. [22]And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah as chief, *to be* leader among his brothers; for he *intended* to make him king. [23]He dealt wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives *for them.*

### *Egypt Attacks Judah*

**12** Now it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel along with him.

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**10:14** [a]Following many Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate (compare verse 10 and 1 Kings 12:14); Masoretic Text reads *I.* [b]Literally *scorpions* **11:16** [a]Literally *after them* **11:20** [a]Literally *daughter,* but in the broader sense of granddaughter (compare 2 Chronicles 13:2)

[2]And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD, [3]with twelve hundred chariots, sixty thousand horsemen, and people without number who came with him out of Egypt—the Lubim and the Sukkiim and the Ethiopians. [4]And he took the fortified cities of Judah and came to Jerusalem.

[5]Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says the LORD: 'You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.'"

[6]So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, "The LORD *is* righteous."

[7]Now when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. [8]Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may distinguish My service from the service of the kingdoms of the nations."

[9]So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields which Solomon had made. [10]Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed *them* to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house. [11]And whenever the king entered the house of the LORD, the guard would go and bring them out; then they would take them back into the guardroom. [12]When he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and things also went well in Judah.

### *The End of Rehoboam's Reign*

[13]Thus King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he became king; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess. [14]And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.

[15]The acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. [16]So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. Then Abijah[a] his son reigned in his place.

### *Abijah Reigns in Judah*

13 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah. [2]He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Michaiah[a] the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. [3]Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty men of valor.

[4]Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which *is* in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: [5]Should you not know that the LORD God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt? [6]Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his lord. [7]Then worthless rogues gathered to him, and strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them. [8]And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you *are* a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves which Jeroboam made for you as gods. [9]Have you not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of *other* lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of *things that are* not gods? [10]But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to the LORD *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *attend* to *their* duties. [11]And they burn to the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; *they* also *set* the showbread *in order on* the pure *gold* table, and the lampstand of gold

**12:16** [a]Spelled *Abijam* in 1 Kings 14:31 **13:2** [a]Spelled *Maachah* in 11:20, 21 and 1 Kings 15:2

with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him. 12Now look, God Himself is with us as *our* head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!"

13But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them. 14And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line *was* at both front and rear; and they cried out to the LORD, and the priests sounded the trumpets. 15Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. 17Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain. 18Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the LORD God of their fathers.

19And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephrain[a] with its villages. 20So Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and the LORD struck him, and he died.

21But Abijah grew mighty, married fourteen wives, and begot twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. 22Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings *are* written in the annals of the prophet Iddo.

14 So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet for ten years.

### *Asa Reigns in Judah*

2Asa did *what was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God, 3for he removed the altars of the foreign *gods* and the high places, and broke down the *sacred* pillars and cut down the wooden images. 4He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment. 5He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him. 6And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest. 7Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around *them,* and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought *Him,* and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered. 8And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and drew bows; all these *were* mighty men of valor.

9Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. 10So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, *it is* nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You *are* our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

12So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled. 13And Asa and the people who *were* with him pursued them to Gerar. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and they could not recover, for they were broken before the LORD and His army. And they carried away very much spoil. 14Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them. 15They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and carried off sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

### *The Reforms of Asa*

15 Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. 2And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. 3For a long time Israel *has been* without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; 4but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. 5And in those times *there was* no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil *was* on all the inhabitants of the lands. 6So nation was de-

**13:19** [a]Or *Ephron*

stroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity. 7But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"

8And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded[a] the prophet, he took courage, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the LORD that *was* before the vestibule of the LORD. 9Then he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who dwelt with them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10So they gathered together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11And they offered to the LORD at that time seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil they had brought. 12Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; 13and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams' horns. 15And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.

16Also he removed Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, from *being* queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah;[a] and Asa cut down her obscene image, then crushed and burned *it* by the Brook Kidron. 17But the high places were not removed from Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was loyal all his days.

18He also brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils. 19And there was no war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

### *Asa's Treaty with Syria*

16 In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2Then Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying, 3"*Let there be* a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. See, I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me."

4So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali. 5Now it happened, when Baasha heard *it,* that he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work. 6Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them he built Geba and Mizpah.

### *Hanani's Message to Asa*

7And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. 8Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand. 9For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars." 10Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for *he was* enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people at that time.

### *Illness and Death of Asa*

11Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, are indeed written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.

13So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign. 14They buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of David; and they laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and various ingredients prepared in a mixture of ointments. They made a very great burning for him.

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**15:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Septuagint; Syriac and Vulgate read *Azariah the son of Oded* (compare verse 1).
**15:16** [a]A Canaanite deity

*Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah*

17 Then Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken. 3Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, 4but sought the God[a] of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel. 5Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah.

7Also in the third year of his reign he sent his leaders, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. 8And with them *he sent* Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah—the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9So they taught in Judah, and *had* the Book of the Law of the LORD with them; they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

10And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. 11Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

12So Jehoshaphat became increasingly powerful, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah. 13He had much property in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, *were* in Jerusalem.

14These *are* their numbers, according to their fathers' houses. Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor; 15and next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand; 16and next to him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield; 18and next to him *was* Jehozabad, and with him one hundred and eighty thousand prepared for war. 19These served the king, besides those the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

*Micaiah Warns Ahab*

18 Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab. 2After some years he went down to *visit* Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth Gilead. 3So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of

**17:4** [a]Septuagint reads *LORD* God.

MARRIAGE, ANTICIPATING

**1 The Most Important Commitment**

▸ *See* **2 Chronicles 16:9**

You probably know of marriages where these words could apply: "In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

Though King Asa's story is not about his marriage, it is about relying on one's own wisdom in his or her commitments, rather than relying on God. Early in his reign, King Asa had been totally committed to God, obeying all His commands. And God blessed his life, protected him, and brought him peace. In this passage, King Asa is being reprimanded by God's prophet for taking matters into his own hands. Relying on his own wisdom rather than on God resulted in a defeat in battle and a future filled with war for King Asa because he refused to ask for God's help.

In order to have God's blessings and guidance and peace in your marriage, your life must be totally committed first of all to Jesus Christ and making Him Lord of your life. You must also be committed to making your marriage work.

If you have never made a commitment to Jesus Christ, see *Salvation*.

▸ *Now turn to page 753 for Lamentations 3:25, 26 and Point 2. Patience and Trust.*

Judah, "Will you go with me *against* Ramoth Gilead?"

And he answered him, "I *am* as you *are,* and my people as your people; *we will be* with you in the war."

4 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the LORD today."

5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?"

So they said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand."

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "*Is there* not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?"[a]

7 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "*There is* still one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He *is* Micaiah the son of Imla."

And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!"

8 Then the king of Israel called one *of his* officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly!"

9 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, clothed in *their* robes, sat each on his throne; and they sat at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 10 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.'"

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver *it* into the king's hand."

12 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Therefore please let your word be like *the word of* one of them, and speak encouragement."

13 And Micaiah said, "*As* the LORD lives, whatever my God says, that I will speak."

14 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?"

And he said, "Go and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand!"

15 So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

16 Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'"

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18 Then *Micaiah* said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left. 19 And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 20 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' 21 So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And *the LORD* said, 'You shall persuade *him* and also prevail; go out and do so.' 22 Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?"

24 And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!"

25 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son; 26 and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this *fellow* in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I return in peace."'"

27 But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"

### *Ahab Dies in Battle*

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. 29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots who *were* with him, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel."

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**18:6** [a] Or *him*

31So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It *is* the king of Israel!" Therefore they surrounded him to attack; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God diverted them from him. 32For so it was, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 33Now a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded." 34The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel propped *himself* up in *his* chariot facing the Syrians until evening; and about the time of sunset he died.

19 Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem. 2And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD *is* upon you. 3Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God."

### *The Reforms of Jehoshaphat*

4So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers. 5Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment. 7Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do *it,* for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."

8Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of the LORD and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem.[a] 9And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart: 10Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against the LORD and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty. 11And take notice: Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites *will be* officials before you. Behave courageously, and the LORD will be with the good."

### *Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir Defeated*

20 It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites,[a] came to battle against Jehoshaphat. 2Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria;[a] and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which *is* En Gedi). 3And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, 6and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? 7*Are* You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? 8And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, 9'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name *is* in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.' 10And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them— 11here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. 12O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes *are* upon You."

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**19:8** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *for the inhabitants of Jerusalem*. **20:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *Meunites* (compare 26:7). **20:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts and Old Latin read *Edom*.

13 Now all Judah, with their little ones, their
wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.
14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Ja-
haziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah,
the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of
the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.
15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you
inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehosha-
phat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be
afraid nor dismayed because of this great multi-
tude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. 16 To-
morrow go down against them. They will surely
come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find
them at the end of the brook before the Wilder-
ness of Jeruel. 17 You will not *need* to fight in this
*battle.* Position yourselves, stand still and see the
salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah
and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; to-
morrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with
you."
18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his*
face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabi-
tants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, wor-
shiping the LORD. 19 Then the Levites of the
children of the Kohathites and of the children of
the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of
Israel with voices loud and high.
20 So they rose early in the morning and went
out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they
went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me,
O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Be-
lieve in the LORD your God, and you shall be es-
tablished; believe His prophets, and you shall
prosper." 21 And when he had consulted with the
people, he appointed those who should sing to the
LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holi-
ness, as they went out before the army and were
saying:

"Praise the LORD,
For His mercy *endures* forever."[a]

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise,
the LORD set ambushes against the people of
Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come
against Judah; and they were defeated. 23 For the
people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the
inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and de-
stroy *them.* And when they had made an end of
the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one
another.
24 So when Judah came to a place overlooking
the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude;
and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the
earth. No one had escaped.
25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to
take away their spoil, they found among them an
abundance of valuables on the dead bodies,[a] and
precious jewelry, which they stripped off for
themselves, more than they could carry away; and
they were three days gathering the spoil because
there was so much. 26 And on the fourth day they
assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there
they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that
place was called The Valley of Berachah[a] until this
day. 27 Then they returned, every man of Judah
and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them,
to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had
made them rejoice over their enemies. 28 So they
came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments
and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD.
29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of
*those* countries when they heard that the LORD
had fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 Then
the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God
gave him rest all around.

### *The End of Jehoshaphat's Reign*

31 So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. *He was*
thirty-five years old when he became king, and he
reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His
mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of
Shilhi. 32 And he walked in the way of his father
Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing *what*
*was* right in the sight of the LORD. 33 Nevertheless
the high places were not taken away, for as yet the
people had not directed their hearts to the God of
their fathers.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first
and last, indeed they *are* written in the book of
Jehu the son of Hanani, which *is* mentioned in the
book of the kings of Israel.
35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied
himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted
very wickedly. 36 And he allied himself with him to
make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the
ships in Ezion Geber. 37 But Eliezer the son of Do-
davah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehosha-
phat, saying, "Because you have allied yourself
with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your
works." Then the ships were wrecked, so that they
were not able to go to Tarshish.

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**20:21** [a]Compare Psalm 106:1 **20:25** [a]A few Hebrew manuscripts, Old Latin, and Vulgate read *garments;* Septuagint reads *armor.* **20:26** [a]Literally *Blessing*

### *Jehoram Reigns in Judah*

21 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place. [2]He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. [3]Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he *was* the firstborn.

[4]Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also *others* of the princes of Israel.

[5]Jehoram *was* thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [6]And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. [7]Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

[8]In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. [9]So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots. [10]Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. [11]Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

[12]And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying,

> Thus says the LORD God of your father David:
> Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah, [13]but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot like the harlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers, those of your father's household, *who were* better than yourself, [14]behold, the LORD will strike your people with a serious affliction—your children, your wives, and all your possessions; [15]and you *will become* very sick with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day.

[16]Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who *were* near the Ethiopians. [17]And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz,[a] the youngest of his sons.

[18]After all this the LORD struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease. [19]Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers.

[20]He was thirty-two years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem eight years and, to no one's sorrow, departed. However they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

### *Ahaziah Reigns in Judah*

22 Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, for the raiders who came with the Arabians into the camp had killed all the older *sons.* So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, reigned. [2]Ahaziah *was* forty-two[a] years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri. [3]He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly. [4]Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction. [5]He also followed their advice, and went with Jehoram[a] the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. [6]Then he returned to Jezreel to recover from the

**21:17** [a]Elsewhere called *Ahaziah* (compare 2 Chronicles 22:1)
**22:2** [a]Or *twenty-two* (compare 2 Kings 8:26) **22:5** [a]Also spelled *Joram* (compare verses 5 and 7; 2 Kings 8:28; and elsewhere)

wounds which he had received at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah[a] the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 His going to Joram was God's occasion for Ahaziah's downfall; for when he arrived, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. 8 And it happened, when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who served Ahaziah, that he killed them. 9 Then he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him (he was hiding in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. When they had killed him, they buried him, "because," they said, "he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart."

So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom.

### *Athaliah Reigns in Judah*

10 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah. 11 But Jehoshabeath,[a] the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. 12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

### *Joash Crowned King of Judah*

23 In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, *and made a* covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri. 2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David. 4 This *is* what you shall do: One-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, *shall be* keeping watch over the doors; 5 one-third *shall be* at the king's house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD. 6 But let no one come into the house of the LORD except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they *are* holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD. 7 And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going *off duty* on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed the divisions. 9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which *had belonged* to King David, that *were* in the temple of God. 10 Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king. 11 And they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, *gave him* the Testimony,[a] and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, "*Long* live the king!"

### *Death of Athaliah*

12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people *in* the temple of the LORD. 13 *When* she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters *were* by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of the LORD."

15 So they seized her; and she went by way of the

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**22:6** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate, and 2 Kings 8:29 read *Ahaziah*. **22:11** [a]Spelled *Jehosheba* in 2 Kings 11:2 **23:11** [a]That is, the Law (compare Exodus 25:16, 21; 31:18)

entrance of the Horse Gate *into* the king's house, and they killed her there.

16Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD's people. 17And all the people went to the temple[a] of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the LORD to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was established* by David. 19And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that no one *who was* in any way unclean should enter.

20Then he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD; and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. 21So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

### *Joash Repairs the Temple*

24 Joash *was* seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba. 2Joash did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters.

4Now it happened after this *that* Joash set his heart on repairing the house of the LORD. 5Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly."

However the Levites did not do it quickly. 6So the king called Jehoiada the chief *priest,* and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of the LORD and of the assembly of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?" 7For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD to the Baals.

8Then at the king's command they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD. 9And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *had imposed* on Israel in the wilderness. 10Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their contributions, and put *them* into the chest until all had given. 11So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king's official by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, that the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore the house of the LORD. 13So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it. 14When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; they made from it articles for the house of the LORD, articles for serving and offering, spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

### *Apostasy of Joash*

15But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; *he was* one hundred and thirty years old when he died. 16And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and His house.

17Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. 18Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass. 19Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

20Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above

**23:17** [a]Literally *house*

the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.'" [21]So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. [22]Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD look on *it,* and repay!"

### *Death of Joash*

[23]So it happened in the spring of the year *that* the army of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. [24]For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; but the LORD delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. [25]And when they had withdrawn from him (for they left him severely wounded), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons[a] of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died. And they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

[26]These are the ones who conspired against him: Zabad[a] the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith[b] the Moabitess. [27]Now *concerning* his sons, and the many oracles about him, and the repairing of the house of God, indeed they *are* written in the annals of the book of the kings. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

### *Amaziah Reigns in Judah*

25 Amaziah *was* twenty-five years old *when* he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. [2]And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart.

[3]Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king. [4]However he did not execute their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin."[a]

### *The War Against Edom*

[5]Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together and set over them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, according to *their* fathers' houses, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand choice *men, able* to go to war, who could handle spear and shield. [6]He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for one hundred talents of silver. [7]But a man of God came to him, saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD *is* not with Israel—*not with* any of the children of Ephraim. [8]But if you go, be gone! Be strong in battle! *Even so,* God shall make you fall before the enemy; for God has power to help and to overthrow."

[9]Then Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what *shall we* do about the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?"

And the man of God answered, "The LORD is able to give you much more than this." [10]So Amaziah discharged the troops that had come to him from Ephraim, to go back home. Therefore their anger was greatly aroused against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

[11]Then Amaziah strengthened himself, and leading his people, he went to the Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand of the people of Seir. [12]Also the children of Judah took captive ten thousand alive, brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were dashed in pieces.

[13]But as for the soldiers of the army which Amaziah had discharged, so that they would not go with him to battle, they raided the cities of Judah from Samaria to Beth Horon, killed three thousand in them, and took much spoil.

[14]Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them. [15]Therefore the anger of the LORD was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought

**24:25** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *son* (compare verses 20–22).
**24:26** [a]Or *Jozachar* (compare 2 Kings 12:21) [b]Or *Shomer* (compare 2 Kings 12:21) **25:4** [a]Deuteronomy 24:16

the gods of the people, which could not rescue their own people from your hand?"

16So it was, as he talked with him, that *the king* said to him, "Have we made you the king's counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?"

Then the prophet ceased, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice."

### *Israel Defeats Judah*

17Now Amaziah king of Judah asked advice and sent to Joash[a] the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face one another *in battle.*"

18And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife'; and a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle. 19Indeed you say that you have defeated the Edomites, and your heart is lifted up to boast. Stay at home now; why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall—you and Judah with you?"

20But Amaziah would not heed, for it *came* from God, that He might give them into the hand *of their enemies,* because they sought the gods of Edom. 21So Joash king of Israel went out; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, which *belongs* to Judah. 22And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent. 23Then Joash the king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh; and he brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate—four hundred cubits. 24And *he took* all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of God with Obed-Edom, the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

### *Death of Amaziah*

25Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel. 26Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, indeed *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27After the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 28Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of Judah.

### *Uzziah Reigns in Judah*

26 Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah,[a] who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. 2He built Elath[a] and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

3Uzziah *was* sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. 4And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions[a] of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

6Now he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities *around* Ashdod and among the Philistines. 7God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites. 8Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong.

9And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them. 10Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; *he also had* farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil.

11Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by companies, according to the number on their roll as prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains. 12The total number of chief officers[a] of the mighty men of valor *was* two thousand six hundred. 13And under their authority *was* an army of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14Then Uzziah prepared for them, for the entire army, shields, spears, helmets,

**25:17** [a]Spelled *Jehoash* in 2 Kings 14:8ff **26:1** [a]Called *Azariah* in 2 Kings 14:21ff **26:2** [a]Hebrew *Eloth* **26:5** [a]Several Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Arabic read *fear.* **26:12** [a]Literally *chief fathers*

body armor, bows, and slings *to cast* stones. [15]And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.

### *The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride*

[16]But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to *his* destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. [17]So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men. [18]And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "*It is* not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You *shall have* no honor from the LORD God."

[19]Then Uzziah became furious; and he *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar. [20]And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he *was* leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him.

[21]King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. Then Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

[22]Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz wrote. [23]So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which *belonged* to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

### *Jotham Reigns in Judah*

27 Jotham *was* twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Jerushah[a] the daughter of Zadok. [2]And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of the LORD). But still the people acted corruptly.

[3]He built the Upper Gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively on the wall of Ophel. [4]Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. [5]He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also. [6]So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

[7]Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. [8]He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. [9]So Jotham rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the

**27:1** [a]Spelled *Jerusha* in 2 Kings 15:33

**WITNESSING AT WORK**

**1 HONORING GOD IN YOUR WORK**

► *See* **2 CHRONICLES 26:4, 5**

Uzziah became king of Judah at the age of sixteen, and while he sought God in his work, he prospered. However, when he became prideful, God withdrew His blessing and afflicted him with leprosy (2 Chronicles 26:16–20). Serve God in your daily work and ask Him to keep your eyes on Him. "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23, 24).

Jesus told a parable of a nobleman who entrusted wealth to his servants. To the one who made a wise investment and gave his master double profit, he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21).

God will reward you for your faithfulness to Him in your work; and He will be glorified in it when others see Him in you.

► *Now turn to page 625 for Isaiah 6:8 and Point 2. Preparing Yourself to Witness.*

City of David. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

### *Ahaz Reigns in Judah*

28 Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, as his father David *had done.* 2For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made molded images for the Baals. 3He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. 4And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

### *Syria and Israel Defeat Judah*

5Therefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They defeated him, and carried away a great multitude of them as captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. Then he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who defeated him with a great slaughter. 6For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. 7Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam the officer over the house, and Elkanah *who was* second to the king. 8And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand women, sons, and daughters; and they also took away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

### *Israel Returns the Captives*

9But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name *was* Oded; and he went out before the army that came to Samaria, and said to them: "Look, because the LORD God of your fathers was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand; but you have killed them in a rage *that* reaches up to heaven. 10And now you propose to force the children of Judah and Jerusalem to be your male and female slaves; *but are* you not also guilty before the LORD your God? 11Now hear me, therefore, and return the captives, whom you have taken captive from your brethren, for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you."

12Then some of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war, 13and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives here, for we *already* have offended the LORD. You intend to add to our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel." 14So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the assembly. 15Then the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them and gave them sandals, gave them food and drink, and anointed them; and they let all the feeble ones ride on donkeys. So they brought them to their brethren at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

### *Assyria Refuses to Help Judah*

16At the same time King Ahaz sent to the kings[a] of Assyria to help him. 17For again the Edomites had come, attacked Judah, and carried away captives. 18The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Sochoh with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages; and they dwelt there. 19For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to the LORD. 20Also Tiglath-Pileser[a] king of Assyria came to him and distressed him, and did not assist him. 21For Ahaz took part *of the treasures* from the house of the LORD, from the house of the king, and from the leaders, and he gave *it* to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him.

### *Apostasy and Death of Ahaz*

22Now in the time of his distress King Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to the LORD. This *is that* King Ahaz. 23For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him, saying, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel. 24So Ahaz gathered the articles of the house of God, cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25And in every single city of Judah he made high

**28:16** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *king* (compare verse 20). **28:20** [a]Hebrew *Tilgath-Pilneser*

places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.
[26]Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [27]So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem; but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

### *Hezekiah Reigns in Judah*

**29** Hezekiah became king *when he was* twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Abijah[a] the daughter of Zechariah. [2]And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

### *Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple*

[3]In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. [4]Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square, [5]and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy *place.* [6]For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the LORD our God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and turned *their* backs *on Him.* [7]They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* to the God of Israel. [8]Therefore the wrath of the LORD fell upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them up to trouble, to desolation, and to jeering, as you see with your eyes. [9]For indeed, because of this our fathers have fallen by the sword; and our sons, our daughters, and our wives *are* in captivity.
[10]"Now *it is* in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us. [11]My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."
[12]Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah; [13]of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; [14]of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.
[15]And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. [16]Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse *it,* and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it* out and carried *it* to the Brook Kidron.
[17]Now they began to sanctify on the first *day* of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. So they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.
[18]Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. [19]Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they *are,* before the altar of the LORD."

### *Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship*

[20]Then King Hezekiah rose early, gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. [21]And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. Then he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD. [22]So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled *it* on the altar. Likewise they killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar. [23]Then they brought out the male goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them. [24]And the priests killed them; and they presented their blood on the altar as a sin offering to make an atonement for all Israel, for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *be made* for all Israel.
[25]And he stationed the Levites in the house of

**29:1** [a]Spelled *Abi* in 2 Kings 18:2

the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus *was* the commandment of the LORD by His prophets. 26The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27Then Hezekiah commanded *them* to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD *also* began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all *this continued* until the burnt offering was finished. 29And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped. 30Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

31Then Hezekiah answered and said, "Now *that* you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near, and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD." So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart *brought* burnt offerings. 32And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs; all these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD. 33The consecrated things *were* six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep. 34But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings; therefore their brethren the Levites helped them until the work was ended and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves, for the Levites were more diligent in sanctifying themselves than the priests. 35Also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and *with* the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering.

So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. 36Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced that God had prepared the people, since the events took place so suddenly.

### *Hezekiah Keeps the Passover*

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel. 2For the king and his leaders and all the assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to keep the Passover in the second month. 3For they could not keep it at the regular time,[a] because a sufficient number of priests had not consecrated themselves, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem. 4And the matter pleased the king and all the assembly. 5So they resolved to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they had not done *it* for a long *time* in the *prescribed* manner.

6Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation, as you see. 8Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers *were, but* yield yourselves to the LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. 9For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children *will be treated* with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face from you if you return to Him."

10So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them. 11Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. 12Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the LORD.

13Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month. 14They arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and they took away all the incense altars

**30:3** [a]That is, the first month (compare Leviticus 23:5); literally *at that time*

and cast *them* into the Brook Kidron. [15]Then they slaughtered the Passover *lambs* on the fourteenth *day* of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings to the house of the LORD. [16]They stood in their place according to their custom, according to the Law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood *received* from the hand of the Levites. [17]For *there were* many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites had charge of the slaughter of the Passover *lambs* for everyone *who was* not clean, to sanctify *them* to the LORD. [18]For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone [19]*who* prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he is* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary." [20]And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

[21]So the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* to the LORD, accompanied by loud instruments. [22]And Hezekiah gave encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the LORD; and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

[23]Then the whole assembly agreed to keep *the feast* another seven days, and they kept it *another* seven days with gladness. [24]For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. [25]The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all the assembly that came from Israel, the sojourners who came from the land of Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah. [26]So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, *there had* been nothing like this in Jerusalem. [27]Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; and their prayer came *up* to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.

### *The Reforms of Hezekiah*

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the *sacred* pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden images, and threw down the high places and the altars—from all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh—until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned to their own cities, every man to his possession.

[2]And Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites according to their divisions, each man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and peace offerings, to serve, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp[a] of the LORD. [3]The king also *appointed* a portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings: for the morning and evening burnt offerings, the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and the New Moons and the set feasts, as *it is* written in the Law of the LORD.

[4]Moreover he commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute support for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the Law of the LORD.

[5]As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything. [6]And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought the tithe of oxen and sheep; also the tithe of holy things which were consecrated to the LORD their God they laid in heaps.

[7]In the third month they began laying them in heaps, and they finished in the seventh month. [8]And when Hezekiah and the leaders came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and His people Israel. [9]Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. [10]And Azariah the chief priest, from the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for the LORD has blessed His people; and what is left *is* this great abundance."

[11]Now Hezekiah commanded *them* to prepare rooms in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them. [12]Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things;

**31:2** [a]That is, the temple

Cononiah the Levite had charge of them, and Shimei his brother *was* the next. [13]Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. [14]Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, *was* over the freewill offerings to God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD and the most holy things. [15]And under him *were* Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, *his* faithful assistants in the cities of the priests, to distribute allotments to their brethren by divisions, to the great as well as the small.

[16]Besides those males from three years old and up who were written in the genealogy, they distributed to everyone who entered the house of the LORD his daily portion for the work of his service, by his division, [17]and to the priests who were written in the genealogy according to their father's house, and to the Levites from twenty years old and up according to their work, by their divisions, [18]and to all who were written in the genealogy—their little ones and their wives, their sons and daughters, the whole company of them—for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness.

[19]Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, *who were* in the fields of the common-lands of their cities, in every single city, *there were* men who were designated by name to distribute portions to all the males among the priests and to all who were listed by genealogies among the Levites.

[20]Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what *was* good and right and true before the LORD his God. [21]And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart. So he prospered.

### *Sennacherib Boasts Against the LORD*

32 After these deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself. [2]And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem, [3]he consulted with his leaders and commanders[a] to stop the water from the springs which *were* outside the city; and they helped him. [4]Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the springs and the brook that ran through the land, saying, "Why should the kings[a] of Assyria come and find much water?" [5]And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised *it* up to the towers, and *built* another wall outside; also he repaired the Millo[a] *in* the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. [6]Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying, [7]"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that *is* with him; for *there are* more with us than with him. [8]With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

[9]After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem (but he and all the forces with him *laid siege* against Lachish), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who *were* in Jerusalem, saying, [10]"Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria: 'In what do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem? [11]Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"? [12]Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, "You shall worship before one altar and burn incense on it"? [13]Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of *other* lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand? [14]Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand? [15]Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?'"

[16]Furthermore, his servants spoke against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

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**32:3** [a]Literally *mighty men* **32:4** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Arabic, Septuagint, and Syriac read *king*. **32:5** [a]Literally *The Landfill*

17He also wrote letters to revile the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand." 18Then they called out with a loud voice in Hebrew[a] to the people of Jerusalem who *were* on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city. 19And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth—the work of men's hands.

### *Sennacherib's Defeat and Death*

20Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. 21Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

22Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *others,* and guided them[a] on every side. 23And many brought gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

### *Hezekiah Humbles Himself*

24In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the LORD; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. 25But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor *shown* him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. 26Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

### *Hezekiah's Wealth and Honor*

27Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items; 28storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and folds for flocks.[a] 29Moreover he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much property. 30This same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought the water by tunnel[a] to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31However, *regarding* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was *done* in the land, God withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all *that was* in his heart.

### *Death of Hezekiah*

32Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, indeed they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 33So Hezekiah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the upper tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

### *Manasseh Reigns in Judah*

33 Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. 2But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. 3For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and made wooden images; and he worshiped all the host of heaven[a] and served them. 4He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem shall My name be forever." 5And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. 7He even set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers—only if they are care-

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**32:18** [a]Literally *Judean* **32:22** [a]Septuagint reads *gave them rest;* Vulgate reads *gave them treasures.* **32:28** [a]Following Septuagint and Vulgate; Arabic and Syriac omit *folds for flocks;* Masoretic Text reads *flocks for sheepfolds.* **32:30** [a]Literally *brought it straight* (compare 2 Kings 20:20) **33:3** [a]The gods of the Assyrians

ful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses." 9So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

### *Manasseh Restored After Repentance*

10And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen. 11Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks,[a] bound him with bronze *fetters,* and carried him off to Babylon. 12Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD *was* God.

14After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and *it* enclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 15He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem; and he cast *them* out of the city. 16He also repaired the altar of the LORD, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. 17Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, *but* only to the LORD their God.

### *Death of Manasseh*

18Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they *are written* in the book[a] of the kings of Israel. 19Also his prayer and *how God* received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they *are* written among the sayings of Hozai.[a] 20So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

### *Amon's Reign and Death*

21Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and served them. 23And he did not humble himself before the LORD, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

24Then his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house. 25But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

### *Josiah Reigns in Judah*

34 Josiah *was* eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David; *he* did *not* turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

3For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images. 4They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which *were* above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered *it* on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. 6And *so he did* in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around, with axes.[a] 7When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

### *Hilkiah Finds the Book of the Law*

8In the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the temple,[a] he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. 9When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God,

**33:11** [a]That is, nose hooks (compare 2 Kings 19:28)
**33:18** [a]Literally *words* **33:19** [a]Septuagint reads *the seers.*
**34:6** [a]Literally *swords* **34:8** [a]Literally *house*

which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and *which* they had brought back to Jerusalem. 10Then they put *it* in the hand of the foremen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of the LORD, to repair and restore the house. 11They gave *it* to the craftsmen and builders to buy hewn stone and timber for beams, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. 12And the men did the work faithfully. Their overseers *were* Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to supervise. *Others of* the Levites, all of whom were skillful with instruments of music, 13*were* over the burden bearers and *were* overseers of all who did work in any kind of service. And *some* of the Levites *were* scribes, officers, and gatekeepers.

14Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD *given* by Moses. 15Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. 16So Shaphan carried the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing. 17And they have gathered the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen." 18Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

19Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes. 20Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon[a] the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, 21"Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22So Hilkiah and those the king *had appointed* went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath,[a] the son of Hasrah,[b] keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.) And they spoke to her to that *effect.*

23Then she answered them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me, 24"'Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah, 25because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and not be quenched.'"' 26But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "*Concerning* the words which you have heard— 27because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard *you,*" says the LORD. 28"Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants."'" So they brought back word to the king.

### *Josiah Restores True Worship*

29Then the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30The king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the Levites, and all the people, great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. 31Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. 32And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33Thus Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country that *belonged* to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel diligently serve the LORD their God. All his days they did not depart from following the LORD God of their fathers.

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**34:20** [a]*Achbor the son of Michaiah* in 2 Kings 22:12
**34:22** [a]Spelled *Tikvah* in 2 Kings 22:14 [b]Spelled *Harhas* in 2 Kings 22:14

### *Josiah Keeps the Passover*

35 Now Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover *lambs* on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. 2And he set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of the house of the LORD. 3Then he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD: "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. *It shall* no longer *be* a burden on *your* shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel. 4Prepare *yourselves* according to your fathers' houses, according to your divisions, following the written instruction of David king of Israel and the written instruction of Solomon his son. 5And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the *lay* people, and *according to* the division of the father's house of the Levites. 6So slaughter the Passover *offerings,* consecrate yourselves, and prepare *them* for your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses."

7Then Josiah gave the *lay* people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Passover *offerings* for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, as well as three thousand cattle; these *were* from the king's possessions. 8And his leaders gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover *offerings* two thousand six hundred *from the flock,* and three hundred cattle. 9Also Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover *offerings* five thousand *from the flock* and five hundred cattle.

10So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command. 11And they slaughtered the Passover *offerings;* and the priests sprinkled *the blood* with their hands, while the Levites skinned *the animals.* 12Then they removed the burnt offerings that *they* might give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the *lay* people, to offer to the LORD, as *it is* written in the Book of Moses. And so *they did* with the cattle. 13Also they roasted the Passover *offerings* with fire according to the ordinance; but the *other* holy *offerings* they boiled in pots, in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* quickly among all the *lay* people. 14Then afterward they prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, *were busy* in offering burnt offerings and fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron. 15And the singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them.

16So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the command of King Josiah. 17And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days. 18There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept.

### *Josiah Dies in Battle*

20After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him. 21But he sent messengers to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? *I have* not *come* against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for God commanded me to make haste. Refrain *from meddling with* God, who *is* with me, lest He destroy you." 22Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of God. So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

23And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded." 24His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in *one of* the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah. And to this day all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations. They made it a custom in Israel; and indeed they *are* written in the Laments.

[26]Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his goodness, according to *what was* written in the Law of the LORD, [27]and his deeds from first to last, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

### *The Reign and Captivity of Jehoahaz*

36 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem. [2]Jehoahaz[a] *was* twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. [3]Now the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. [4]Then the king of Egypt made *Jehoahaz's*[a] brother Eliakim king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz[b] his brother and carried him off to Egypt.

### *The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiakim*

[5]Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God. [6]Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze *fetters* to carry him off to Babylon. [7]Nebuchadnezzar also carried off *some* of the articles from the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. [8]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

### *The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiachin*

[9]Jehoiachin *was* eight[a] years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months and ten days. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. [10]At the turn of the year King Nebuchadnezzar summoned *him* and took him to Babylon, with the costly articles from the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah, *Jehoiakim's*[a] brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

### *Zedekiah Reigns in Judah*

[11]Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. [12]He did evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, *who spoke* from the mouth of the LORD. [13]And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear *an oath* by God; but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel. [14]Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, *according* to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the LORD which He had consecrated in Jerusalem.

### *The Fall of Jerusalem*

[15]And the LORD God of their fathers sent *warnings* to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending *them,* because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. [16]But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till *there was* no remedy.

[17]Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave *them* all into his hand. [18]And all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all *these* he took to Babylon. [19]Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions. [20]And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, [21]to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

### *The Proclamation of Cyrus*

[22]Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying,

[23] Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:
All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who *is* among you of all His people? May the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up!

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**36:2** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Joahaz.* **36:4** [a]Literally *his* [b]Masoretic Text reads *Joahaz.* **36:9** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and 2 Kings 24:8 read *eighteen.* **36:10** [a]Literally *his* (compare 2 Kings 24:17)

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### *End of the Babylonian Captivity*

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2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:
All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD
God of heaven has given me. And He has
commanded me to build Him a house at
Jerusalem which *is* in Judah. 3Who *is*
among you of all His people? May his
God be with him, and let him go up to
Jerusalem which *is* in Judah, and build the
house of the LORD God of Israel (He *is*
God), which *is* in Jerusalem. 4And whoever
is left in any place where he dwells, let the
men of his place help him with silver and
gold, with goods and livestock, besides the
freewill offerings for the house of God
which *is* in Jerusalem.

5Then the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem. 6And all those who *were* around them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all *that* was willingly offered.

7King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods; 8and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. 9This *is* the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, 10thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar *kind, and* one thousand other articles. 11All the articles of gold and silver *were* five thousand four hundred. All *these* Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

### *The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem*

2 Now[a] these *are* the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his *own* city.

2*Those* who came with Zerubbabel *were* Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar,[a] Bigvai, Rehum,[b] *and* Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 3the people of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two; 4the people of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two; 5the people of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five; 6the people of Pahath-Moab, of the people of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve; 7the people of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four; 8the people of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five; 9the people of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty; 10the people of Bani,[a] six hundred and forty-two; 11the people of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three; 12the people of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two; 13the people of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six; 14the people of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six; 15the people of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four; 16the people of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight; 17the people of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three; 18the people of Jorah,[a] one hundred and twelve; 19the people of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three; 20the people of Gibbar,[a] ninety-five; 21the people of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three; 22the men of Netophah, fifty-six; 23the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight; 24the people of Azmaveth,[a] forty-two; 25the people of Kirjath Arim,[a] Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three; 26the people of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one; 27the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two; 28the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three; 29the people of Nebo, fifty-two; 30the

**2:1** [a]Compare this chapter with Nehemiah 7:6–73. **2:2** [a]Spelled *Mispereth* in Nehemiah 7:7 [b]Spelled *Nehum* in Nehemiah 7:7 **2:10** [a]Spelled *Binnui* in Nehemiah 7:15 **2:18** [a]Called *Hariph* in Nehemiah 7:24 **2:20** [a]Called *Gibeon* in Nehemiah 7:25 **2:24** [a]Called *Beth Azmaveth* in Nehemiah 7:28 **2:25** [a]Called *Kirjath Jearim* in Nehemiah 7:29

people of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six;
31 the people of the other Elam, one thousand two
hundred and fifty-four; 32 the people of Harim,
three hundred and twenty; 33 the people of Lod,
Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five;
34 the people of Jericho, three hundred and forty-
five; 35 the people of Senaah, three thousand six
hundred and thirty.

36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house
of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three; 37 the
sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two; 38 the
sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and
forty-seven; 39 the sons of Harim, one thousand
and seventeen.

40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel,
of the sons of Hodaviah,[a] seventy-four.

41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred
and twenty-eight.

42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shal-
lum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons
of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of
Shobai, one hundred and thirty-nine *in* all.

43 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of
Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, 44 the sons of
Keros, the sons of Siaha,[a] the sons of Padon, 45 the
sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of
Akkub, 46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmai,
the sons of Hanan, 47 the sons of Giddel, the sons
of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, 48 the sons of Rezin,
the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, 49 the
sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of
Besai, 50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim,
the sons of Nephusim,[a] 51 the sons of Bakbuk, the
sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, 52 the sons of
Bazluth,[a] the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of
Tamah, 54 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of
Hatipha.

55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of
Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda,[a]
56 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of
Giddel, 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hat-
til, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons
of Ami.[a] 58 All the Nethinim and the children of
Solomon's servants were three hundred and
ninety-two.

59 And these *were* the ones who came up from
Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan,[a] and
Immer; but they could not identify their father's
house or their genealogy,[b] whether they *were* of
Israel: 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah,
and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-
two; 61 and of the sons of the priests: the sons of
Habaiah, the sons of Koz,[a] and the sons of Barzil-
lai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai
the Gileadite, and was called by their name.
62 These sought their listing *among* those who
were registered by genealogy, but they were not
found; therefore they *were excluded* from the
priesthood as defiled. 63 And the governor[a] said to
them that they should not eat of the most holy
things till a priest could consult with the Urim
and Thummim.

64 The whole assembly together *was* forty-two
thousand three hundred *and* sixty, 65 besides their
male and female servants, of whom *there were*
seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;
and they had two hundred men and women
singers. 66 Their horses *were* seven hundred and
thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-
five, 67 their camels four hundred and thirty-five,
and *their* donkeys six thousand seven hundred
and twenty.

68 *Some* of the heads of the fathers' *houses,* when
they came to the house of the LORD which *is* in Je-
rusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to
erect it in its place: 69 According to their ability,
they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one
thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of
silver, and one hundred priestly garments.

70 So the priests and the Levites, *some* of the
people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the
Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in
their cities.

### *Worship Restored at Jerusalem*

3 And when the seventh month had come, and
the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the
people gathered together as one man to Jeru-
salem. 2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak[a] and his
brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of
Shealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the
altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings
on it, as *it is* written in the Law of Moses the man
of God. 3 Though fear *had come* upon them be-
cause of the people of those countries, they set the
altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings
on it to the LORD, *both* the morning and evening

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**2:40** [a]Spelled *Hodevah* in Nehemiah 7:43 **2:44** [a]Spelled *Sia* in Nehemiah 7:47 **2:50** [a]Spelled *Nephishesim* in Nehemiah 7:52 **2:52** [a]Spelled *Bazlith* in Nehemiah 7:54 **2:55** [a]Spelled *Perida* in Nehemiah 7:57 **2:57** [a]Spelled *Amon* in Nehemiah 7:59 **2:59** [a]Spelled *Addon* in Nehemiah 7:61 [b]Literally *seed* **2:61** [a]Or *Hakkoz* **2:63** [a]Hebrew *Tirshatha* **3:2** [a]Spelled *Jehozadak* in 1 Chronicles 6:14

burnt offerings. 4They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day. 5Afterwards *they offered* the regular burnt offering, and *those* for New Moons and for all the appointed feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and *those* of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the LORD. 6From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, although the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid. 7They also gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre to bring cedar logs from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the permission which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

### *Restoration of the Temple Begins*

8Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak,[a] and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began *work* and appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of the LORD. 9Then Jeshua *with* his sons and brothers, Kadmiel *with* his sons, and the sons of Judah,[a] arose as one to oversee those working on the house of God: the sons of Henadad *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood[a] in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD:

"For *He is* good,
For His mercy *endures* forever toward
Israel."[a]

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' *houses,* old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, 13so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

### *Resistance to Rebuilding the Temple*

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple of the LORD God of Israel, 2they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers' *houses,* and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you *do;* and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here." 3But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Israel said to them, "You may do nothing with us to build a house for our God; but we alone will build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us." 4Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, 5and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

### *Rebuilding of Jerusalem Opposed*

6In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter *was* written in Aramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language. 8Rehum[a] the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this fashion:

9 From[a] Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions—*representatives* of the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the people of Persia and Erech and Babylon and Shushan,[b] the Dehavites, the Elamites, 10and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper took captive and settled in the cities of Samaria and the remainder beyond the River[a]—and so forth.[b]

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**3:8** [a]Spelled *Jehozadak* in 1 Chronicles 6:14 **3:9** [a]Or *Hodaviah* (compare 2:40) **3:10** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *they stationed the priests.* **3:11** [a]Compare Psalm 136:1 **4:8** [a]The original language of Ezra 4:8 through 6:18 is Aramaic. **4:9** [a]Literally *Then* [b]Or *Susa* **4:10** [a]That is, the Euphrates [b]Literally *and now*

11 (This *is* a copy of the letter that they sent him)

To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the men *of the region* beyond the River, and so forth:[a]

12 Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem, and are building the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing *its* walls and repairing the foundations. 13 Let it now be known to the king that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay tax, tribute, or custom, and the king's treasury will be diminished. 14 Now because we receive support from the palace, it was not proper for us to see the king's dishonor; therefore we have sent and informed the king, 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will find in the book of the records and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have incited sedition within the city in former times, for which cause this city was destroyed.

16 We inform the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, the result will be that you will have no dominion beyond the River.

17 The king sent an answer:

To Rehum the commander, *to* Shimshai the scribe, *to* the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and *to* the remainder beyond the River:

Peace, and so forth.[a]

18 The letter which you sent to us has been clearly read before me. 19 And I gave the command, and a search has been made, and it was found that this city in former times has revolted against kings, and rebellion and sedition have been fostered in it. 20 There have also been mighty kings over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all *the region* beyond the River; and tax, tribute, and custom were paid to them. 21 Now give the command to make these men cease, that this city may not be built until the command is given by me.

22 Take heed now that you do not fail to do this. Why should damage increase to the hurt of the kings?

23 Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem against the Jews, and by force of arms made them cease. 24 Thus the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

### *Restoration of the Temple Resumed*

5 Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who *were* in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, *who was* over them. 2 So Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak[a] rose up and began to build the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God *were* with them, helping them.

3 At the same time Tattenai the governor of *the region* beyond the River[a] and Shethar-Boznai and their companions came to them and spoke thus to them: "Who has commanded you to build this temple and finish this wall?" 4 Then, accordingly, we told them the names of the men who were constructing this building. 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so that they could not make them cease till a report could go to Darius. Then a written answer was returned concerning this *matter.* 6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai sent:

The governor of *the region* beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and his companions, the Persians who *were in the region* beyond the River, to Darius the king.

7 (They sent a letter to him, in which was written thus)

To Darius the king:

All peace.

8 Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the temple of the great God, which is being built with heavy stones, and timber is being laid in the walls; and this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.

9 Then we asked those elders, *and* spoke thus to them: "Who commanded you to build this temple and to finish these walls?" 10 We also

**4:11** [a]Literally *and now* **4:17** [a]Literally *and now* **5:2** [a]Spelled *Jehozadak* in 1 Chronicles 6:14 **5:3** [a]That is, the Euphrates

asked them their names to inform you, that we might write the names of the men who *were* chief among them.

11 And thus they returned us an answer, saying: "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and completed. 12But because our fathers provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, *who* destroyed this temple and carried the people away to Babylon. 13However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to build this house of God. 14Also, the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple that *was* in Jerusalem and carried into the temple of Babylon—those King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor. 15And he said to him, 'Take these articles; go, carry them to the temple *site* that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt on its former site.' 16Then the same Sheshbazzar came *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem; but from that time even until now it has been under construction, and it is not finished."

17 Now therefore, if *it seems* good to the king, let a search be made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there in Babylon, whether it is *so* that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send us his pleasure concerning this *matter.*

### *The Decree of Darius*

6 Then King Darius issued a decree, and a search was made in the archives,[a] where the treasures were stored in Babylon. 2And at Achmetha,[a] in the palace that *is* in the province of Media, a scroll was found, and in it a record *was* written thus:

3 In the first year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus issued a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem: "Let the house be rebuilt, the place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty cubits *and* its width sixty cubits, 4*with* three rows of heavy stones and one row of new timber. Let the expenses be paid from the king's treasury. 5Also let the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple which *is* in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and taken back to the temple which *is* in Jerusalem, *each* to its place; and deposit *them* in the house of God"—

6 Now *therefore,* Tattenai, governor of *the region* beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and your companions the Persians who *are* beyond the River, keep yourselves far from there. 7Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God on its site.

8 Moreover I issue a decree *as to* what you shall do for the elders of these Jews, for the building of this house of God: Let the cost be paid at the king's expense from taxes *on the region* beyond the River; this is to be given immediately to these men, so that they are not hindered. 9And whatever they need—young bulls, rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the request of the priests who *are* in Jerusalem—let it be given them day by day without fail, 10that they may offer sacrifices of sweet aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

11 Also I issue a decree that whoever alters this edict, let a timber be pulled from his house and erected, and let him be hanged on it; and let his house be made a refuse heap because of this. 12And may the God who causes His name to dwell there destroy any king or people who put their hand to alter it, or to destroy this house of God which is in Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree; let it be done diligently.

### *The Temple Completed and Dedicated*

13Then Tattenai, governor of *the region* beyond the River, Shethar-Boznai, and their companions diligently did according to what King Darius had

**6:1** [a]Literally *house of the scrolls* **6:2** [a]Probably *Ecbatana,* the ancient capital of Media

sent. 14So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished *it,* according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. 15Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. 16Then the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17And they offered sacrifices at the dedication of this house of God, one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18They assigned the priests to their divisions and the Levites to their divisions, over the service of God in Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of Moses.

### *The Passover Celebrated*

19And the descendants of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. 20For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them *were ritually* clean. And they slaughtered the Passover *lambs* for all the descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. 21Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel. 22And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the LORD made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

### *The Arrival of Ezra*

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest— 6this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he *was* a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. 7*Some* of the children of Israel, the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. 8And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king. 9On the first *day* of the first month he began *his* journey from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. 10For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do *it,* and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

### *The Letter of Artaxerxes to Ezra*

11This *is* a copy of the letter that King Artaxerxes gave Ezra the priest, the scribe, expert in the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of His statutes to Israel:

12 Artaxerxes,[a] king of kings,

To Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven:

Perfect *peace,* and so forth.[b]

13 I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you. 14And whereas you are being sent by the king and his seven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, with regard to the Law of your God which *is* in your hand; 15and *whereas you are* to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling *is* in Jerusalem; 16and *whereas* all the silver and gold that you may find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests, *are to be* freely offered for the house of their God in Jerusalem— 17now therefore, be careful to buy with this money bulls, rams, and lambs, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem.

18 And whatever seems good to you and your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do it according to the will of your

**7:12** [a]The original language of Ezra 7:12–26 is Aramaic. [b]Literally *and now*

God. [19]Also the articles that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem. [20]And whatever more may be needed for the house of your God, which you may have occasion to provide, pay *for it* from the king's treasury.

[21] And I, *even* I, Artaxerxes the king, issue a decree to all the treasurers who *are in the region* beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God of heaven, may require of you, let it be done diligently, [22]up to one hundred talents of silver, one hundred kors of wheat, one hundred baths of wine, one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribed limit. [23]Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it diligently be done for the house of the God of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

[24] Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or custom on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God. [25]And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who *are in the region* beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know *them.* [26]Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether *it be* death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

[27]Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, who has put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem, [28]and has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes.

So I was encouraged, as the hand of the LORD my God *was* upon me; and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me.

### *Heads of Families Who Returned with Ezra*

8 These *are* the heads of their fathers' *houses,* and *this is* the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of King Artaxerxes: [2]of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush; [3]of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and registered with him *were* one hundred and fifty males; [4]of the sons of Pahath-Moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males; [5]of the sons of Shechaniah,[a] Ben-Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males; [6]of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males; [7]of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males; [8]of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males; [9]of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males; [10]of the sons of Shelomith,[a] Ben-Josiphiah, and with him one hundred and sixty males; [11]of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males; [12]of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred and ten males; [13]of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these—Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah—and with them sixty males; [14]also of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

### *Servants for the Temple*

[15]Now I gathered them by the river that flows to Ahava, and we camped there three days. And I looked among the people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Levi there. [16]Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, leaders; also for Joiarib and Elnathan, men of understanding. [17]And I gave them a command for Iddo the chief man at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say to Iddo *and* his brethren[a] the Nethinim at the place Casiphia—that they should bring us servants for the house of our God. [18]Then, by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers, eighteen men; [19]and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty men; [20]also of the Nethinim, whom David and the leaders had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim. All of them were designated by name.

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**8:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *the sons of Zatho, Shechaniah*. **8:10** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *the sons of Banni, Shelomith*.
**8:17** [a]Following Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *to Iddo his brother;* Septuagint reads *to their brethren*.

*Fasting and Prayer for Protection*

21Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of
Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before
our God, to seek from Him the right way for us
and our little ones and all our possessions. 22For I
was ashamed to request of the king an escort of
soldiers and horsemen to help us against the
enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the
king, saying, "The hand of our God *is* upon all
those for good who seek Him, but His power and
His wrath *are* against all those who forsake Him."
23So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and
He answered our prayer.

*Gifts for the Temple*

24And I separated twelve of the leaders of the
priests—Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their
brethren with them— 25and weighed out to
them the silver, the gold, and the articles, the of-
fering for the house of our God which the king
and his counselors and his princes, and all Israel
*who were* present, had offered. 26I weighed into
their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver,
silver articles *weighing* one hundred talents, one
hundred talents of gold, 27twenty gold basins
*worth* a thousand drachmas, and two vessels of
fine polished bronze, precious as gold. 28And I
said to them, "You *are* holy to the LORD; the arti-
cles *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are*
a freewill offering to the LORD God of your fa-
thers. 29Watch and keep *them* until you weigh
*them* before the leaders of the priests and the
Levites and heads of the fathers' *houses* of Israel
in Jerusalem, *in* the chambers of the house of the
LORD." 30So the priests and the Levites received
the silver and the gold and the articles by
weight, to bring *them* to Jerusalem to the house
of our God.

*The Return to Jerusalem*

31Then we departed from the river of Ahava on
the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go to Jerusa-
lem. And the hand of our God was upon us, and
He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and
from ambush along the road. 32So we came to Je-
rusalem, and stayed there three days.

33Now on the fourth day the silver and the gold
and the articles were weighed in the house of
our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of
Uriah the priest, and with him *was* Eleazar the
son of Phinehas; with them *were* the Levites,
Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son
of Binnui, 34with the number *and* weight of
everything. All the weight was written down at
that time.

35The children of those who had been carried
away captive, who had come from the captivity,
offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel:
twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, sev-
enty-seven lambs, and twelve male goats *as* a sin
offering. All *this was* a burnt offering to the
LORD.

36And they delivered the king's orders to the
king's satraps and the governors *in the region* be-
yond the River. So they gave support to the people
and the house of God.

*Intermarriage with Pagans*

9 When these things were done, the leaders
came to me, saying, "The people of Israel
and the priests and the Levites have not sep-
arated themselves from the peoples of the lands,
with respect to the abominations of the Canaan-
ites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the
Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the
Amorites. 2For they have taken some of their
daughters *as wives* for themselves and their sons,
so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of
*those* lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and
rulers has been foremost in this trespass." 3So
when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and
my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my
head and beard, and sat down astonished. 4Then
everyone who trembled at the words of the God
of Israel assembled to me, because of the trans-
gression of those who had been carried away cap-
tive, and I sat astonished until the evening
sacrifice.

5At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fast-
ing; and having torn my garment and my robe, I
fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the
LORD my God. 6And I said: "O my God, I am too
ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You,
my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than
*our* heads, and our guilt has grown up to the
heavens. 7Since the days of our fathers to this day
we *have been* very guilty, and for our iniquities
we, our kings, *and* our priests have been delivered
into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the
sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation,
as *it is* this day. 8And now for a little while grace
has been *shown* from the LORD our God, to leave
us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His
holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes

and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.
9For we *were* slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us
in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in
the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to re-
pair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins,
and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.
10And now, O our God, what shall we say after
this? For we have forsaken Your commandments,
11which You commanded by Your servants the
prophets, saying, 'The land which you are enter-
ing to possess is an unclean land, with the un-
cleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their
abominations which have filled it from one end to
another with their impurity. 12Now therefore, do
not give your daughters as wives for their sons,
nor take their daughters to your sons; and never
seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be
strong and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* as
an inheritance to your children forever.' 13And
after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds
and for our great guilt, since You our God have
punished us less than our iniquities *deserve,* and
have given us *such* deliverance as this, 14should we
again break Your commandments, and join in
marriage with the people *committing* these
abominations? Would You not be angry with us
until You had consumed *us,* so that *there would be*
no remnant or survivor? 15O LORD God of Israel,
You *are* righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as
*it is* this day. Here we *are* before You, in our guilt,
though no one can stand before You because of
this!"

### *Confession of Improper Marriages*

10 Now while Ezra was praying, and while
he was confessing, weeping, and bowing
down before the house of God, a very
large assembly of men, women, and children
gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept
very bitterly. 2And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel,
*one* of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to
Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and
have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the
land; yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of
this. 3Now therefore, let us make a covenant with
our God to put away all these wives and those
who have been born to them, according to the ad-
vice of my master and of those who tremble at the
commandment of our God; and let it be done ac-
cording to the law. 4Arise, for *this* matter *is* your
*responsibility.* We also *are* with you. Be of good
courage, and do *it.*"

5Then Ezra arose, and made the leaders of the
priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear an oath
that they would do according to this word. So they
swore an oath. 6Then Ezra rose up from before the
house of God, and went into the chamber of Jeho-
hanan the son of Eliashib; and *when* he came
there, he ate no bread and drank no water, for he
mourned because of the guilt of those from the
captivity.

7And they issued a proclamation throughout
Judah and Jerusalem to all the descendants of the
captivity, that they must gather at Jerusalem, 8and
that whoever would not come within three days,
according to the instructions of the leaders and
elders, all his property would be confiscated, and
he himself would be separated from the assembly
of those from the captivity.

9So all the men of Judah and Benjamin gath-
ered at Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the
ninth month, on the twentieth of the month; and
all the people sat in the open square of the house
of God, trembling because of *this* matter and be-
cause of heavy rain. 10Then Ezra the priest stood
up and said to them, "You have transgressed and
have taken pagan wives, adding to the guilt of Is-
rael. 11Now therefore, make confession to the LORD
God of your fathers, and do His will; separate
yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from
the pagan wives."

12Then all the assembly answered and said with
a loud voice, "Yes! As you have said, so we must
do. 13But *there are* many people; *it is* the season for
heavy rain, and we are not able to stand outside.
Nor *is this* the work of one or two days, for *there*
*are* many of us who have transgressed in this
matter. 14Please, let the leaders of our entire as-
sembly stand; and let all those in our cities who
have taken pagan wives come at appointed times,
together with the elders and judges of their cities,
until the fierce wrath of our God is turned away
from us in this matter." 15Only Jonathan the son of
Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah opposed
this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite
gave them support.

16Then the descendants of the captivity did so.
And Ezra the priest, *with* certain heads of the fa-
thers' *households,* were set apart by the fathers'
households, each of them by name; and they sat
down on the first day of the tenth month to ex-
amine the matter. 17By the first day of the first
month they finished *questioning* all the men who
had taken pagan wives.

*Pagan Wives Put Away*

18 And among the sons of the priests who had
taken pagan wives *the following* were found of the
sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak,[a] and his broth-
ers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19 And
they gave their promise that they would put away
their wives; and *being* guilty, *they presented* a ram
of the flock as their trespass offering.

20 Also of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zeba-
diah; 21 of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah,
Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah; 22 of the sons of
Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel,
Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 Also of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah
(the same *is* Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Also of the singers: Eliashib; and of the gate-
keepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

25 And others of Israel: of the sons of Parosh:
Ramiah, Jeziah, Malchiah, Mijamin, Eleazar,
Malchijah, and Benaiah; 26 of the sons of Elam:
Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and
Eliah; 27 of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib,
Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza; 28 of the
sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and*
Athlai; 29 of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch,
Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, *and* Ramoth;[a] 30 of the sons
of Pahath-Moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maa-
seiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;
31 *of* the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchijah,
Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and*
Shemariah; 33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai,
Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh,
*and* Shimei; 34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai,
Amram, Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluh,[a] 36 Va-
niah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai,
Jaasai,[a] 38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei, 39 Shelemiah, Na-
than, Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Ama-
riah, *and* Joseph; 43 of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mat-
tithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai,[a] Joel, *and* Benaiah.

44 All these had taken pagan wives, and *some* of
them had wives *by whom* they had children.

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**10:18** [a]Spelled *Jehozadak* in 1 Chronicles 6:14 **10:29** [a]Or *Jeremoth* **10:35** [a]Or *Cheluhi,* or *Cheluhu* **10:37** [a]Or *Jaasu* **10:43** [a]Or *Jaddu*

# The Book of
# NEHEMIAH

### *Nehemiah Prays for His People*

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

It came to pass in the month of Chislev, *in* the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan[a] the citadel, [2]that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. [3]And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province *are* there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem *is* also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

[4]So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *for many* days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

[5]And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, *You* who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with those who love You[a] and observe Your[b] commandments, [6]please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. [7]We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. [8]Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, '*If* you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations;[a] [9]but *if* you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, *yet* I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.'[a] [10]Now these *are* Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand. [11]O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

For I was the king's cupbearer.

### *Nehemiah Sent to Judah*

2 And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, *when* wine *was* before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before. [2]Therefore the king said to me, "Why *is* your face sad, since you *are* not sick? This *is* nothing but sorrow of heart."

So I became dreadfully afraid, [3]and said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with fire?"

[4]Then the king said to me, "What do you request?"

So I prayed to the God of heaven. [5]And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

[6]Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), "How long will your journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

[7]Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors *of the region* beyond the River,[a] that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, [8]and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which *pertains* to the temple,[a] for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted *them* to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.

[9]Then I went to the governors *in the region* beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. [10]When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official[a] heard *of it,* they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel.

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**1:1** [a]Or *Susa* **1:5** [a]Literally *Him* [b]Literally *His* **1:8** [a]Leviticus 26:33 **1:9** [a]Deuteronomy 30:2–5 **2:7** [a]That is, the Euphrates, and so elsewhere in this book **2:8** [a]Literally *house* **2:10** [a]Literally *servant,* and so elsewhere in this book

*Nehemiah Views the Wall of Jerusalem*

11So I came to Jerusalem and was there three
days. 12Then I arose in the night, I and a few men
with me; I told no one what my God had put in
my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any
animal with me, except the one on which I rode.
13And I went out by night through the Valley Gate
to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and
viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken
down and its gates which were burned with fire.
14Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the
King's Pool, but *there was* no room for the animal
under me to pass. 15So I went up in the night by
the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back
and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.
16And the officials did not know where I had gone
or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the
priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who
did the work.

17Then I said to them, "You see the distress that
we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies* waste, and its gates
are burned with fire. Come and let us build the
wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a re-
proach." 18And I told them of the hand of my God
which had been good upon me, and also of the
king's words that he had spoken to me.

So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then
they set their hands to *this* good *work.*

19But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the
Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard *of
it,* they laughed at us and despised us, and said,
"What *is* this thing that you are doing? Will you
rebel against the king?"

20So I answered them, and said to them, "The
God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore
we His servants will arise and build, but you have
no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

*Rebuilding the Wall*

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with
his brethren the priests and built the Sheep
Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors.
They built as far as the Tower of the Hundred,[a]
*and* consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of
Hananel. 2Next to *Eliashib*[a] the men of Jericho
built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri
built.

3Also the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate;
they laid its beams and hung its doors with its
bolts and bars. 4And next to them Meremoth the
son of Urijah, the son of Koz,[a] made repairs. Next
to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son
of Meshezabel, made repairs. Next to them Zadok
the son of Baana made repairs. 5Next to them the
Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not
put their shoulders[a] to the work of their Lord.

6Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and
Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old
Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with
its bolts and bars. 7And next to them Melatiah the
Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the men of
Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the residence[a] of
the governor *of the region* beyond the River. 8Next
to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, one of the
goldsmiths, made repairs. Also next to him Hana-
niah, one[a] of the perfumers, made repairs; and
they fortified Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.
9And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur,
leader of half the district of Jerusalem, made re-
pairs. 10Next to them Jedaiah the son of
Harumaph made repairs in front of his house.
And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabniah
made repairs.

11Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the
son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section, as
well as the Tower of the Ovens. 12And next to him
was Shallum the son of Hallohesh, leader of half
the district of Jerusalem; he and his daughters
made repairs.

13Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah re-
paired the Valley Gate. They built it, hung its
doors with its bolts and bars, and *repaired* a thou-
sand cubits of the wall as far as the Refuse Gate.

14Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the
district of Beth Haccerem, repaired the Refuse
Gate; he built it and hung its doors with its bolts
and bars.

15Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader of the
district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he
built it, covered it, hung its doors with its bolts
and bars, and repaired the wall of the Pool of She-
lah by the King's Garden, as far as the stairs that
go down from the City of David. 16After him Ne-
hemiah the son of Azbuk, leader of half the dis-
trict of Beth Zur, made repairs as far as *the place*
in front of the tombs[a] of David, to the man-made
pool, and as far as the House of the Mighty.

17After him the Levites, *under* Rehum the son
of Bani, made repairs. Next to him Hashabiah,
leader of half the district of Keilah, made repairs

**3:1** [a]Hebrew *Hammeah,* also at 12:39 **3:2** [a]Literally *On his hand* **3:4** [a]Or *Hakkoz* **3:5** [a]Literally *necks* **3:7** [a]Literally *throne* **3:8** [a]Literally *the son* **3:16** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *tomb.*

for his district. 18After him their brethren, *under* Bavai[a] the son of Henadad, leader of the *other* half of the district of Keilah, made repairs. 19And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the leader of Mizpah, repaired another section in front of the Ascent to the Armory at the buttress. 20After him Baruch the son of Zabbai[a] carefully repaired the other section, from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21After him Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz,[a] repaired another section, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22And after him the priests, the men of the plain, made repairs. 23After him Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs by his house. 24After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress, even as far as the corner. 25Palal the son of Uzai *made repairs* opposite the buttress, and on the tower which projects from the king's upper house that *was* by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh *made repairs.*

26Moreover the Nethinim who dwelt in Ophel *made repairs* as far as *the place* in front of the Water Gate toward the east, and on the projecting tower. 27After them the Tekoites repaired another section, next to the great projecting tower, and as far as the wall of Ophel.

28Beyond the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each in front of his *own* house. 29After them Zadok the son of Immer made repairs in front of his *own* house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs. 30After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah made repairs in front of his dwelling. 31After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Miphkad[a] Gate, and as far as the upper room at the corner. 32And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

### *The Wall Defended Against Enemies*

4 But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. 2And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—*stones* that are burned?"

3Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up *on it,* he will break down their stone wall."

4Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity! 5Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked *You* to anger before the builders.

6So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its *height,* for the people had a mind to work.

7Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, 8and all of them conspired together to come *and* attack Jerusalem and create confusion. 9Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

10Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and *there is* so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."

11And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease."

12So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, "From whatever place you turn, *they will be* upon us."

13Therefore I positioned *men* behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

15And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and *that* God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. 16So it was, from that

**3:18** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Syriac read *Binnui* (compare verse 24). **3:20** [a]A few Hebrew manuscripts, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Zaccai.* **3:21** [a]Or *Hakkoz* **3:31** [a]Literally *Inspection* or *Recruiting*

time on, *that* half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and *wore* armor; and the leaders *were* behind all the house of Judah. 17Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. 18Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet *was* beside me.

19Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, "The work *is* great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. 20Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

21So we labored in the work, and half of *the men*[a] held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared. 22At the same time I also said to the people, "Let each man and his servant stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may be our guard by night and a working party by day." 23So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, *except* that everyone took them off for washing.

### *Nehemiah Deals with Oppression*

5 And there was a great outcry of the people and their wives against their Jewish brethren. 2For there were those who said, "We, our sons, and our daughters *are* many; therefore let us get grain, that we may eat and live."

3There were also *some* who said, "We have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses, that we might buy grain because of the famine."

4There were also those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax *on* our lands and vineyards. 5Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and indeed we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and *some* of our daughters have been brought into slavery. *It is* not in our power *to redeem them,* for other men have our lands and vineyards."

6And I became very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. 7After serious thought, I rebuked the nobles and rulers, and said to them, "Each of you is exacting usury from his brother." So I called a great assembly against them. 8And I said to them, "According to our ability we have redeemed our Jewish brethren who were sold to the nations. Now indeed, will you even sell your brethren? Or should they be sold to us?"

Then they were silenced and found nothing *to say.* 9Then I said, "What you are doing *is* not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies? 10I also, *with* my brethren and my servants, am lending them money and grain. Please, let us stop this usury! 11Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also a hundredth of the money and the grain, the new wine and the oil, that you have charged them."

12So they said, "We will restore *it,* and will require nothing from them; we will do as you say."

Then I called the priests, and required an oath from them that they would do according to this promise. 13Then I shook out the fold of my garment[a] and said, "So may God shake out each man from his house, and from his property, who does not perform this promise. Even thus may he be shaken out and emptied."

And all the assembly said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this promise.

### *The Generosity of Nehemiah*

14Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year until the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the governor's provisions. 15But the former governors who *were* before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but I did not do so, because of the fear of God. 16Indeed, I also continued the work on this wall, and we[a] did not buy any land. All my servants *were* gathered there for the work.

17And at my table *were* one hundred and fifty Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from the nations around us. 18Now *that* which was prepared daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep. Also fowl were prepared for me, and once every ten days an abundance of all kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this I did not demand the governor's provisions, because the bondage was heavy on this people.

19Remember me, my God, for good, *according to* all that I have done for this people.

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**4:21** [a]Literally *them* **5:13** [a]Literally *my lap* **5:16** [a]Following Masoretic Text; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *I*.

### *Conspiracy Against Nehemiah*

6 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and *that* there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), [2]that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.

[3]So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

[4]But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.

[5]Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand. [6]In it *was* written:

> It is reported among the nations, and
> Geshem[a] says, *that* you and the Jews plan to
> rebel; therefore, according to these rumors,
> you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be
> their king. [7]And you have also appointed
> prophets to proclaim concerning you at
> Jerusalem, saying, "*There is* a king in Judah!"
> Now these matters will be reported to the
> king. So come, therefore, and let us consult
> together.

[8]Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart."

[9]For they all *were trying to* make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done."

Now therefore, *O God,* strengthen my hands.

[10]Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who *was* a secret informer; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you."

[11]And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And who *is there* such as I who would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!" [12]Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced *this* prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. [13]For this reason he *was* hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so *that* they might have *cause* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

[14]My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

### *The Wall Completed*

[15]So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth *day* of Elul, in fifty-two days. [16]And it happened, when all our enemies heard *of it,* and all the nations around us saw *these things,* that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

[17]Also in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and *the letters of* Tobiah came to them. [18]For many in Judah were pledged to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. [19]Also they reported his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

7 Then it was, when the wall was built and I had hung the doors, when the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, [2]that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel, for he *was* a faithful man and feared God more than many.

[3]And I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand *guard,* let them shut and bar the doors; and appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his watch station and another in front of his own house."

### *The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem*

[4]Now the city *was* large and spacious, but the people in it *were* few, and the houses *were* not rebuilt. [5]Then my God put it into my heart to gather the nobles, the rulers, and the people, that they might be registered by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who had come up in the first *return,* and found written in it:

> 6 These[a] *are* the people of the province who
> came back from the captivity, of those who
> had been carried away, whom
> Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had
> carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem
> and Judah, everyone to his city.

**6:6** [a]Hebrew *Gashmu* **7:6** [a]Compare verses 6–72 with Ezra 2:1–70

7 Those who came with Zerubbabel *were*
Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah,
Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth,[a]
Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of
Israel: 8the sons of Parosh, two thousand
one hundred and seventy-two;
9the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and
seventy-two;
10the sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two;
11the sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of
Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight
hundred and eighteen;
12the sons of Elam, one thousand two
hundred and fifty-four;
13the sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-
five;
14the sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty;
15the sons of Binnui,[a] six hundred and forty-
eight;
16the sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-
eight;
17the sons of Azgad, two thousand three
hundred and twenty-two;
18the sons of Adonikam, six hundred and
sixty-seven;
19the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-
seven;
20the sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five;
21the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;
22the sons of Hashum, three hundred and
twenty-eight;
23the sons of Bezai, three hundred and
twenty-four;
24the sons of Hariph,[a] one hundred and
twelve;
25the sons of Gibeon,[a] ninety-five;
26the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one
hundred and eighty-eight;
27the men of Anathoth, one hundred and
twenty-eight;
28the men of Beth Azmaveth,[a] forty-two;
29the men of Kirjath Jearim, Chephirah, and
Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;
30the men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred
and twenty-one;
31the men of Michmas, one hundred and
twenty-two;
32the men of Bethel and Ai, one hundred and
twenty-three;
33the men of the other Nebo, fifty-two;
34the sons of the other Elam, one thousand
two hundred and fifty-four;
35the sons of Harim, three hundred and
twenty;
36the sons of Jericho, three hundred and
forty-five;
37the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven
hundred and twenty-one;
38the sons of Senaah, three thousand nine
hundred and thirty.

39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house
of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
40the sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-
two;
41the sons of Pashhur, one thousand two
hundred and forty-seven;
42the sons of Harim, one thousand and
seventeen.

43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel,
*and* of the sons of Hodevah,[a] seventy-four.

44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred
and forty-eight.

45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum,
the sons of Ater,
the sons of Talmon,
the sons of Akkub,
the sons of Hatita,
the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-
eight.

46 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha,
the sons of Hasupha,
the sons of Tabbaoth,
47the sons of Keros,
the sons of Sia,[a]
the sons of Padon,
48the sons of Lebana,[a]
the sons of Hagaba,[b]
the sons of Salmai,[c]
49the sons of Hanan,
the sons of Giddel,
the sons of Gahar,
50the sons of Reaiah,
the sons of Rezin,
the sons of Nekoda,

**7:7** [a]Spelled *Mispar* in Ezra 2:2 **7:15** [a]Spelled *Bani* in Ezra 2:10 **7:24** [a]Called *Jorah* in Ezra 2:18 **7:25** [a]Called *Gibbar* in Ezra 2:20 **7:28** [a]Called *Azmaveth* in Ezra 2:24 **7:43** [a]Spelled *Hodaviah* in Ezra 2:40 **7:47** [a]Spelled *Siaha* in Ezra 2:44 **7:48** [a]Masoretic Text reads *Lebanah.* [b]Masoretic Text reads *Hogabah.* [c]Or *Shalmai,* or *Shamlai*

[51]the sons of Gazzam,
the sons of Uzza,
the sons of Paseah,
[52]the sons of Besai,
the sons of Meunim,
the sons of Nephishesim,[a]
[53]the sons of Bakbuk,
the sons of Hakupha,
the sons of Harhur,
[54]the sons of Bazlith,[a]
the sons of Mehida,
the sons of Harsha,
[55]the sons of Barkos,
the sons of Sisera,
the sons of Tamah,
[56]the sons of Neziah,
and the sons of Hatipha.

57 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai,
the sons of Sophereth,
the sons of Perida,[a]
[58]the sons of Jaala,
the sons of Darkon,
the sons of Giddel,
[59]the sons of Shephatiah,
the sons of Hattil,
the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim,
and the sons of Amon.[a]
[60]All the Nethinim, and the sons of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred and ninety-two.

61 And these *were* the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addon,[a] and Immer, but they could not identify their father's house nor their lineage, whether they *were* of Israel: [62]the sons of Delaiah,
the sons of Tobiah,
the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two;
[63]and of the priests: the sons of Habaiah,
the sons of Koz,[a]
the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.
[64]These sought their listing *among* those who were registered by genealogy, but it was not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled. [65]And the governor[a] said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

66 Altogether the whole assembly *was* forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty, [67]besides their male and female servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five men and women singers.
[68]Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five, [69]*their* camels four hundred and thirty-five, *and* donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

70 And some of the heads of the fathers' *houses* gave to the work. The governor[a] gave to the treasury one thousand gold drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priestly garments. [71]Some of the heads of the fathers' *houses* gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand gold drachmas, and two thousand two hundred silver minas. [72]And that which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly garments.

[73]So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, *some* of the people, the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities.

### *Ezra Reads the Law*

When the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

8 Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. [2]So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who *could* hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. [3]Then he read from it in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* to the Book of the Law.

[4]So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his

**7:52** [a]Spelled *Nephusim* in Ezra 2:50 **7:54** [a]Spelled *Bazluth* in Ezra 2:52 **7:57** [a]Spelled *Peruda* in Ezra 2:55 **7:59** [a]Spelled *Ami* in Ezra 2:57 **7:61** [a]Spelled *Addan* in Ezra 2:59 **7:63** [a]Or *Hakkoz* **7:65** [a]Hebrew *Tirshatha* **7:70** [a]Hebrew *Tirshatha*

left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. 5And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was *standing* above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God.

Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law; and the people *stood* in their place. 8So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.

9And Nehemiah, who *was* the governor,[a] Ezra the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day *is* holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this* day *is* holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

11So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day *is* holy; do not be grieved." 12And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

### *The Feast of Tabernacles*

13Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' *houses* of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law. 14And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, 15and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as *it is* written."

16Then the people went out and brought *them* and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim. 17So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. 18Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *there was* a sacred assembly, according to the *prescribed* manner.

### *The People Confess Their Sins*

9 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads.[a] 2Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. 3And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God *for one*-fourth of the day; and *for another* fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

4Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani stood on the stairs of the Levites and cried out with a loud voice to the LORD their God. 5And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said:

"Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God
Forever and ever!

"Blessed be Your glorious name,
Which is exalted above all blessing and
praise!
6 You alone *are* the LORD;
You have made heaven,
The heaven of heavens, with all their host,
The earth and everything on it,
The seas and all that is in them,
And You preserve them all.
The host of heaven worships You.

7 "You *are* the LORD God,
Who chose Abram,
And brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans,
And gave him the name Abraham;

**8:9** [a]Hebrew *Tirshatha* **9:1** [a]Literally *earth on them*

8 You found his heart faithful before You,
And made a covenant with him
To give the land of the Canaanites,
The Hittites, the Amorites,
The Perizzites, the Jebusites,
And the Girgashites—
To give *it* to his descendants.
You have performed Your words,
For You *are* righteous.

9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers in
Egypt,
And heard their cry by the Red Sea.
10 You showed signs and wonders against
Pharaoh,
Against all his servants,
And against all the people of his land.
For You knew that they acted proudly against
them.
So You made a name for Yourself, as *it is* this
day.
11 And You divided the sea before them,
So that they went through the midst of the
sea on the dry land;
And their persecutors You threw into the
deep,
As a stone into the mighty waters.
12 Moreover You led them by day with a cloudy
pillar,
And by night with a pillar of fire,
To give them light on the road
Which they should travel.

13 "You came down also on Mount Sinai,
And spoke with them from heaven,
And gave them just ordinances and true
laws,
Good statutes and commandments.
14 You made known to them Your holy Sabbath,
And commanded them precepts, statutes
and laws,
By the hand of Moses Your servant.
15 You gave them bread from heaven for their
hunger,
And brought them water out of the rock for
their thirst,
And told them to go in to possess the land
Which You had sworn to give them.

16 "But they and our fathers acted proudly,
Hardened their necks,
And did not heed Your commandments.
17 They refused to obey,
And they were not mindful of Your wonders
That You did among them.
But they hardened their necks,
And in their rebellion[a]
They appointed a leader
To return to their bondage.
But You *are* God,
Ready to pardon,
Gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger,
Abundant in kindness,
And did not forsake them.

18 "Even when they made a molded calf for
themselves,
And said, 'This *is* your god
That brought you up out of Egypt,'
And worked great provocations,
19 Yet in Your manifold mercies
You did not forsake them in the wilderness.
The pillar of the cloud did not depart from
them by day,
To lead them on the road;
Nor the pillar of fire by night,
To show them light,
And the way they should go.
20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct
them,
And did not withhold Your manna from
their mouth,
And gave them water for their thirst.
21 Forty years You sustained them in the
wilderness;
They lacked nothing;
Their clothes did not wear out[a]
And their feet did not swell.

22 "Moreover You gave them kingdoms and
nations,
And divided them into districts.[a]
So they took possession of the land of
Sihon,
The land of[b] the king of Heshbon,
And the land of Og king of Bashan.
23 You also multiplied their children as the
stars of heaven,
And brought them into the land
Which You had told their fathers
To go in and possess.

**9:17** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *in Egypt*. **9:21** [a]Compare Deuteronomy 29:5 **9:22** [a]Literally *corners* [b]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint omits *The land of*.

24 So the people went in
And possessed the land;
You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land,
The Canaanites,
And gave them into their hands,
With their kings
And the people of the land,
That they might do with them as they wished.
25 And they took strong cities and a rich land,
And possessed houses full of all goods,
Cisterns *already* dug, vineyards, olive groves,
And fruit trees in abundance.
So they ate and were filled and grew fat,
And delighted themselves in Your great goodness.

26 "Nevertheless they were disobedient
And rebelled against You,
Cast Your law behind their backs
And killed Your prophets, who testified against them
To turn them to Yourself;
And they worked great provocations.
27 Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies,
Who oppressed them;
And in the time of their trouble,
When they cried to You,
You heard from heaven;
And according to Your abundant mercies
You gave them deliverers who saved them
From the hand of their enemies.

28 "But after they had rest,
They again did evil before You.
Therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies,
So that they had dominion over them;
Yet when they returned and cried out to You,
You heard from heaven;
And many times You delivered them according to Your mercies,
29 And testified against them,
That You might bring them back to Your law.
Yet they acted proudly,
And did not heed Your commandments,
But sinned against Your judgments,
'Which if a man does, he shall live by them.'[a]
And they shrugged their shoulders,
Stiffened their necks,
And would not hear.
30 Yet for many years You had patience with them,
And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets.
Yet they would not listen;
Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy
You did not utterly consume them nor forsake them;
For You *are* God, gracious and merciful.

32 "Now therefore, our God,
The great, the mighty, and awesome God,
Who keeps covenant and mercy:
Do not let all the trouble seem small before You
That has come upon us,
Our kings and our princes,
Our priests and our prophets,
Our fathers and on all Your people,
From the days of the kings of Assyria until this day.
33 However You *are* just in all that has befallen us;
For You have dealt faithfully,
But we have done wickedly.
34 Neither our kings nor our princes,
Our priests nor our fathers,
Have kept Your law,
Nor heeded Your commandments and Your testimonies,
With which You testified against them.
35 For they have not served You in their kingdom,
Or in the many good *things* that You gave them,
Or in the large and rich land which You set before them;
Nor did they turn from their wicked works.

36 "Here we *are,* servants today!
And the land that You gave to our fathers,
To eat its fruit and its bounty,
Here we *are,* servants in it!
37 And it yields much increase to the kings
You have set over us,
Because of our sins;
Also they have dominion over our bodies and our cattle
At their pleasure;
And we *are* in great distress.

**9:29** [a]Leviticus 18:5

38 "And because of all this,
We make a sure *covenant* and write *it;*
Our leaders, our Levites, *and* our priests seal *it.*"

### *The People Who Sealed the Covenant*

10 Now those who placed *their* seal on *the document were:*

Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, 2Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8Maaziah, Bilgai, *and* Shemaiah. These *were* the priests.

9The Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, *and* Kadmiel.

10Their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13Hodijah, Bani, *and* Beninu.

14The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, 18Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, 19Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, 20Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, 24Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, 25Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, 27Malluch, Harim, *and* Baanah.

### *The Covenant That Was Sealed*

28Now the rest of the people—the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge and understanding— 29these joined with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes: 30We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31*if* the peoples of the land brought wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and we would forego the seventh year's *produce* and the exacting of every debt.

32Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to exact from ourselves yearly one-third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: 33for the showbread, for the regular grain offering, for the regular burnt offering of the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God. 34We cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for bringing the wood offering into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at the appointed times year by year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God as *it is* written in the Law.

35And *we made ordinances* to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of the LORD; 36to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as *it is* written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; 37to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, *the* new wine and oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the house of our God; and to bring the tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities. 38And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.

39For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary *are, where* the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers *are;* and we will not neglect the house of our God.

### *The People Dwelling in Jerusalem*

11 Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine-tenths *were to dwell* in *other* cities. 2And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3These *are* the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities—Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and descendants of Solomon's servants.) 4Also in Jerusalem dwelt

*some* of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin.

The children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; [5]and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. [6]All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

[7]And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah; [8]and after him Gabbai *and* Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. [9]Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah[a] *was* second over the city.

[10]Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin; [11]Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the leader of the house of God. [12]Their brethren who did the work of the house *were* eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, [13]and his brethren, heads of the fathers' *houses, were* two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, [14]and their brethren, mighty men of valor, *were* one hundred and twenty-eight. Their overseer *was* Zabdiel the son of *one of* the great men.[a]

[15]Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; [16]Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the business outside of the house of God; [17]Mattaniah the son of Micha,[a] the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader *who* began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. [18]All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred and eighty-four.

[19]Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren who kept the gates, *were* one hundred and seventy-two.

[20]And the rest of Israel, of the priests *and* Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. [21]But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Ziha and Gishpa *were* over the Nethinim.

[22]Also the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph, the singers in charge of the service of the house of God. [23]For *it was* the king's command concerning them that a certain portion should be for the singers, a quota day by day. [24]Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* the king's deputy[a] in all matters concerning the people.

### *The People Dwelling Outside Jerusalem*

[25]And as for the villages with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages; [26]in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet, [27]Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages; [28]in Ziklag and Meconah and its villages; [29]in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, [30]Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom.

[31]Also the children of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* in Michmash, Aija, and Bethel, and their villages; [32]in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah; [33]in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; [34]in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat; [35]in Lod, Ono, *and* the Valley of Craftsmen. [36]Some of the Judean divisions of Levites *were* in Benjamin.

### *The Priests and Levites*

**12** Now these *are* the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, [2]Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, [3]Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, [4]Iddo, Ginnethoi,[a] Abijah, [5]Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, [6]Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, [7]Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, *and* Jedaiah.

These *were* the heads of the priests and their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

[8]Moreover the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah *who led* the thanksgiving *psalms,* he and his brethren. [9]Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *stood* across from them in *their* duties.

[10]Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot Eliashib,

**11:9** [a]Or *Hassenuah* **11:14** [a]Or *the son of Haggedolim* **11:17** [a]Or *Michah* **11:24** [a]Literally *at the king's hand* **12:4** [a]Or *Ginnethon* (compare verse 16)

Eliashib begot Joiada, [11]Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua.

[12]Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the heads of the fathers' *houses were:* of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; [13]of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; [14]of Melichu,[a] Jonathan; of Shebaniah,[b] Joseph; [15]of Harim,[a] Adna; of Meraioth,[b] Helkai; [16]of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; [17]of Abijah, Zichri; *the son* of Minjamin;[a] of Moadiah,[b] Piltai; [18]of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; [19]of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; [20]of Sallai,[a] Kallai; of Amok, Eber; [21]of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; *and* of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

[22]During the reign of Darius the Persian, a record *was also kept* of the Levites and priests *who had been* heads of their fathers' *houses* in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua. [23]The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers' *houses* until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib, *were* written in the book of the chronicles.

[24]And the heads of the Levites *were* Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers across from them, to praise *and* give thanks, group alternating with group, according to the command of David the man of God. [25]Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub *were* gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storerooms of the gates. [26]These *lived* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak,[a] and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

### *Nehemiah Dedicates the Wall*

[27]Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, *with* cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. [28]And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the villages of the Netophathites, [29]from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem. [30]Then the priests and Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

[31]So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. *One* went to the right hand on the wall toward the Refuse Gate. [32]After them went Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah, [33]and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, [34]Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, [35]and some of the priests' sons with trumpets—Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, [36]and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, *and* Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe *went* before them. [37]By the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up the stairs of the City of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as the Water Gate eastward.

[38]The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite *way,* and I *was* behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall, [39]and above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped by the Gate of the Prison.

[40]So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me; [41]and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minjamin,[a] Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets; [42]also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with Jezrahiah the director.

[43]Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

### *Temple Responsibilities*

[44]And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ministered. [45]Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification, according to the command of David *and* Solomon his son. [46]For in the days of David

**12:14** [a]Or *Malluch* (compare verse 2) [b]Or *Shechaniah* (compare verse 3) **12:15** [a]Or *Rehum* (compare verse 3) [b]Or *Meremoth* (compare verse 3) **12:17** [a]Or *Mijamin* (compare verse 5) [b]Or *Maadiah* (compare verse 5) **12:20** [a]Or *Sallu* (compare verse 7) **12:26** [a]Spelled *Jehozadak* in 1 Chronicles 6:14 **12:41** [a]Or *Mijamin* (compare verse 5)

and Asaph of old *there were* chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. 47In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated *holy things* for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated *them* for the children of Aaron.

### *Principles of Separation*

13 On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people, and in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever come into the assembly of God, 2because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3So it was, when they had heard the Law, that they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel.

### *The Reforms of Nehemiah*

4Now before this, Eliashib the priest, having authority over the storerooms of the house of our God, *was* allied with Tobiah. 5And he had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine and oil, which were commanded *to be given* to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers, and the offerings for the priests. 6But during all this I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Then after certain days I obtained leave from the king, 7and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. 8And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room. 9Then I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

10I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given *them;* for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. 11So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place. 12Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse. 13And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their task *was* to distribute to their brethren.

14Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!

15In those days I saw *people* in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all *kinds of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned *them* about the day on which they were selling provisions. 16Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold *them* on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing *is* this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day? 18Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

19So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted *some* of my servants at the gates, *so that* no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day. 20Now the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21Then I warned them, and said to them, "Why do you spend the night around the wall? If you do *so* again, I will lay hands on you!" From that time on they came no *more* on the Sabbath. 22And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy!

23In those days I also saw Jews *who* had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, *and* Moab. 24And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.

25So I contended with them and cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying,* "You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor

take their daughters for your sons or yourselves.
[26]Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these
things? Yet among many nations there was no
king like him, who was beloved of his God; and
God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless
pagan women caused even him to sin. [27]Should
we then hear of your doing all this great evil,
transgressing against our God by marrying
pagan women?"
[28]And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of
Eliashib the high priest, *was* a son-in-law of San-
ballat the Horonite; therefore I drove him from me.
[29]Remember them, O my God, because they
have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of
the priesthood and the Levites.
[30]Thus I cleansed them of everything pagan. I
also assigned duties to the priests and the Levites,
each to his service, [31]and *to bringing* the wood of-
fering and the firstfruits at appointed times.
Remember me, O my God, for good!

# The Book of
# ESTHER

### *The King Dethrones Queen Vashti*

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus[a] (this *was* the Ahasuerus who reigned
over one hundred and twenty-seven
provinces, from India to Ethiopia), 2in those days
when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his
kingdom, which *was* in Shushan[a] the citadel, 3*that*
in the third year of his reign he made a feast for all
his officials and servants—the powers of Persia
and Media, the nobles, and the princes of the
provinces *being* before him— 4when he showed
the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor of his excellent majesty for many days, one
hundred and eighty days *in all.*

5And when these days were completed, the
king made a feast lasting seven days for all the
people who were present in Shushan the citadel,
from great to small, in the court of the garden of
the king's palace. 6*There were* white and blue
linen *curtains* fastened with cords of fine linen
and purple on silver rods and marble pillars; *and*
*the* couches *were* of gold and silver on a *mosaic*
pavement of alabaster, turquoise, and white and
black marble. 7And they served drinks in golden
vessels, each vessel being different from the
other, with royal wine in abundance, according to
the generosity of the king. 8In accordance with
the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for
so the king had ordered all the officers of his
household, that they should do according to each
man's pleasure.

9Queen Vashti also made a feast for the women
*in* the royal palace which *belonged* to King Ahasuerus.

10On the seventh day, when the heart of the
king was merry with wine, he commanded
Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha,
Zethar, and Carcas, seven eunuchs who served in
the presence of King Ahasuerus, 11to bring Queen
Vashti before the king, *wearing* her royal crown, in
order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she *was* beautiful to behold. 12But
Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command *brought* by *his* eunuchs; therefore the king
was furious, and his anger burned within him.

13Then the king said to the wise men who understood the times (for this *was* the king's manner toward all who knew law and justice, 14those
closest to him *being* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha,
Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the
seven princes of Persia and Media, who had access to the king's presence, *and* who ranked highest in the kingdom): 15"What *shall we* do to Queen
Vashti, according to law, because she did not obey
the command of King Ahasuerus *brought to her*
by the eunuchs?"

16And Memucan answered before the king and
the princes: "Queen Vashti has not only wronged
the king, but also all the princes, and all the people who *are* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. 17For the queen's behavior will become
known to all women, so that they will despise
their husbands in their eyes, when they report,
'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be
brought in before him, but she did not come.'
18This very day the *noble* ladies of Persia and
Media will say to all the king's officials that they
have heard of the behavior of the queen. Thus
*there will be* excessive contempt and wrath. 19If it
pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from
him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will not be altered,
that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to
another who is better than she. 20When the king's
decree which he will make is proclaimed
throughout all his empire (for it is great), all
wives will honor their husbands, both great and
small."

21And the reply pleased the king and the
princes, and the king did according to the word of
Memucan. 22Then he sent letters to all the king's
provinces, to each province in its own script, and
to every people in their own language, that each
man should be master in his own house, and
speak in the language of his own people.

### *Esther Becomes Queen*

2 After these things, when the wrath of King
Ahasuerus subsided, he remembered Vashti,
what she had done, and what had been decreed against her. 2Then the king's servants who
attended him said: "Let beautiful young virgins

**1:1** [a]Generally identified with Xerxes I (485–464 B.C.) **1:2** [a]Or *Susa,* and so throughout this book

be sought for the king; [3]and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the citadel, into the women's quarters, under the custody of Hegai[a] the king's eunuch, custodian of the women. And let beauty preparations be given *them.* [4]Then let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti."

This thing pleased the king, and he did so.

[5]In Shushan the citadel there was a certain Jew whose name *was* Mordecai the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite. [6]*Kish*[a] had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been captured with Jeconiah[b] king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. [7]And *Mordecai* had brought up Hadassah, that *is,* Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman *was* lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

[8]So it was, when the king's command and decree were heard, and when many young women were gathered at Shushan the citadel, *under* the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to the king's palace, into the care of Hegai the custodian of the women. [9]Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best *place* in the house of the women.

[10]Esther had not revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal *it.* [11]And every day Mordecai paced in front of the court of the women's quarters, to learn of Esther's welfare and what was happening to her.

[12]Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus after she had completed twelve months' preparation, according to the regulations for the women, for thus were the days of their preparation apportioned: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and preparations for beautifying women. [13]Thus *prepared, each* young woman went to the king, and she was given whatever she desired to take with her from the women's quarters to the king's palace. [14]In the evening she went, and in the morning she returned to the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who kept the concubines. She would not go in to the king again unless the king delighted in her and called for her by name.

[15]Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her. [16]So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which *is* the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. [17]The king loved Esther more than all the *other* women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. [18]Then the king made a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king.

### *Mordecai Discovers a Plot*

[19]When virgins were gathered together a second time, Mordecai sat within the king's gate. [20]*Now* Esther had not revealed her family and her people, just as Mordecai had charged her, for Esther obeyed the command of Mordecai as when she was brought up by him.

[21]In those days, while Mordecai sat within the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, doorkeepers, became furious and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. [22]So the matter became known to Mordecai, who told Queen Esther, and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's name. [23]And when an inquiry was made into the matter, it was confirmed, and both were hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the book of the chronicles in the presence of the king.

### *Haman's Conspiracy Against the Jews*

3 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who *were* with him. [2]And all the king's servants who *were* within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage. [3]Then the king's servants who *were* within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's

**2:3** [a]Hebrew *Hege* **2:6** [a]Literally *Who* [b]Same as *Jehoiachin,* 2 Kings 24:6 and elsewhere

command?" [4]Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told *it* to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for *Mordecai* had told them that he *was* a Jew. [5]When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. [6]But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.

[7]In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that *is,* the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month,[a] until *it fell on the* twelfth *month,*[b] which *is* the month of Adar.

[8]Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws *are* different from all *other* people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it *is* not fitting for the king to let them remain. [9]If it pleases the king, let *a decree* be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries."

[10]So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. [11]And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people *are* given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

[12]Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and *a decree* was written according to all that Haman commanded—to the king's satraps, to the governors who *were* over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in their language. In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring. [13]And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.[a] [14]A copy of the document was to be issued as law in every province, being published for all people, that they should be ready for that day. [15]The couriers went out, hastened by the king's command; and the decree was proclaimed in Shushan the citadel. So the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

### *Esther Agrees to Help the Jews*

4 When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry. [2]He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one *might* enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. [3]And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

[4]So Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her, and the queen was deeply distressed. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth away from him, but he would not accept *them.* [5]Then Esther called Hathach, *one* of the king's eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend her, and she gave him a command concerning Mordecai, to learn what and why this *was.* [6]So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the city square that *was* in front of the king's gate. [7]And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries to destroy the Jews. [8]He also gave him a copy of the written decree for their destruction, which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people. [9]So Hathach returned and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

[10]Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a command for Mordecai: [11]"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, *he has* but one law: put *all* to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days." [12]So they told Mordecai Esther's words.

[13]And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape

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**3:7** [a]Septuagint adds *to destroy the people of Mordecai in one day;* Vulgate adds *the nation of the Jews should be destroyed.* [b]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *and the lot fell on the fourteenth of the month.* **3:13** [a]Septuagint adds the text of the letter here.

in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. 14For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

15Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: 16"Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

17So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.[a]

### *Esther's Banquet*

5 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on *her* royal *robes* and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.[a] 2So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, *that* she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that *was* in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

3And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What *is* your request? It shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!"

4So Esther answered, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

5Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, that he may do as Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6At the banquet of wine the king said to Esther, "What *is* your petition? It shall be granted you. What *is* your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

7Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and request *is this:* 8If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

### *Haman's Plot Against Mordecai*

9So Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai. 10Nevertheless Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and called for his friends and his wife Zeresh. 11Then Haman told them of his great riches, the multitude of his children, everything in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king.

12Moreover Haman said, "Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king. 13Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

14Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet."

And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the gallows made.

### *The King Honors Mordecai*

6 That night the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring the book of the records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. 2And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. 3Then the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?"

And the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

4So the king said, "Who *is* in the court?" Now Haman had *just* entered the outer court of the king's palace to suggest that the king hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5The king's servants said to him, "Haman is there, standing in the court."

And the king said, "Let him come in."

6So Haman came in, and the king asked him, "What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?"

Now Haman thought in his heart, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?" 7And Haman answered the king, "*For* the man whom the king delights to honor, 8let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse

**4:17** [a]Septuagint adds a prayer of Mordecai here.
**5:1** [a]Septuagint adds many extra details in verses 1 and 2.

on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head. 9Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!' "

10Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for Mordecai the Jew who sits within the king's gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken."

11So Haman took the robe and the horse, arrayed Mordecai and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!"

12Afterward Mordecai went back to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. 13When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him."

14While they *were* still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hastened to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

### *Haman Hanged Instead of Mordecai*

7 So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther. 2And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What *is* your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what *is* your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

3Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. 4For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss."

5So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?"

6And Esther said, "The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman!"

So Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

7Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. 8When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther *was.* Then the king said, "Will he also assault the queen while I *am* in the house?"

As the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. 9Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman."

Then the king said, "Hang him on it!"

10So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.

### *Esther Saves the Jews*

8 On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he *was related* to her. 2So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Jews. 4And the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king, 5and said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing *seems* right to the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to annihilate the Jews who *are* in all the king's provinces. 6For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?"

7Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and Mordecai the Jew, "Indeed, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows because he *tried to* lay his hand on the Jews. 8You yourselves write *a decree*

concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke."

9So the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which *is* the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third *day;* and it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces *in all,* to every province in its own script, to every people in their own language, and to the Jews in their own script and language. 10And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, sealed *it* with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from swift steeds.[a]

11By these letters the king permitted the Jews who *were* in every city to gather together and protect their lives—to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces of any people or province that would assault them, *both* little children and women, and to plunder their possessions, 12on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month of Adar.[a] 13A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province and published for all people, so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14The couriers who rode on royal horses went out, hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was issued in Shushan the citadel.

15So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. 16The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor. 17And in every province and city, wherever the king's command and decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then many of the people of the land became Jews, because fear of the Jews fell upon them.

### *The Jews Destroy Their Tormentors*

9 Now in the twelfth month, that *is,* the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, *the time* came for the king's command and his decree to be executed. On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them. 2The Jews gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because fear of them fell upon all people. 3And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. 4For Mordecai *was* great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent. 5Thus the Jews defeated all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, with slaughter and destruction, and did what they pleased with those who hated them.

6And in Shushan the citadel the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, 8Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, 9Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha— 10the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews—they killed; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

11On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the citadel was brought to the king. 12And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what *is* your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what *is* your further request? It shall be done."

13Then Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who *are* in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

14So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15And the Jews who *were* in Shushan gathered together again on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and killed three hundred men at Shushan; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

16The remainder of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered together and protected their lives, had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their enemies; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder. 17*This was* on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. And on the fourteenth of *the month*[a] they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

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**8:10** [a]Literally *sons of the swift horses* **8:12** [a]Septuagint adds the text of the letter here. **9:17** [a]Literally *it*

### *The Feast of Purim*

18 But the Jews who *were* at Shushan assembled
together on the thirteenth *day,* as well as on the
fourteenth; and on the fifteenth of *the month*[a]
they rested, and made it a day of feasting and
gladness. 19 Therefore the Jews of the villages who
dwelt in the unwalled towns celebrated the four-
teenth day of the month of Adar *with* gladness
and feasting, as a holiday, and for sending pres-
ents to one another.

20 And Mordecai wrote these things and sent
letters to all the Jews, near and far, who *were* in all
the provinces of King Ahasuerus, 21 to establish
among them that they should celebrate yearly the
fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of
Adar, 22 as the days on which the Jews had rest
from their enemies, as the month which was
turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from
mourning to a holiday; that they should make
them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents
to one another and gifts to the poor. 23 So the Jews
accepted the custom which they had begun, as
Mordecai had written to them, 24 because Haman,
the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of
all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to anni-
hilate them, and had cast Pur (that *is,* the lot), to
consume them and destroy them; 25 but when *Es-*
*ther*[a] came before the king, he commanded by let-
ter that this[b] wicked plot which *Haman* had
devised against the Jews should return on his
own head, and that he and his sons should be
hanged on the gallows.

26 So they called these days Purim, after the
name Pur. Therefore, because of all the words of
this letter, what they had seen concerning this
matter, and what had happened to them, 27 the
Jews established and imposed it upon themselves
and their descendants and all who would join
them, that without fail they should celebrate these
two days every year, according to the written *in-*
*structions* and according to the *prescribed* time,
28 *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept
throughout every generation, every family, every
province, and every city, that these days of Purim
should not fail *to be observed* among the Jews, and
*that* the memory of them should not perish
among their descendants.

29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail,
with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority
to confirm this second letter about Purim. 30 And
*Mordecai* sent letters to all the Jews, to the one
hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the king-
dom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth,
31 to confirm these days of Purim at their *ap-*
*pointed* time, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Es-
ther had prescribed for them, and as they had
decreed for themselves and their descendants
concerning matters of their fasting and lament-
ing. 32 So the decree of Esther confirmed these
matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

### *Mordecai's Advancement*

10 And King Ahasuerus imposed tribute
on the land and *on* the islands of the
sea. 2 Now all the acts of his power and
his might, and the account of the greatness of
Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, *are*
they not written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the
Jew *was* second to King Ahasuerus, and was great
among the Jews and well received by the multi-
tude of his brethren, seeking the good of his peo-
ple and speaking peace to all his countrymen.[a]

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**9:18** [a]Literally *it* **9:25** [a]Literally *she* or *it* [b]Literally *his*
**10:3** [a]Literally *seed.* Septuagint and Vulgate add a dream of Mordecai here; Vulgate adds six more chapters.

THE BOOK OF
# JOB

### *Job and His Family in Uz*

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. [2]And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. [3]Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

[4]And his sons would go and feast *in their* houses, each on his *appointed* day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. [5]So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed[a] God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.

### *Satan Attacks Job's Character*

[6]Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan[a] also came among them. [7]And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?"

So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

[8]Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

[9]So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? [10]Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. [11]But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

[12]And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person.*"

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

### *Job Loses His Property and Children*

[13]Now there was a day when his sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house; [14]and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, [15]when the Sabeans[a] raided *them* and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

[16]While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

[17]While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

[18]While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's

**1:5** [a]Literally *blessed,* but used here in the evil sense, and so in verse 11 and 2:5, 9 **1:6** [a]Literally *the Adversary,* and so throughout this book **1:15** [a]Literally *Sheba* (compare 6:19)

**SATAN** **2 WHERE IS SATAN'S DOMAIN?**

► *See* **JOB 1:7**

Satan does not live in hell. He is not and never will be master of hell. The Bible tells us that Satan prowls about, "seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Presently he is the god of this world, but his days are numbered. Christ's death on the cross earned the decisive victory over Satan. Someday he will be confined to hell, along with the other fallen angels and those who do not have faith in Christ's death and resurrection.

Victory over Satan is not just about overcoming difficulty during our life on earth. We can have victory over Satan today.

► *Now turn to page 1110 for Ephesians 6:11 and Point 3. How Is Satan Overcome?*

house, [19]and suddenly a great wind came from across[a] the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

[20]Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. [21]And he said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return there.
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the LORD."

[22]In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

### *Satan Attacks Job's Health*

2 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. [2]And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?"

Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

[3]Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

[4]So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. [5]But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

[6]And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life."

[7]So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. [8]And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes.

[9]Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

[10]But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

### *Job's Three Friends*

[11]Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him. [12]And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven. [13]So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

### *Job Deplores His Birth*

3 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his *birth.* [2]And Job spoke, and said:

3 "May the day perish on which I was born,
And the night *in which* it was said,
'A male child is conceived.'
4 May that day be darkness;
May God above not seek it,
Nor the light shine upon it.

**1:19** [a]Septuagint omits *across.*

**TERMINAL ILLNESS**

**2 GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**

► *See* **JOB 1:21**

Job proclaims God's sovereignty over our lives in this verse and praises God. Later he says, "Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" (Job 2:10). When Job's friend Zophar accuses him of bringing God's punishment on himself by sin, Job defends himself: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15). We do not completely understand God's ways. But God takes even our worst circumstances and brings good from them. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). (See *Suffering*.)

► *Now turn to page 462 for Job 23:2–6 and Point 3. God's Mercy.*

5 May darkness and the shadow of death
claim it;
May a cloud settle on it;
May the blackness of the day terrify it.
6 *As for* that night, may darkness seize it;
May it not rejoice[a] among the days of the
year,
May it not come into the number of the
months.
7 Oh, may that night be barren!
May no joyful shout come into it!
8 May those curse it who curse the day,
Those who are ready to arouse Leviathan.
9 May the stars of its morning be dark;
May it look for light, but *have* none,
And not see the dawning of the day;
10 Because it did not shut up the doors of my
*mother's* womb,
Nor hide sorrow from my eyes.

11 "Why did I not die at birth?
*Why* did I *not* perish when I came from the
womb?
12 Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?
13 For now I would have lain still and been
quiet,
I would have been asleep;
Then I would have been at rest
14 With kings and counselors of the earth,
Who built ruins for themselves,
15 Or with princes who had gold,
Who filled their houses *with* silver;
16 Or *why* was I not hidden like a stillborn
child,
Like infants who never saw light?
17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling,
And there the weary are at rest.
18 *There* the prisoners rest together;
They do not hear the voice of the oppressor.
19 The small and great are there,
And the servant *is* free from his master.

20 "Why is light given to him who is in misery,
And life to the bitter of soul,
21 Who long for death, but it does not *come,*
And search for it more than hidden
treasures;
22 Who rejoice exceedingly,
*And* are glad when they can find the grave?
23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is
hidden,
And whom God has hedged in?
24 For my sighing comes before I eat,[a]
And my groanings pour out like water.
25 For the thing I greatly feared has come upon
me,
And what I dreaded has happened to me.
26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest, for trouble comes."

### *Eliphaz: Job Has Sinned*

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 "If one attempts a word with you, will you
become weary?
But who can withhold himself from
speaking?
3 Surely you have instructed many,
And you have strengthened weak hands.
4 Your words have upheld him who was
stumbling,
And you have strengthened the feeble knees;
5 But now it comes upon you, and you are
weary;
It touches you, and you are troubled.
6 *Is* not your reverence your confidence?
And the integrity of your ways your hope?

7 "Remember now, who *ever* perished being
innocent?
Or where were the upright *ever* cut off?
8 Even as I have seen,
Those who plow iniquity
And sow trouble reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they perish,
And by the breath of His anger they are
consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion,
The voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.
11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the cubs of the lioness are scattered.

12 "Now a word was secretly brought to me,
And my ear received a whisper of it.
13 In disquieting thoughts from the visions of
the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face;
The hair on my body stood up.

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**3:6** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *be joined*.
**3:24** [a]Literally *my bread*

16 It stood still,
But I could not discern its appearance.
A form *was* before my eyes;
*There was* silence;
Then I heard a voice *saying:*
17 'Can a mortal be more righteous than God?
Can a man be more pure than his Maker?
18 If He puts no trust in His servants,
*If* He charges His angels with error,
19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
*Who* are crushed before a moth?
20 They are broken in pieces from morning till evening;
They perish forever, with no one regarding.
21 Does not their own excellence go away?
They die, even without wisdom.'

### *Eliphaz: Job Is Chastened by God*

5 "Call out now;
Is there anyone who will answer you?
And to which of the holy ones will you turn?
2 For wrath kills a foolish man,
And envy slays a simple one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root,
But suddenly I cursed his dwelling place.
4 His sons are far from safety,
They are crushed in the gate,
And *there is* no deliverer.
5 Because the hungry eat up his harvest,
Taking it even from the thorns,[a]
And a snare snatches their substance.[b]
6 For affliction does not come from the dust,
Nor does trouble spring from the ground;
7 Yet man is born to trouble,
As the sparks fly upward.
8 "But as for me, I would seek God,
And to God I would commit my cause—
9 Who does great things, and unsearchable,
Marvelous things without number.
10 He gives rain on the earth,
And sends waters on the fields.
11 He sets on high those who are lowly,
And those who mourn are lifted to safety.
12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands cannot carry out their plans.
13 He catches the wise in their own craftiness,
And the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them.
14 They meet with darkness in the daytime,
And grope at noontime as in the night.
15 But He saves the needy from the sword,
From the mouth of the mighty,
And from their hand.
16 So the poor have hope,
And injustice shuts her mouth.
17 "Behold, happy *is* the man whom God corrects;
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.
18 For He bruises, but He binds up;
He wounds, but His hands make whole.
19 He shall deliver you in six troubles,
Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.
20 In famine He shall redeem you from death,
And in war from the power of the sword.
21 You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue,

**5:5** [a]Septuagint reads *They shall not be taken from evil men;* Vulgate reads *And the armed man shall take him by violence.* [b]Septuagint reads *The might shall draw them off;* Vulgate reads *And the thirsty shall drink up their riches.*

## SUFFERING — 1 The Meaning of Suffering

▶ *See* **Job 5:7**

Because evil exists in the world, suffering is a part of every life. Billy Graham has said, "Nowhere does the Bible teach that Christians are exempt from the tribulations and natural disasters that come upon the world. Scripture does teach that the Christian can face tribulation, crisis, calamity, and personal suffering with a supernatural power that is not available to the person outside of Christ."

Sometimes suffering is a direct result of our sinful actions. Other times we suffer because of the sinful actions of others. In other instances, we suffer because of circumstances beyond anyone's control. The origin of suffering is in sin. Even our bodies, which were created to be perfect, contract sickness and disease because nature itself has been in constant rebellion against God since the time of Adam and Eve.

▶ *Now turn to page 1148 for Hebrews 5:8 and Point 2. Christ, Our Example in Suffering.*

And you shall not be afraid of destruction
when it comes.
22 You shall laugh at destruction and famine,
And you shall not be afraid of the beasts of
the earth.
23 For you shall have a covenant with the stones
of the field,
And the beasts of the field shall be at peace
with you.
24 You shall know that your tent *is* in peace;
You shall visit your dwelling and find
nothing amiss.
25 You shall also know that your descendants
*shall be* many,
And your offspring like the grass of the
earth.
26 You shall come to the grave at a full age,
As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.
27 Behold, this we have searched out;
It *is* true.
Hear it, and know for yourself."

### *Job: My Complaint Is Just*

6 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Oh, that my grief were fully weighed,
And my calamity laid with it on the scales!
3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of
the sea—
Therefore my words have been rash.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within
me;
My spirit drinks in their poison;
The terrors of God are arrayed against me.
5 Does the wild donkey bray when it has
grass,
Or does the ox low over its fodder?
6 Can flavorless food be eaten without salt?
Or is there *any* taste in the white of an
egg?
7 My soul refuses to touch them;
They *are* as loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh, that I might have my request,
That God would grant *me* the thing that I
long for!
9 That it would please God to crush me,
That He would loose His hand and cut me
off!
10 Then I would still have comfort;
Though in anguish I would exult,
He will not spare;
For I have not concealed the words of the
Holy One.

**DISCIPLINE FROM GOD**

**1 The Purpose of Discipline**

► *See* **Job 5:17**

The ultimate benefit of God's discipline ("chastening") is that we become more like Christ; and as we do, we experience God's abundant life here on earth (see *Abundant Life*).

God disciplines us to lead us to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9) and to help us be more faithful (Psalm 119:67). He disciplines us to keep us humble (2 Corinthians 12:7–9) and to teach us discernment (1 Corinthians 11:31, 32). Though discipline is difficult, He blesses us through it. Psalm 94:12, 13 says, "Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, / And teach out of Your law, / That You may give him rest from the days of adversity."

In the process of being disciplined, we develop an intimate relationship with God because we better understand His will and what pleases Him. God's discipline helps us learn the boundaries He has established for our care and protection—boundaries that bring more satisfaction and fulfillment than rebelling against God and His discipline. When we live within those boundaries, we live the way God created us to live and reap the rewards of a God-honoring life.

► *Now turn to page 573 for Proverbs 3:11, 12 and Point 2. God Disciplines as a Loving Father.*

**SUICIDE**

**3 Temptation Toward Suicide**

► *See* **Job 6:8–11**

Job experienced such calamity in his life at Satan's hand that he wanted to die. It is Satan who convinces people to take their own lives. He is the enemy of God and all who are His and roams this planet looking for lives to destroy. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a

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11 "What strength do I have, that I should hope?
And what *is* my end, that I should prolong my life?
12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh bronze?
13 *Is* my help not within me?
And is success driven from me?

14 "To him who is afflicted, kindness *should be shown* by his friend,
Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully like a brook,
Like the streams of the brooks that pass away,
16 Which are dark because of the ice,
*And* into which the snow vanishes.
17 When it is warm, they cease to flow;
When it is hot, they vanish from their place.
18 The paths of their way turn aside,
They go nowhere and perish.
19 The caravans of Tema look,
The travelers of Sheba hope for them.
20 They are disappointed because they were confident;
They come there and are confused.
21 For now you are nothing,
You see terror and are afraid.
22 Did I ever say, 'Bring *something* to me'?
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'?
23 Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand'?
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of oppressors'?

24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue;
Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
25 How forceful are right words!
But what does your arguing prove?
26 Do you intend to rebuke *my* words,
And the speeches of a desperate one, *which are* as wind?
27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless,
And you undermine your friend.
28 Now therefore, be pleased to look at me;
For I would never lie to your face.
29 Yield now, let there be no injustice!
Yes, concede, my righteousness still stands!
30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern the unsavory?

### *Suicide: 3. Temptation Toward Suicide (continued)*

roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

If you are considering suicide, you may feel abandoned, rejected, or lonely. Maybe you feel like a failure or feel that you cannot live up to the expectations of others. You may have chronic pain or a debilitating illness that causes severe suffering. These feelings can be torturous and may drive you to seek any possible way to escape. Satan uses these things to tempt you to believe the lie that death is the way out. This is not true. Jesus said, "The thief [Satan] does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus does not want you to take your own life; He wants to give you abundant life.

► *Now turn to page 66 for Exodus 20:13 and Point 4. God Opposes Suicide.*

## THE TONGUE

### 1 The Complaining Tongue

► *See* **Job 6:24**

At one time or another, most of us complain. But we miss God's bigger picture when we complain. At its core, complaining is self-centered. Every circumstance of your life is under God's control. When you complain, you are telling God that you don't trust Him. When you refrain from complaining, you show that you trust God and regard His will above your own desires.

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:14, 15).

► *Now turn to page 484 for Psalm 15:1–3 and Point 2. The Critical Tongue.*

### *Job: My Suffering Is Comfortless*

7 "*Is there* not a time of hard service for man on earth?
*Are not* his days also like the days of a hired man?
2 Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade,
And like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages,
3 So I have been allotted months of futility,
And wearisome nights have been appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise,
And the night be ended?'
For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn.
5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust,
My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh.

6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
7 Oh, remember that my life *is* a breath!
My eye will never again see good.
8 The eye of him who sees me will see me no *more;*
*While* your eyes *are* upon me, I shall no longer *be.*
9 *As* the cloud disappears and vanishes away,
So he who goes down to the grave does not come up.
10 He shall never return to his house,
Nor shall his place know him anymore.

11 "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
12 *Am* I a sea, or a sea serpent,
That You set a guard over me?
13 When I say, 'My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ease my complaint,'
14 Then You scare me with dreams
And terrify me with visions,
15 So that my soul chooses strangling
*And* death rather than my body.[a]
16 I loathe *my life;*
I would not live forever.
Let me alone,
For my days *are but* a breath.

17 "What *is* man, that You should exalt him,
*That* You should set Your heart on him,
18 That You should visit him every morning,
*And* test him every moment?
19 How long?
Will You not look away from me,
And let me alone till I swallow my saliva?
20 Have I sinned?
What have I done to You, O watcher of men?
Why have You set me as Your target,
So that I am a burden to myself?[a]
21 Why then do You not pardon my transgression,
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will lie down in the dust,
And You will seek me diligently,
But I *will* no longer *be.*"

### *Bildad: Job Should Repent*

8 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "How long will you speak these *things,*
And the words of your mouth *be like* a strong wind?
3 Does God subvert judgment?
Or does the Almighty pervert justice?
4 If your sons have sinned against Him,
He has cast them away for their transgression.
5 If you would earnestly seek God
And make your supplication to the Almighty,
6 If you *were* pure and upright,
Surely now He would awake for you,
And prosper your rightful dwelling place.
7 Though your beginning was small,
Yet your latter end would increase abundantly.

8 "For inquire, please, of the former age,
And consider the things discovered by their fathers;
9 For we *were born* yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days on earth *are* a shadow.
10 Will they not teach you and tell you,
And utter words from their heart?

11 "Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh?
Can the reeds flourish without water?
12 While it *is* yet green *and* not cut down,
It withers before any *other* plant.
13 So *are* the paths of all who forget God;
And the hope of the hypocrite shall perish,

**7:15** [a]Literally *my bones* **7:20** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Jewish tradition read *to You*.

14 Whose confidence shall be cut off,
And whose trust *is* a spider's web.
15 He leans on his house, but it does not stand.
He holds it fast, but it does not endure.
16 He grows green in the sun,
And his branches spread out in his garden.
17 His roots wrap around the rock heap,
*And* look for a place in the stones.
18 If he is destroyed from his place,
Then *it* will deny him, *saying,* 'I have not seen you.'

19 "Behold, this is the joy of His way,
And out of the earth others will grow.
20 Behold, God will not cast away the blameless,
Nor will He uphold the evildoers.
21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughing,
And your lips with rejoicing.
22 Those who hate you will be clothed with shame,
And the dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing."[a]

### *Job: There Is No Mediator*

9 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Truly I know *it is* so,
But how can a man be righteous before God?
3 If one wished to contend with Him,
He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand.
4 God is wise in heart and mighty in strength.
Who has hardened *himself* against Him and prospered?
5 He removes the mountains, and they do not know
When He overturns them in His anger;
6 He shakes the earth out of its place,
And its pillars tremble;
7 He commands the sun, and it does not rise;
He seals off the stars;
8 He alone spreads out the heavens,
And treads on the waves of the sea;
9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south;
10 He does great things past finding out,
Yes, wonders without number.
11 If He goes by me, I do not see *Him;*
If He moves past, I do not perceive Him;
12 If He takes away, who can hinder Him?
Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?'
13 God will not withdraw His anger,
The allies of the proud[a] lie prostrate beneath Him.

14 "How then can I answer Him,
*And* choose my words *to reason* with Him?
15 For though I were righteous, I could not answer Him;
I would beg mercy of my Judge.
16 If I called and He answered me,
I would not believe that He was listening to my voice.
17 For He crushes me with a tempest,
And multiplies my wounds without cause.
18 He will not allow me to catch my breath,
But fills me with bitterness.
19 If *it is a matter* of strength, indeed *He is* strong;
And if of justice, who will appoint my day *in court?*
20 Though I were righteous, my own mouth would condemn me;
Though I *were* blameless, it would prove me perverse.

21 "I am blameless, yet I do not know myself;
I despise my life.
22 It *is* all one *thing;*
Therefore I say, 'He destroys the blameless and the wicked.'
23 If the scourge slays suddenly,
He laughs at the plight of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked.
He covers the faces of its judges.
If it is not *He,* who else could it be?

25 "Now my days are swifter than a runner;
They flee away, they see no good.
26 They pass by like swift ships,
Like an eagle swooping on its prey.
27 If I say, 'I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my sad face and wear a smile,'
28 I am afraid of all my sufferings;
I know that You will not hold me innocent.
29 *If* I am condemned,
Why then do I labor in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow water,
And cleanse my hands with soap,
31 Yet You will plunge me into the pit,
And my own clothes will abhor me.

**8:22** [a]Literally *will not be* **9:13** [a]Hebrew *rahab*

32 "For *He is* not a man, as I *am,*
*That* I may answer Him,
*And that* we should go to court together.
33 Nor is there any mediator between us,
*Who* may lay his hand on us both.
34 Let Him take His rod away from me,
And do not let dread of Him terrify me.
35 *Then* I would speak and not fear Him,
But it is not so with me.

### *Job: I Would Plead with God*

10 "My soul loathes my life;
I will give free course to my complaint,
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me;
Show me why You contend with me.
3 *Does it* seem good to You that You should oppress,
That You should despise the work of Your hands,
And smile on the counsel of the wicked?
4 Do You have eyes of flesh?
Or do You see as man sees?
5 *Are* Your days like the days of a mortal man?
*Are* Your years like the days of a mighty man,
6 That You should seek for my iniquity
And search out my sin,
7 Although You know that I am not wicked,
And *there is* no one who can deliver from Your hand?

8 'Your hands have made me and fashioned me,
An intricate unity;
Yet You would destroy me.
9 Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay.
And will You turn me into dust again?
10 Did You not pour me out like milk,
And curdle me like cheese,
11 Clothe me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews?
12 You have granted me life and favor,
And Your care has preserved my spirit.

13 'And these *things* You have hidden in Your heart;
I know that this *was* with You:
14 If I sin, then You mark me,
And will not acquit me of my iniquity.
15 If I am wicked, woe to me;
Even *if* I am righteous, I cannot lift up my head.
*I am* full of disgrace;
See my misery!
16 If *my head* is exalted,
You hunt me like a fierce lion,
And again You show Yourself awesome against me.
17 You renew Your witnesses against me,
And increase Your indignation toward me;
Changes and war are *ever* with me.

18 'Why then have You brought me out of the womb?
Oh, that I had perished and no eye had seen me!
19 I would have been as though I had not been.
I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 Are not my days few?
Cease! Leave me alone, that I may take a little comfort,
21 Before I go *to the place from which* I shall not return,
To the land of darkness and the shadow of death,
22 A land as dark as darkness *itself,*
As the shadow of death, without any order,
*Where* even the light *is* like darkness.'"

### *Zophar Urges Job to Repent*

11 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:

2 "Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be vindicated?
3 Should your empty talk make men hold their peace?
And when you mock, should no one rebuke you?
4 For you have said,
'My doctrine *is* pure,
And I am clean in your eyes.'
5 But oh, that God would speak,
And open His lips against you,
6 That He would show you the secrets of wisdom!
For *they would* double *your* prudence.
Know therefore that God exacts from you
*Less* than your iniquity *deserves.*

7 "Can you search out the deep things of God?
Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?
8 *They are* higher than heaven— what can you do?
Deeper than Sheol— what can you know?
9 Their measure *is* longer than the earth
And broader than the sea.

10 "If He passes by, imprisons, and gathers *to judgment,*
Then who can hinder Him?
11 For He knows deceitful men;
He sees wickedness also.
Will He not then consider *it?*
12 For an empty-headed man will be wise,
When a wild donkey's colt is born a man.

13 "If you would prepare your heart,
And stretch out your hands toward Him;
14 If iniquity *were* in your hand, *and you* put it far away,
And would not let wickedness dwell in your tents;
15 Then surely you could lift up your face without spot;
Yes, you could be steadfast, and not fear;
16 Because you would forget *your* misery,
And remember *it* as waters *that have* passed away,
17 And *your* life would be brighter than noonday.
*Though* you were dark, you would be like the morning.
18 And you would be secure, because there is hope;
Yes, you would dig *around you, and* take your rest in safety.
19 You would also lie down, and no one would make *you* afraid;
*Yes,* many would court your favor.
20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail,
And they shall not escape,
And their hope—loss of life!"

### *Job Answers His Critics*

**12** Then Job answered and said:

2 "No doubt you *are* the people,
And wisdom will die with you!
3 But I have understanding as well as you;
I *am* not inferior to you.
Indeed, who does not *know* such things as these?
4 "I am one mocked by his friends,
Who called on God, and He answered him,
The just and blameless *who is* ridiculed.
5 A lamp[a] is despised in the thought of one who is at ease;
*It is* made ready for those whose feet slip.
6 The tents of robbers prosper,
And those who provoke God are secure—
In what God provides by His hand.

7 "But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you;
And the fish of the sea will explain to you.
9 Who among all these does not know
That the hand of the LORD has done this,
10 In whose hand *is* the life of every living thing,
And the breath of all mankind?
11 Does not the ear test words
And the mouth taste its food?
12 Wisdom *is* with aged men,
And with length of days, understanding.

13 "With Him *are* wisdom and strength,
He has counsel and understanding.
14 If He breaks *a thing* down, it cannot be rebuilt;
*If* He imprisons a man, there can be no release.
15 If He withholds the waters, they dry up;
*If* He sends them out, they overwhelm the earth.
16 With Him *are* strength and prudence.
The deceived and the deceiver *are* His.
17 He leads counselors away plundered,
And makes fools of the judges.
18 He loosens the bonds of kings,
And binds their waist with a belt.
19 He leads princes[a] away plundered,
And overthrows the mighty.
20 He deprives the trusted ones of speech,
And takes away the discernment of the elders.
21 He pours contempt on princes,
And disarms the mighty.
22 He uncovers deep things out of darkness,
And brings the shadow of death to light.

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**12:5** [a]Or *disaster* **12:19** [a]Literally *priests,* but not in a technical sense

23 He makes nations great, and destroys them;
He enlarges nations, and guides them.
24 He takes away the understanding[a] of the
chiefs of the people of the earth,
And makes them wander in a pathless
wilderness.
25 They grope in the dark without light,
And He makes them stagger like a drunken
*man.*

13 "Behold, my eye has seen all *this,*
My ear has heard and understood it.
2 What you know, I also know;
I *am* not inferior to you.
3 But I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with God.
4 But you forgers of lies,
You *are* all worthless physicians.
5 Oh, that you would be silent,
And it would be your wisdom!
6 Now hear my reasoning,
And heed the pleadings of my lips.
7 Will you speak wickedly for God,
And talk deceitfully for Him?
8 Will you show partiality for Him?
Will you contend for God?
9 Will it be well when He searches you out?
Or can you mock Him as one mocks a man?
10 He will surely rebuke you
If you secretly show partiality.
11 Will not His excellence make you afraid,
And the dread of Him fall upon you?
12 Your platitudes *are* proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses are defenses of clay.
13 "Hold your peace with me, and let me speak,
Then let come on me what *may!*
14 Why do I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in my hands?
15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
Even so, I will defend my own ways before
Him.
16 He also *shall* be my salvation,
For a hypocrite could not come before Him.
17 Listen carefully to my speech,
And to my declaration with your ears.
18 See now, I have prepared *my* case,
I know that I shall be vindicated.
19 Who *is* he *who* will contend with me?
If now I hold my tongue, I perish.

### *Job's Despondent Prayer*

20 "Only two *things* do not do to me,
Then I will not hide myself from You:
21 Withdraw Your hand far from me,
And let not the dread of You make me
afraid.
22 Then call, and I will answer;
Or let me speak, then You respond to me.
23 How many *are* my iniquities and sins?
Make me know my transgression and my
sin.
24 Why do You hide Your face,
And regard me as Your enemy?
25 Will You frighten a leaf driven to and fro?
And will You pursue dry stubble?

**12:24** [a]Literally *heart*

**SUFFERING** **4 Trusting God in Suffering**

► *See* **Job 13:15**

Our only hope during suffering is to believe that God is trustworthy. With that kind of faith, someone who is suffering can find peace, joy, and contentment, even if circumstances never change. Job is a biblical figure who suffered greatly. He lost not only his material possessions, but also his children and his health. To make matters worse, Job's friends began saying that Job was to blame for his own suffering. They encouraged him to curse God; Job would not. He believed the God in whom he trusted.

God is powerful enough to take even the worst circumstances and bring good from them. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:28, 29).

Your suffering does not escape God's power and control. No amount of evil is beyond His reach. Adversity and trials come to everyone, but take comfort in knowing that God is in control. He is a concerned and loving Father who oversees each challenge you face and works out that struggle for your eternal good. As you learn to give thanks for God's work in your life, you will see your own faith deepen, as well as inspire those around you. In the end, you will be more like Christ.

► *Now turn to page 1167 for 1 Peter 4:16, 19 and Point 5. Becoming Like Jesus.*

26 For You write bitter things against me,
And make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.
27 You put my feet in the stocks,
And watch closely all my paths.
You set a limit[a] for the soles of my feet.

28 "*Man*[a] decays like a rotten thing,
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 "Man *who is* born of woman
Is of few days and full of trouble.
2 He comes forth like a flower and fades away;
He flees like a shadow and does not continue.
3 And do You open Your eyes on such a one,
And bring me[a] to judgment with Yourself?
4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean?
No one!
5 Since his days *are* determined,
The number of his months *is* with You;
You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.
6 Look away from him that he may rest,
Till like a hired man he finishes his day.

7 "For there is hope for a tree,
If it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
And that its tender shoots will not cease.
8 Though its root may grow old in the earth,
And its stump may die in the ground,
9 *Yet* at the scent of water it will bud
And bring forth branches like a plant.
10 But man dies and is laid away;
Indeed he breathes his last
And where *is* he?
11 *As* water disappears from the sea,
And a river becomes parched and dries up,
12 So man lies down and does not rise.
Till the heavens *are* no more,
They will not awake
Nor be roused from their sleep.

13 "Oh, that You would hide me in the grave,
That You would conceal me until Your wrath is past,
That You would appoint me a set time, and remember me!
14 If a man dies, shall he live *again?*
All the days of my hard service I will wait,
Till my change comes.
15 You shall call, and I will answer You;
You shall desire the work of Your hands.
16 For now You number my steps,
But do not watch over my sin.
17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag,
And You cover[a] my iniquity.

18 "But *as* a mountain falls *and* crumbles away,
And *as* a rock is moved from its place;
19 *As* water wears away stones,
*And as* torrents wash away the soil of the earth;
So You destroy the hope of man.
20 You prevail forever against him, and he passes on;
You change his countenance and send him away.

**13:27** [a]Literally *inscribe a print* **13:28** [a]Literally *He*
**14:3** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *him.* **14:17** [a]Literally *plaster over*

ASSISTED SUICIDE

## 1 God Controls Life and Death

► *See* **Job 14:5**

God has authority over life and death. He has appointed our time to die. God knew us before we were born—and planned the number of our days: "And in Your book they all were written, / The days fashioned for me, / When as yet there were none of them" (Psalm 139:16).

We are created in God's image (Genesis 1:26, 27). Billy Graham has said, "We aren't just animals or physical beings! We are spiritual beings as well. . . . Life is a sacred gift from God, and we must not defile that gift by destroying it. Life is not to be ended casually or for our own convenience. . . . When I think of suffering and hopelessness I often remember Job in the Old Testament. No one (except Jesus) ever suffered more—and yet not once did Job consider taking his own life. In fact, he explicitly refused to consider it when his wife urged him to do so (see Job 2:9, 10). . . . Although we may suffer, we know this life is not all—and that gives us hope. Ahead of us is Heaven, and what happens now is only temporary."

► *Now turn to page 1062 for Romans 11:33 and Point 2. Trusting God in Suffering.*

21 His sons come to honor, and he does not
know *it;*
They are brought low, and he does not
perceive *it.*
22 But his flesh will be in pain over it,
And his soul will mourn over it."

### *Eliphaz Accuses Job of Folly*

15 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered
and said:

2 "Should a wise man answer with empty
knowledge,
And fill himself with the east wind?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk,
Or by speeches with which he can do no
good?
4 Yes, you cast off fear,
And restrain prayer before God.
5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth,
And you choose the tongue of the crafty.
6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I;
Yes, your own lips testify against you.

7 "*Are* you the first man *who* was born?
Or were you made before the hills?
8 Have you heard the counsel of God?
Do you limit wisdom to yourself?
9 What do you know that we do not know?
*What* do you understand that *is* not in us?
10 Both the gray-haired and the aged *are*
among us,
Much older than your father.
11 *Are* the consolations of God too small for you,
And the word *spoken* gently[a] with you?
12 Why does your heart carry you away,
And what do your eyes wink at,
13 That you turn your spirit against God,
And let *such* words go out of your mouth?

14 "What *is* man, that he could be pure?
And *he who is* born of a woman, that he
could be righteous?
15 If *God* puts no trust in His saints,
And the heavens are not pure in His sight,
16 How much less man, *who is* abominable and
filthy,
Who drinks iniquity like water!

17 "I will tell you, hear me;
What I have seen I will declare,
18 What wise men have told,
Not hiding *anything received* from their
fathers,
19 To whom alone the land was given,
And no alien passed among them:
20 The wicked man writhes with pain all *his*
days,
And the number of years is hidden from the
oppressor.
21 Dreadful sounds *are* in his ears;
In prosperity the destroyer comes upon him.
22 He does not believe that he will return from
darkness,
For a sword is waiting for him.
23 He wanders about for bread, *saying,* 'Where
*is it?*'
He knows that a day of darkness is ready at
his hand.
24 Trouble and anguish make him afraid;
They overpower him, like a king ready for
battle.
25 For he stretches out his hand against God,
And acts defiantly against the Almighty,
26 Running stubbornly against Him
With his strong, embossed shield.

27 "Though he has covered his face with his
fatness,
And made *his* waist heavy with fat,
28 He dwells in desolate cities,
In houses which no one inhabits,
Which are destined to become ruins.
29 He will not be rich,
Nor will his wealth continue,
Nor will his possessions overspread the
earth.
30 He will not depart from darkness;
The flame will dry out his branches,
And by the breath of His mouth he will go
away.
31 Let him not trust in futile *things,* deceiving
himself,
For futility will be his reward.
32 It will be accomplished before his time,
And his branch will not be green.
33 He will shake off his unripe grape like a vine,
And cast off his blossom like an olive tree.
34 For the company of hypocrites *will be*
barren,
And fire will consume the tents of bribery.
35 They conceive trouble and bring forth
futility;
Their womb prepares deceit."

**15:11** [a]Septuagint reads *a secret thing.*

### *Job Reproaches His Pitiless Friends*

16 Then Job answered and said:

2 "I have heard many such things;
Miserable comforters *are* you all!
3 Shall words of wind have an end?
Or what provokes you that you answer?
4 I also could speak as you *do,*
If your soul were in my soul's place.
I could heap up words against you,
And shake my head at you;
5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth,
And the comfort of my lips would relieve
*your grief.*

6 "Though I speak, my grief is not relieved;
And *if* I remain silent, how am I eased?
7 But now He has worn me out;
You have made desolate all my company.
8 You have shriveled me up,
And it is a witness *against me;*
My leanness rises up against me
*And* bears witness to my face.
9 He tears *me* in His wrath, and hates me;
He gnashes at me with His teeth;
My adversary sharpens His gaze on me.
10 They gape at me with their mouth,
They strike me reproachfully on the cheek,
They gather together against me.
11 God has delivered me to the ungodly,
And turned me over to the hands of the
wicked.
12 I was at ease, but He has shattered me;
He also has taken *me* by my neck, and
shaken me to pieces;
He has set me up for His target,
13 His archers surround me.
He pierces my heart[a] and does not pity;
He pours out my gall on the ground.
14 He breaks me with wound upon wound;
He runs at me like a warrior.[a]

15 "I have sewn sackcloth over my skin,
And laid my head[a] in the dust.
16 My face is flushed from weeping,
And on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death;
17 Although no violence *is* in my hands,
And my prayer *is* pure.

18 "O earth, do not cover my blood,
And let my cry have no *resting* place!
19 Surely even now my witness *is* in heaven,
And my evidence *is* on high.
20 My friends scorn me;
My eyes pour out *tears* to God.
21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with God,
As a man *pleads* for his neighbor!
22 For when a few years are finished,
I shall go the way of no return.

### *Job Prays for Relief*

17 "My spirit is broken,
My days are extinguished,
The grave *is ready* for me.
2 *Are* not mockers with me?
And does not my eye dwell on their
provocation?

3 "Now put down a pledge for me with Yourself.
Who *is* he *who* will shake hands with me?
4 For You have hidden their heart from
understanding;
Therefore You will not exalt *them.*
5 He who speaks flattery to *his* friends,
Even the eyes of his children will fail.

6 "But He has made me a byword of the people,
And I have become one in whose face men
spit.
7 My eye has also grown dim because of
sorrow,
And all my members *are* like shadows.
8 Upright *men* are astonished at this,
And the innocent stirs himself up against
the hypocrite.
9 Yet the righteous will hold to his way,
And he who has clean hands will be stronger
and stronger.

10 "But please, come back again, all of you,[a]
For I shall not find *one* wise *man* among
you.
11 My days are past,
My purposes are broken off,
*Even* the thoughts of my heart.
12 They change the night into day;
'The light *is* near,' *they say,* in the face of
darkness.
13 If I wait *for* the grave *as* my house,
If I make my bed in the darkness,
14 If I say to corruption, 'You *are* my father,'
And to the worm, 'You *are* my mother and
my sister,'

**16:13** [a]Literally *kidneys* **16:14** [a]Vulgate reads *giant.*
**16:15** [a]Literally *horn* **17:10** [a]Following some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text and Targum read *all of them.*

15 Where then *is* my hope?
As for my hope, who can see it?
16 *Will* they go down to the gates of Sheol?
Shall *we have* rest together in the dust?"

### *Bildad: The Wicked Are Punished*

**18** Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "How long *till* you put an end to words?
Gain understanding, and afterward we will speak.
3 Why are we counted as beasts,
*And* regarded as stupid in your sight?
4 You who tear yourself in anger,
Shall the earth be forsaken for you?
Or shall the rock be removed from its place?

5 "The light of the wicked indeed goes out,
And the flame of his fire does not shine.
6 The light is dark in his tent,
And his lamp beside him is put out.
7 The steps of his strength are shortened,
And his own counsel casts him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
And he walks into a snare.
9 The net takes *him* by the heel,
*And* a snare lays hold of him.
10 A noose *is* hidden for him on the ground,
And a trap for him in the road.
11 Terrors frighten him on every side,
And drive him to his feet.
12 His strength is starved,
And destruction *is* ready at his side.
13 It devours patches of his skin;
The firstborn of death devours his limbs.
14 He is uprooted from the shelter of his tent,
And they parade him before the king of terrors.
15 They dwell in his tent *who are* none of his;
Brimstone is scattered on his dwelling.
16 His roots are dried out below,
And his branch withers above.
17 The memory of him perishes from the earth,
And he has no name among the renowned.[a]
18 He is driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.
19 He has neither son nor posterity among his people,
Nor any remaining in his dwellings.
20 Those in the west are astonished at his day,
As those in the east are frightened.
21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked,
And this *is* the place *of him who* does not know God."

### *Job Trusts in His Redeemer*

**19** Then Job answered and said:

2 "How long will you torment my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times you have reproached me;
You are not ashamed *that* you have wronged me.[a]
4 And if indeed I have erred,
My error remains with me.
5 If indeed you exalt *yourselves* against me,
And plead my disgrace against me,
6 Know then that God has wronged me,
And has surrounded me with His net.

7 "If I cry out concerning wrong, I am not heard.
If I cry aloud, *there is* no justice.
8 He has fenced up my way, so that I cannot pass;
And He has set darkness in my paths.
9 He has stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown *from* my head.
10 He breaks me down on every side,
And I am gone;
My hope He has uprooted like a tree.
11 He has also kindled His wrath against me,
And He counts me as *one of* His enemies.
12 His troops come together
And build up their road against me;
They encamp all around my tent.

13 "He has removed my brothers far from me,
And my acquaintances are completely estranged from me.
14 My relatives have failed,
And my close friends have forgotten me.
15 Those who dwell in my house, and my maidservants,
Count me as a stranger;
I am an alien in their sight.
16 I call my servant, but he gives no answer;
I beg him with my mouth.
17 My breath is offensive to my wife,
And I am repulsive to the children of my own body.

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**18:17** [a]Literally *before the outside,* meaning distinguished, famous **19:3** [a]A Jewish tradition reads *make yourselves strange to me.*

18 Even young children despise me;
I arise, and they speak against me.
19 All my close friends abhor me,
And those whom I love have turned against me.
20 My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh,
And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
For the hand of God has struck me!
22 Why do you persecute me as God *does,*
And are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 "Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
24 That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!
25 For I know *that* my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
26 And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know,*
That in my flesh I shall see God,
27 Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
*How* my heart yearns within me!
28 If you should say, 'How shall we persecute him?'—
Since the root of the matter is found in me,
29 Be afraid of the sword for yourselves;
For wrath *brings* the punishment of the sword,
That you may know *there is* a judgment."

### *Zophar's Sermon on the Wicked Man*

**20** Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:

2 "Therefore my anxious thoughts make me answer,
Because of the turmoil within me.
3 I have heard the rebuke that reproaches me,
And the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.

4 "Do you *not* know this of old,
Since man was placed on earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short,
And the joy of the hypocrite is *but* for a moment?
6 Though his haughtiness mounts up to the heavens,
And his head reaches to the clouds,
7 *Yet* he will perish forever like his own refuse;
Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?'
8 He will fly away like a dream, and not be found;
Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.
9 The eye *that* saw him will *see him* no more,
Nor will his place behold him anymore.
10 His children will seek the favor of the poor,
And his hands will restore his wealth.
11 His bones are full of his youthful vigor,
But it will lie down with him in the dust.

12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth,
*And* he hides it under his tongue,
13 *Though* he spares it and does not forsake it,
But still keeps it in his mouth,
14 *Yet* his food in his stomach turns sour;
It becomes cobra venom within him.
15 He swallows down riches
And vomits them up again;
God casts them out of his belly.
16 He will suck the poison of cobras;
The viper's tongue will slay him.
17 He will not see the streams,
The rivers flowing with honey and cream.
18 He will restore that for which he labored,
And will not swallow *it* down;
From the proceeds of business
He will get no enjoyment.
19 For he has oppressed *and* forsaken the poor,
He has violently seized a house which he did not build.

20 "Because he knows no quietness in his heart,[a]
He will not save anything he desires.
21 Nothing is left for him to eat;
Therefore his well-being will not last.
22 In his self-sufficiency he will be in distress;
Every hand of misery will come against him.
23 *When* he is about to fill his stomach,
*God* will cast on him the fury of His wrath,
And will rain *it* on him while he is eating.
24 He will flee from the iron weapon;
A bronze bow will pierce him through.
25 It is drawn, and comes out of the body;
Yes, the glittering *point comes* out of his gall.
Terrors *come* upon him;

**20:20** [a]Literally *belly*

26 Total darkness *is* reserved for his treasures.
An unfanned fire will consume him;
It shall go ill with him who is left in his tent.
27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
28 The increase of his house will depart,
*And his goods* will flow away in the day of His wrath.
29 This *is* the portion from God for a wicked man,
The heritage appointed to him by God."

### *Job's Discourse on the Wicked*

**21** Then Job answered and said:

2 "Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this be your consolation.
3 Bear with me that I may speak,
And after I have spoken, keep mocking.
4 "As for me, *is* my complaint against man?
And if *it were,* why should I not be impatient?
5 Look at me and be astonished;
Put *your* hand over *your* mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am terrified,
And trembling takes hold of my flesh.
7 Why do the wicked live *and* become old,
Yes, become mighty in power?
8 Their descendants are established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes.
9 Their houses *are* safe from fear,
Neither *is* the rod of God upon them.
10 Their bull breeds without failure;
Their cow calves without miscarriage.
11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
And their children dance.
12 They sing to the tambourine and harp,
And rejoice to the sound of the flute.
13 They spend their days in wealth,
And in a moment go down to the grave.[a]
14 Yet they say to God, 'Depart from us,
For we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.
15 Who *is* the Almighty, that we should serve Him?
And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?'
16 Indeed their prosperity *is* not in their hand;
The counsel of the wicked is far from me.
17 "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out?
*How often* does their destruction come upon them,
The sorrows *God* distributes in His anger?
18 They are like straw before the wind,
And like chaff that a storm carries away.
19 *They say,* 'God lays up one's[a] iniquity for his children';
Let Him recompense him, that he may know *it.*
20 Let his eyes see his destruction,
And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21 For what does he care about his household after him,
When the number of his months is cut in half?
22 "Can *anyone* teach God knowledge,
Since He judges those on high?
23 One dies in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and secure;
24 His pails[a] are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is moist.
25 Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul,
Never having eaten with pleasure.
26 They lie down alike in the dust,
And worms cover them.
27 "Look, I know your thoughts,
And the schemes *with which* you would wrong me.
28 For you say,
'Where *is* the house of the prince?
And where *is* the tent,[a]
The dwelling place of the wicked?'
29 Have you not asked those who travel the road?
And do you not know their signs?
30 For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom;
They shall be brought out on the day of wrath.
31 Who condemns his way to his face?
And who repays him *for what* he has done?
32 Yet he shall be brought to the grave,
And a vigil kept over the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him;
Everyone shall follow him,
As countless *have gone* before him.
34 How then can you comfort me with empty words,
Since falsehood remains in your answers?"

**21:13** [a]Or *Sheol* **21:19** [a]Literally *his* **21:24** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *bowels;* Syriac reads *sides;* Targum reads *breasts.*
**21:28** [a]Vulgate omits *the tent.*

### *Eliphaz Accuses Job of Wickedness*

22 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 "Can a man be profitable to God,
Though he who is wise may be profitable to himself?
3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous?
Or *is it* gain *to Him* that you make your ways blameless?

4 "Is it because of your fear of Him that He corrects you,
And enters into judgment with you?
5 *Is* not your wickedness great,
And your iniquity without end?
6 For you have taken pledges from your brother for no reason,
And stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 You have not given the weary water to drink,
And you have withheld bread from the hungry.
8 But the mighty man possessed the land,
And the honorable man dwelt in it.
9 You have sent widows away empty,
And the strength of the fatherless was crushed.
10 Therefore snares *are* all around you,
And sudden fear troubles you,
11 Or darkness *so that* you cannot see;
And an abundance of water covers you.

12 "Is not God in the height of heaven?
And see the highest stars, how lofty they are!
13 And you say, 'What does God know?
Can He judge through the deep darkness?
14 Thick clouds cover Him, so that He cannot see,
And He walks above the circle of heaven.'
15 Will you keep to the old way
Which wicked men have trod,
16 Who were cut down before their time,
Whose foundations were swept away by a flood?
17 They said to God, 'Depart from us!
What can the Almighty do to them?'[a]
18 Yet He filled their houses with good *things;*
But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 "The righteous see *it* and are glad,
And the innocent laugh at them:
20 'Surely our adversaries[a] are cut down,
And the fire consumes their remnant.'

21 "Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace;
Thereby good will come to you.
22 Receive, please, instruction from His mouth,
And lay up His words in your heart.
23 If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up;
You will remove iniquity far from your tents.
24 Then you will lay your gold in the dust,
And the *gold* of Ophir among the stones of the brooks.
25 Yes, the Almighty will be your gold[a]
And your precious silver;
26 For then you will have your delight in the Almighty,
And lift up your face to God.
27 You will make your prayer to Him,
He will hear you,
And you will pay your vows.
28 You will also declare a thing,
And it will be established for you;
So light will shine on your ways.
29 When they cast *you* down, and you say,
'Exaltation *will come!*'
Then He will save the humble *person.*
30 He will *even* deliver one who is not innocent;
Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands."

### *Job Proclaims God's Righteous Judgments*

23 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Even today my complaint is bitter;
My[a] hand is listless because of my groaning.
3 Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,
*That* I might come to His seat!
4 I would present *my* case before Him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words *which* He would answer me,
And understand what He would say to me.
6 Would He contend with me in His great power?
No! But He would take *note* of me.
7 There the upright could reason with Him,
And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.

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**22:17** [a]Septuagint and Syriac read *us.* **22:20** [a]Septuagint reads *substance.* **22:25** [a]The ancient versions suggest *defense;* Hebrew reads *gold* as in verse 24. **23:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *His.*

8 "Look, I go forward, but He is not *there,*
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
9 When He works on the left hand, I cannot
behold *Him;*
When He turns to the right hand, I cannot
see *Him.*
10 But He knows the way that I take;
*When* He has tested me, I shall come forth as
gold.
11 My foot has held fast to His steps;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
12 I have not departed from the commandment
of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth
More than my necessary *food.*
13 "But He *is* unique, and who can make Him
change?
And *whatever* His soul desires, *that* He
does.
14 For He performs *what is* appointed for me,
And many such *things are* with Him.
15 Therefore I am terrified at His presence;
When I consider *this,* I am afraid of Him.
16 For God made my heart weak,
And the Almighty terrifies me;
17 Because I was not cut off from the presence
of darkness,
And He did *not* hide deep darkness from my
face.

### *Job Complains of Violence on the Earth*

24 "*Since* times are not hidden from the
Almighty,
Why do those who know Him see not
His days?
2 "*Some* remove landmarks;
They seize flocks violently and feed *on them;*
3 They drive away the donkey of the
fatherless;
They take the widow's ox as a pledge.
4 They push the needy off the road;
All the poor of the land are forced to hide.
5 Indeed, *like* wild donkeys in the desert,
They go out to their work, searching for food.
The wilderness *yields* food for them *and* for
*their* children.

## TERMINAL ILLNESS

### 3 God's Mercy

► *See* **Job 23:2–6**

Job expresses his anger at his suffering, but he also acknowledges God's mercy. Often the way we view mercy is for God to heal—to take away our pain or suffering. It is right to pray to Him for healing and to acknowledge that He is the One in ultimate control. However, it is not always His will to heal our physical bodies. We cannot always understand His plan, but He is good and loving. We can trust Him. We must accept God's wisdom in choosing to heal or not heal.

Whether or not God heals you, it is His will to comfort, give peace, and to share in your suffering (2 Corinthians 1:2–4). Ultimately all those who put their faith in Jesus Christ are healed when we go to spend eternity with Christ. Terminal illness and other suffering have meaning when we belong to God. Nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35–39). (See *Suffering*.)

► *Now turn to page 1096 for 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10 and Point 4. Bringing Glory to God.*

## PATIENCE

### 4 Patience Is Often the Result of Testing

► *See* **Job 23:10**

The development of your character is ultimately in the hands of the living God. While you can prepare for and respond properly to the difficulties you face, it is God who brings the circumstances together. When difficult circumstances arise, remember that an all-powerful God has allowed you to experience them, as illustrated in the Old Testament life of Job. God never promises to shield you from all testing, but He promises to be your help in time of need. One reason you may face trials is to produce the fruit of patience (see *Suffering*). "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3, 4).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

6 They gather their fodder in the field
And glean in the vineyard of the wicked.
7 They spend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering in the cold.
8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
And huddle around the rock for want of shelter.

9 "*Some* snatch the fatherless from the breast,
And take a pledge from the poor.
10 They cause *the poor* to go naked, without clothing;
And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.
11 They press out oil within their walls,
And tread winepresses, yet suffer thirst.
12 The dying groan in the city,
And the souls of the wounded cry out;
Yet God does not charge *them* with wrong.

13 "There are those who rebel against the light;
They do not know its ways
Nor abide in its paths.
14 The murderer rises with the light;
He kills the poor and needy;
And in the night he is like a thief.
15 The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight,
Saying, 'No eye will see me';
And he disguises *his* face.
16 In the dark they break into houses
Which they marked for themselves in the daytime;
They do not know the light.
17 For the morning is the same to them as the shadow of death;
If *someone* recognizes *them,*
*They are in* the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 "They *should be* swift on the face of the waters,
Their portion *should be* cursed in the earth,
*So that* no *one would* turn into the way of their vineyards.
19 As drought and heat consume the snow waters,
*So* the grave[a] *consumes those who* have sinned.
20 The womb *should* forget him,
The worm *should* feed sweetly on him;
He *should* be remembered no more,
And wickedness *should* be broken like a tree.
21 For he preys on the barren *who* do not bear,
And does no good for the widow.

22 "But *God* draws the mighty away with His power;
He rises up, but no *man* is sure of life.
23 He gives them security, and they rely *on it;*
Yet His eyes *are* on their ways.
24 They are exalted for a little while,
Then they are gone.
They are brought low;
They are taken out of the way like all *others;*
They dry out like the heads of grain.

25 "Now if *it is* not *so,* who will prove me a liar,
And make my speech worth nothing?"

### *Bildad: How Can Man Be Righteous?*

25 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "Dominion and fear *belong* to Him;
He makes peace in His high places.
3 Is there any number to His armies?
Upon whom does His light not rise?
4 How then can man be righteous before God?
Or how can he be pure *who is* born of a woman?
5 If even the moon does not shine,
And the stars are not pure in His sight,
6 How much less man, *who is* a maggot,
And a son of man, *who is* a worm?"

### *Job: Man's Frailty and God's Majesty*

26 But Job answered and said:

2 "How have you helped *him who is* without power?
*How* have you saved the arm *that has* no strength?
3 How have you counseled *one who has* no wisdom?
And *how* have you declared sound advice to many?
4 To whom have you uttered words?
And whose spirit came from you?

5 "The dead tremble,
Those under the waters and those inhabiting them.

**24:19** [a]Or *Sheol*

6 Sheol *is* naked before Him,
And Destruction has no covering.
7 He stretches out the north over empty space;
*He* hangs the earth on nothing.
8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds,
Yet the clouds are not broken under it.
9 He covers the face of *His* throne,
*And* spreads His cloud over it.
10 He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,
At the boundary of light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble,
And are astonished at His rebuke.
12 He stirs up the sea with His power,
And by His understanding He breaks up the storm.
13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens;
His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.
14 Indeed these *are* the mere edges of His ways,
And how small a whisper we hear of Him!
But the thunder of His power who can understand?"

### *Job Maintains His Integrity*

27 Moreover Job continued his discourse, and said:

2 "*As* God lives, *who* has taken away my justice,
And the Almighty, *who* has made my soul bitter,
3 As long as my breath *is* in me,
And the breath of God in my nostrils,
4 My lips will not speak wickedness,
Nor my tongue utter deceit.
5 Far be it from me
That I should say you are right;
Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.
6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go;
My heart shall not reproach *me* as long as I live.

7 "May my enemy be like the wicked,
And he who rises up against me like the unrighteous.
8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite,
Though he may gain *much,*
If God takes away his life?
9 Will God hear his cry
When trouble comes upon him?
10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty?
Will he always call on God?
11 "I will teach you about the hand of God;
What *is* with the Almighty I will not conceal.
12 Surely all of you have seen *it;*
Why then do you behave with complete nonsense?

13 "This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
And the heritage of oppressors, received from the Almighty:
14 If his children are multiplied, *it is* for the sword;
And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those who survive him shall be buried in death,
And their[a] widows shall not weep,
16 Though he heaps up silver like dust,
And piles up clothing like clay—
17 He may pile *it* up, but the just will wear *it,*
And the innocent will divide the silver.
18 He builds his house like a moth,[a]
Like a booth *which* a watchman makes.
19 The rich man will lie down,
But not be gathered *up;*[a]
He opens his eyes,
And he *is* no more.
20 Terrors overtake him like a flood;
A tempest steals him away in the night.
21 The east wind carries him away, and he is gone;
It sweeps him out of his place.
22 It hurls against him and does not spare;
He flees desperately from its power.
23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him,
And shall hiss him out of his place.

### *Job's Discourse on Wisdom*

28 "Surely there is a mine for silver,
And a place *where* gold is refined.
2 Iron is taken from the earth,
And copper *is* smelted *from* ore.
3 *Man* puts an end to darkness,
And searches every recess
For ore in the darkness and the shadow of death.
4 He breaks open a shaft away from people;
*In places* forgotten by feet

**27:15** [a]Literally *his* **27:18** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *spider* (compare 8:14); Targum reads *decay*. **27:19** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Syriac read *But shall not add* (that is, do it again); Vulgate reads *But take away nothing.*

They hang far away from men;
They swing to and fro.
5 *As for* the earth, from it comes bread,
But underneath it is turned up as by fire;
6 Its stones *are* the source of sapphires,
And it contains gold dust.
7 *That* path no bird knows,
Nor has the falcon's eye seen it.
8 The proud lions[a] have not trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
9 He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the mountains at the roots.
10 He cuts out channels in the rocks,
And his eye sees every precious thing.
11 He dams up the streams from trickling;
*What is* hidden he brings forth to light.

12 "But where can wisdom be found?
And where *is* the place of understanding?
13 Man does not know its value,
Nor is it found in the land of the living.
14 The deep says, '*It is* not in me';
And the sea says, '*It is* not with me.'
15 It cannot be purchased for gold,
Nor can silver be weighed *for* its price.
16 It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx or sapphire.
17 Neither gold nor crystal can equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or quartz,
For the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can it be valued in pure gold.

20 "From where then does wisdom come?
And where *is* the place of understanding?
21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
And concealed from the birds of the air.
22 Destruction and Death say,
'We have heard a report about it with our ears.'
23 God understands its way,
And He knows its place.
24 For He looks to the ends of the earth,
*And* sees under the whole heavens,
25 To establish a weight for the wind,
And apportion the waters by measure.
26 When He made a law for the rain,
And a path for the thunderbolt,
27 Then He saw *wisdom*[a] and declared it;
He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out.
28 And to man He said,
'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom,
And to depart from evil *is* understanding.'"

### *Job's Summary Defense*

**29** Job further continued his discourse, and said:

2 "Oh, that I were as *in* months past,
As *in* the days *when* God watched over me;
3 When His lamp shone upon my head,
*And when* by His light I walked *through* darkness;
4 Just as I was in the days of my prime,
When the friendly counsel of God *was* over my tent;
5 When the Almighty *was* yet with me,
*When* my children *were* around me;
6 When my steps were bathed with cream,[a]
And the rock poured out rivers of oil for me!

7 "When I went out to the gate by the city,
*When* I took my seat in the open square,
8 The young men saw me and hid,
And the aged arose *and* stood;
9 The princes refrained from talking,
And put *their* hand on their mouth;
10 The voice of nobles was hushed,
And their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.
11 When the ear heard, then it blessed me,
And when the eye saw, then it approved me;
12 Because I delivered the poor who cried out,
The fatherless and *the one who* had no helper.
13 The blessing of a perishing *man* came upon me,
And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;
My justice *was* like a robe and a turban.
15 I *was* eyes to the blind,
And I *was* feet to the lame.
16 I *was* a father to the poor,
And I searched out the case *that* I did not know.
17 I broke the fangs of the wicked,
And plucked the victim from his teeth.

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**28:8** [a]Literally *sons of pride,* figurative of the great lions
**28:27** [a]Literally *it* **29:6** [a]Masoretic Text reads *wrath;* ancient versions and some Hebrew manuscripts read *cream* (compare 20:17).

18 "Then I said, 'I shall die in my nest,
And multiply *my* days as the sand.
19 My root *is* spread out to the waters,
And the dew lies all night on my branch.
20 My glory *is* fresh within me,
And my bow is renewed in my hand.'

21 "*Men* listened to me and waited,
And kept silence for my counsel.
22 After my words they did not speak again,
And my speech settled on them *as dew.*
23 They waited for me *as* for the rain,
And they opened their mouth wide *as* for the spring rain.
24 *If* I mocked at them, they did not believe *it,*
And the light of my countenance they did not cast down.
25 I chose the way for them, and sat as chief;
So I dwelt as a king in the army,
As one *who* comforts mourners.

30 "But now they mock at me, *men* younger than I,
Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.
2 Indeed, what *profit* is the strength of their hands to me?
Their vigor has perished.
3 *They are* gaunt from want and famine,
Fleeing late to the wilderness, desolate and waste,
4 Who pluck mallow by the bushes,
And broom tree roots *for* their food.
5 They were driven out from among *men,*
They shouted at them as *at* a thief.
6 *They had* to live in the clefts of the valleys,
*In* caves of the earth and the rocks.
7 Among the bushes they brayed,
Under the nettles they nestled.
8 *They were* sons of fools,
Yes, sons of vile men;
They were scourged from the land.

9 "And now I am their taunting song;
Yes, I am their byword.
10 They abhor me, they keep far from me;
They do not hesitate to spit in my face.
11 Because He has loosed my[a] bowstring and afflicted me,
They have cast off restraint before me.
12 At *my* right *hand* the rabble arises;
They push away my feet,
And they raise against me their ways of destruction.
13 They break up my path,
They promote my calamity;
They have no helper.
14 They come as broad breakers;
Under the ruinous storm they roll along.
15 Terrors are turned upon me;
They pursue my honor as the wind,
And my prosperity has passed like a cloud.

16 "And now my soul is poured out because of my *plight;*
The days of affliction take hold of me.
17 My bones are pierced in me at night,
And my gnawing pains take no rest.
18 By great force my garment is disfigured;
It binds me about as the collar of my coat.
19 He has cast me into the mire,
And I have become like dust and ashes.

20 "I cry out to You, but You do not answer me;
I stand up, and You regard me.
21 *But* You have become cruel to me;
With the strength of Your hand You oppose me.
22 You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride *on it;*
You spoil my success.
23 For I know *that* You will bring me *to* death,
And *to* the house appointed for all living.

24 "Surely He would not stretch out *His* hand against a heap of ruins,
If they cry out when He destroys *it.*
25 Have I not wept for him who was in trouble?
Has *not* my soul grieved for the poor?
26 But when I looked for good, evil came *to me;*
And when I waited for light, then came darkness.
27 My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest;
Days of affliction confront me.
28 I go about mourning, but not in the sun;
I stand up in the assembly *and* cry out for help.
29 I am a brother of jackals,
And a companion of ostriches.

**30:11** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *His*.

30 My skin grows black and falls from me;
My bones burn with fever.
31 My harp is *turned* to mourning,
And my flute to the voice of those who weep.

31 "I have made a covenant with my eyes;
Why then should I look upon a young woman?
2 For what *is* the allotment of God from above,
And the inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
3 *Is* it not destruction for the wicked,
And disaster for the workers of iniquity?
4 Does He not see my ways,
And count all my steps?

5 "If I have walked with falsehood,
Or if my foot has hastened to deceit,
6 Let me be weighed on honest scales,
That God may know my integrity.
7 If my step has turned from the way,
Or my heart walked after my eyes,
Or if any spot adheres to my hands,
8 *Then* let me sow, and another eat;
Yes, let my harvest be rooted out.

9 "If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
Or *if* I have lurked at my neighbor's door,
10 *Then* let my wife grind for another,
And let others bow down over her.
11 For that *would be* wickedness;
Yes, it *would be* iniquity *deserving of* judgment.
12 For that *would be* a fire *that* consumes to destruction,
And would root out all my increase.

13 "If I have despised the cause of my male or female servant
When they complained against me,
14 What then shall I do when God rises up?
When He punishes, how shall I answer Him?
15 Did not He who made me in the womb make them?
Did not the same One fashion us in the womb?

16 "If I have kept the poor from *their* desire,
Or caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
17 Or eaten my morsel by myself,
So that the fatherless could not eat of it
18 (But from my youth I reared him as a father,
And from my mother's womb I guided *the widow*[a]);
19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
Or any poor *man* without covering;
20 If his heart[a] has not blessed me,
And *if* he was *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have raised my hand against the fatherless,
When I saw I had help in the gate;
22 *Then* let my arm fall from my shoulder,
Let my arm be torn from the socket.
23 For destruction *from* God *is* a terror to me,
And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.

24 "If I have made gold my hope,
Or said to fine gold, '*You are* my confidence';
25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth *was* great,
And because my hand had gained much;
26 If I have observed the sun[a] when it shines,
Or the moon moving *in* brightness,
27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed,
And my mouth has kissed my hand;
28 This also *would be* an iniquity *deserving of* judgment,
For I would have denied God *who is* above.

29 "If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me,
Or lifted myself up when evil found him
30 (Indeed I have not allowed my mouth to sin
By asking for a curse on his soul);
31 If the men of my tent have not said,
'Who is there that has not been satisfied with his meat?'
32 (*But* no sojourner had to lodge in the street,
*For* I have opened my doors to the traveler[a]);
33 If I have covered my transgressions as Adam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
34 Because I feared the great multitude,
And dreaded the contempt of families,
So that I kept silence
*And* did not go out of the door—
35 Oh, that I had one to hear me!
Here is my mark.
*Oh, that* the Almighty would answer me,
*That* my Prosecutor had written a book!

**31:18** [a]Literally *her* (compare verse 16) **31:20** [a]Literally *loins* **31:26** [a]Literally *light* **31:32** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *road*.

36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder,
*And* bind it on me *like* a crown;
37 I would declare to Him the number of my steps;
Like a prince I would approach Him.

38 "If my land cries out against me,
And its furrows weep together;
39 If I have eaten its fruit[a] without money,
Or caused its owners to lose their lives;
40 *Then* let thistles grow instead of wheat,
And weeds instead of barley."

The words of Job are ended.

### *Elihu Contradicts Job's Friends*

32 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes. 2Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God. 3Also against his three friends his wrath was aroused, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.

4Now because they *were* years older than he, Elihu had waited to speak to Job.[a] 5When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was aroused.

6So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said:

"I *am* young in years, and you *are* very old;
Therefore I was afraid,
And dared not declare my opinion to you.
7 I said, 'Age[a] should speak,
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.'
8 But *there is* a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.
9 Great men[a] are not *always* wise,
Nor do the aged *always* understand justice.

10 "Therefore I say, 'Listen to me,
I also will declare my opinion.'
11 Indeed I waited for your words,
I listened to your reasonings, while you searched out what to say.
12 I paid close attention to you;
And surely not one of you convinced Job,
*Or* answered his words—
13 Lest you say,
'We have found wisdom';
God will vanquish him, not man.
14 Now he has not directed *his* words against me;
So I will not answer him with your words.

15 "They are dismayed and answer no more;
Words escape them.
16 And I have waited, because they did not speak,
Because they stood still *and* answered no more.
17 I also will answer my part,
I too will declare my opinion.
18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me compels me.
19 Indeed my belly *is* like wine *that* has no vent;
It is ready to burst like new wineskins.
20 I will speak, that I may find relief;
I must open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone;
Nor let me flatter any man.
22 For I do not know how to flatter,
*Else* my Maker would soon take me away.

### *Elihu Contradicts Job*

33 "But please, Job, hear my speech,
And listen to all my words.
2 Now, I open my mouth;
My tongue speaks in my mouth.
3 My words *come* from my upright heart;
My lips utter pure knowledge.
4 The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.
5 If you can answer me,
Set *your words* in order before me;
Take your stand.
6 Truly I *am* as your spokesman[a] before God;
I also have been formed out of clay.
7 Surely no fear of me will terrify you,
Nor will my hand be heavy on you.

8 "Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of *your* words, *saying,*
9 'I *am* pure, without transgression;
I *am* innocent, and *there is* no iniquity in me.
10 Yet He finds occasions against me,
He counts me as His enemy;
11 He puts my feet in the stocks,
He watches all my paths.'

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**31:39** [a]Literally *its strength* **32:4** [a]Vulgate reads *till Job had spoken.* **32:7** [a]Literally *Days,* that is, years **32:9** [a]Or *Men of many years* **33:6** [a]Literally *as your mouth*

12 "Look, *in* this you are not righteous.
I will answer you,
For God is greater than man.
13 Why do you contend with Him?
For He does not give an accounting of any of
His words.
14 For God may speak in one way, or in
another,
*Yet man* does not perceive it.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falls upon men,
While slumbering on their beds,
16 Then He opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction.
17 In order to turn man *from his* deed,
And conceal pride from man,
18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.

19 "*Man* is also chastened with pain on his bed,
And with strong *pain* in many of his bones,
20 So that his life abhors bread,
And his soul succulent food.
21 His flesh wastes away from sight,
And his bones stick out *which once* were not
seen.
22 Yes, his soul draws near the Pit,
And his life to the executioners.

23 "If there is a messenger for him,
A mediator, one among a thousand,
To show man His uprightness,
24 Then He is gracious to him, and says,
'Deliver him from going down to the Pit;
I have found a ransom';
25 His flesh shall be young like a child's,
He shall return to the days of his youth.
26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in
him,
He shall see His face with joy,
For He restores to man His righteousness.
27 Then he looks at men and says,
'I have sinned, and perverted *what was* right,
And it did not profit me.'
28 He will redeem his[a] soul from going down to
the Pit,
And his[b] life shall see the light.

29 "Behold, God works all these *things,*
Twice, *in fact,* three *times* with a man,
30 To bring back his soul from the Pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of
life.
31 "Give ear, Job, listen to me;
Hold your peace, and I will speak.
32 If you have anything to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify you.
33 If not, listen to me;
Hold your peace, and I will teach you
wisdom."

### *Elihu Proclaims God's Justice*

34 Elihu further answered and said:

2 "Hear my words, you wise *men;*
Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.
3 For the ear tests words
As the palate tastes food.
4 Let us choose justice for ourselves;
Let us know among ourselves what *is* good.

5 "For Job has said, 'I am righteous,
But God has taken away my justice;
6 Should I lie concerning my right?
My wound *is* incurable, *though I am* without
transgression.'
7 What man *is* like Job,
*Who* drinks scorn like water,
8 Who goes in company with the workers of
iniquity,
And walks with wicked men?
9 For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing
That he should delight in God.'

10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of
understanding:
Far be it from God *to do* wickedness,
And *from* the Almighty to *commit* iniquity.
11 For He repays man *according to* his work,
And makes man to find a reward according
to *his* way.
12 Surely God will never do wickedly,
Nor will the Almighty pervert justice.
13 Who gave Him charge over the earth?
Or who appointed *Him over* the whole world?
14 If He should set His heart on it,
*If* He should gather to Himself His Spirit and
His breath,
15 All flesh would perish together,
And man would return to dust.

16 "If *you have* understanding, hear this;
Listen to the sound of my words:
17 Should one who hates justice govern?
Will you condemn *Him who is* most just?

**33:28** [a]Or *my* (Kethib) [b]Or *my* (Kethib)

18 *Is it fitting* to say to a king, 'You *are*
worthless,'
*And* to nobles, 'You *are* wicked'?
19 Yet He is not partial to princes,
Nor does He regard the rich more than the
poor;
For they *are* all the work of His hands.
20 In a moment they die, in the middle of the
night;
The people are shaken and pass away;
The mighty are taken away without a hand.

21 "For His eyes *are* on the ways of man,
And He sees all his steps.
22 There is no darkness nor shadow of death
Where the workers of iniquity may hide
themselves.
23 For He need not further consider a man,
That he should go before God in judgment.
24 He breaks in pieces mighty men without
inquiry,
And sets others in their place.
25 Therefore He knows their works;
He overthrows *them* in the night,
And they are crushed.
26 He strikes them as wicked *men*
In the open sight of others,
27 Because they turned back from Him,
And would not consider any of His ways,
28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to
come to Him;
For He hears the cry of the afflicted.
29 When He gives quietness, who then can
make trouble?
And when He hides *His* face, who then can
see Him,
Whether *it is* against a nation or a man
alone?—
30 That the hypocrite should not reign,
Lest the people be ensnared.

31 "For has *anyone* said to God,
'I have borne *chastening;*
I will offend no more;
32 Teach me *what* I do not see;
If I have done iniquity, I will do no more'?
33 Should He repay *it* according to your *terms,*
*Just* because you disavow it?
You must choose, and not I;
Therefore speak what you know.

34 "Men of understanding say to me,
Wise men who listen to me:
35 'Job speaks without knowledge,
His words *are* without wisdom.'
36 Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost,
Because *his* answers *are like* those of wicked
men!
37 For he adds rebellion to his sin;
He claps *his hands* among us,
And multiplies his words against God."

### *Elihu Condemns Self-Righteousness*

35 Moreover Elihu answered and said:
2 "Do you think this is right?
Do you say,
'My righteousness is more than God's'?
3 For you say,
'What advantage will it be to You?
What profit shall I have, more than *if* I had
sinned?'

4 "I will answer you,
And your companions with you.
5 Look to the heavens and see;
And behold the clouds—
They are higher than you.
6 If you sin, what do you accomplish against
Him?
Or, *if* your transgressions are multiplied,
what do you do to Him?
7 If you are righteous, what do you give Him?
Or what does He receive from your hand?
8 Your wickedness affects a man such as you,
And your righteousness a son of man.

9 "Because of the multitude of oppressions they
cry out;
They cry out for help because of the arm of
the mighty.
10 But no one says, 'Where *is* God my Maker,
Who gives songs in the night,
11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the
earth,
And makes us wiser than the birds of heaven?'
12 There they cry out, but He does not answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
13 Surely God will not listen to empty *talk,*
Nor will the Almighty regard it.
14 Although you say you do not see Him,
*Yet* justice *is* before Him, and you must wait
for Him.
15 And now, because He has not punished in
His anger,
Nor taken much notice of folly,

16 Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain;
He multiplies words without knowledge."

### *Elihu Proclaims God's Goodness*

36 Elihu also proceeded and said:

2 "Bear with me a little, and I will show you
That *there are* yet words to speak on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar;
I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words *are* not false;
One who is perfect in knowledge *is* with you.

5 "Behold, God *is* mighty, but despises *no one;*
*He is* mighty in strength of understanding.
6 He does not preserve the life of the wicked,
But gives justice to the oppressed.
7 He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous;
But *they are* on the throne with kings,
For He has seated them forever,
And they are exalted.
8 And if *they are* bound in fetters,
Held in the cords of affliction,
9 Then He tells them their work and their transgressions—
That they have acted defiantly.
10 He also opens their ear to instruction,
And commands that they turn from iniquity.
11 If they obey and serve *Him,*
They shall spend their days in prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.
12 But if they do not obey,
They shall perish by the sword,
And they shall die without knowledge.[a]

13 "But the hypocrites in heart store up wrath;
They do not cry for help when He binds them.
14 They die in youth,
And their life *ends* among the perverted persons.[a]
15 He delivers the poor in their affliction,
And opens their ears in oppression.

16 "Indeed He would have brought you out of dire distress,
*Into* a broad place where *there is* no restraint;
And what is set on your table *would be* full of richness.
17 But you are filled with the judgment due the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold *of you.*
18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware* lest He take you away with *one* blow;
For a large ransom would not help you avoid *it.*
19 Will your riches,
Or all the mighty forces,
Keep you from distress?
20 Do not desire the night,
When people are cut off in their place.
21 Take heed, do not turn to iniquity,
For you have chosen this rather than affliction.

22 "Behold, God is exalted by His power;
Who teaches like Him?
23 Who has assigned Him His way,
Or who has said, 'You have done wrong'?

### *Elihu Proclaims God's Majesty*

24 "Remember to magnify His work,
Of which men have sung.
25 Everyone has seen it;
Man looks on *it* from afar.

26 "Behold, God *is* great, and we do not know *Him;*
Nor can the number of His years *be* discovered.
27 For He draws up drops of water,
Which distill as rain from the mist,
28 Which the clouds drop down
*And* pour abundantly on man.
29 Indeed, can *anyone* understand the spreading of clouds,
The thunder from His canopy?
30 Look, He scatters His light upon it,
And covers the depths of the sea.
31 For by these He judges the peoples;
He gives food in abundance.
32 He covers *His* hands with lightning,
And commands it to strike.
33 His thunder declares it,
The cattle also, concerning the rising *storm.*

37 "At this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
2 Hear attentively the thunder of His voice,
And the rumbling *that* comes from His mouth.

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**36:12** [a]Masoretic Text reads *as one without knowledge.*
**36:14** [a]Hebrew *qedeshim,* that is, those practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals

3 He sends it forth under the whole heaven,
His lightning to the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice,
And He does not restrain them when His voice is heard.
5 God thunders marvelously with His voice;
He does great things which we cannot comprehend.
6 For He says to the snow, 'Fall *on* the earth';
Likewise to the gentle rain and the heavy rain of His strength.
7 He seals the hand of every man,
That all men may know His work.
8 The beasts go into dens,
And remain in their lairs.
9 From the chamber *of the south* comes the whirlwind,
And cold from the scattering winds *of the north.*
10 By the breath of God ice is given,
And the broad waters are frozen.
11 Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds;
He scatters His bright clouds.
12 And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance,
That they may do whatever He commands them
On the face of the whole earth.[a]
13 He causes it to come,
Whether for correction,
Or for His land,
Or for mercy.

14 "Listen to this, O Job;
Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.
15 Do you know when God dispatches them,
And causes the light of His cloud to shine?
16 Do you know how the clouds are balanced,
Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?
17 Why *are* your garments hot,
When He quiets the earth by the south *wind?*
18 With Him, have you spread out the skies,
Strong as a cast metal mirror?

19 "Teach us what we should say to Him,
*For* we can prepare nothing because of the darkness.
20 Should He be told that I *wish to* speak?
If a man were to speak, surely he would be swallowed up.
21 Even now *men* cannot look at the light *when it is* bright in the skies,
When the wind has passed and cleared them.
22 He comes from the north *as* golden *splendor;*
With God *is* awesome majesty.
23 *As for* the Almighty, we cannot find Him;
*He is* excellent in power,
*In* judgment and abundant justice;
He does not oppress.
24 Therefore men fear Him;
He shows no partiality to any *who are* wise of heart."

### *The Lord Reveals His Omnipotence to Job*

38 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

2 "Who *is* this who darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?
3 Now prepare yourself like a man;
I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Tell *Me,* if you have understanding.
5 Who determined its measurements?
Surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
6 To what were its foundations fastened?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 "Or *who* shut in the sea with doors,
When it burst forth *and* issued from the womb;
9 When I made the clouds its garment,
And thick darkness its swaddling band;
10 When I fixed My limit for it,
And set bars and doors;
11 When I said,
'This far you may come, but no farther,
And here your proud waves must stop!'

12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days *began,*
*And* caused the dawn to know its place,
13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?

**37:12** [a]Literally *the world of the earth*

14 It takes on form like clay *under* a seal,
And stands out like a garment.
15 From the wicked their light is withheld,
And the upraised arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked in search of the depths?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?
18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?
Tell *Me,* if you know all this.

19 "Where *is* the way *to* the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where *is* its place,
20 That you may take it to its territory,
That you may know the paths *to* its home?
21 Do you know *it,* because you were born then,
Or *because* the number of your days *is* great?

22 "Have you entered the treasury of snow,
Or have you seen the treasury of hail,
23 Which I have reserved for the time of trouble,
For the day of battle and war?
24 By what way is light diffused,
*Or* the east wind scattered over the earth?

25 "Who has divided a channel for the overflowing *water,*
Or a path for the thunderbolt,
26 To cause it to rain on a land *where there is* no one,
A wilderness in which *there is* no man;
27 To satisfy the desolate waste,
And cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass?
28 Has the rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
29 From whose womb comes the ice?
And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth?
30 The waters harden like stone,
And the surface of the deep is frozen.

31 "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades,
Or loose the belt of Orion?
32 Can you bring out Mazzaroth[a] in its season?
Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs?
33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
Can you set their dominion over the earth?

34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
That an abundance of water may cover you?
35 Can you send out lightnings, that they may go,
And say to you, 'Here we *are!*'?
36 Who has put wisdom in the mind?[a]
Or who has given understanding to the heart?
37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven,
38 When the dust hardens in clumps,
And the clods cling together?

39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
40 When they crouch in *their* dens,
*Or* lurk in their lairs to lie in wait?
41 Who provides food for the raven,
When its young ones cry to God,
And wander about for lack of food?

**39** "Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young?
*Or* can you mark when the deer gives birth?
2 Can you number the months *that* they fulfill?
Or do you know the time when they bear young?
3 They bow down,
They bring forth their young,
They deliver their offspring.[a]
4 Their young ones are healthy,
They grow strong with grain;
They depart and do not return to them.

5 "Who set the wild donkey free?
Who loosed the bonds of the onager,
6 Whose home I have made the wilderness,
And the barren land his dwelling?
7 He scorns the tumult of the city;
He does not heed the shouts of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains *is* his pasture,
And he searches after every green thing.

9 "Will the wild ox be willing to serve you?
Will he bed by your manger?
10 Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes?
Or will he plow the valleys behind you?
11 Will you trust him because his strength *is* great?
Or will you leave your labor to him?

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**38:32** [a]Literally *Constellations* **38:36** [a]Literally *inward parts*
**39:3** [a]Literally *pangs,* figurative of offspring

12 Will you trust him to bring home your grain,
And gather it to your threshing floor?

13 "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
But are her wings and pinions *like the* kindly stork's?
14 For she leaves her eggs on the ground,
And warms them in the dust;
15 She forgets that a foot may crush them,
Or that a wild beast may break them.
16 She treats her young harshly, as though *they were* not hers;
Her labor is in vain, without concern,
17 Because God deprived her of wisdom,
And did not endow her with understanding.
18 When she lifts herself on high,
She scorns the horse and its rider.

19 "Have you given the horse strength?
Have you clothed his neck with thunder?[a]
20 Can you frighten him like a locust?
His majestic snorting strikes terror.
21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength;
He gallops into the clash of arms.
22 He mocks at fear, and is not frightened;
Nor does he turn back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattles against him,
The glittering spear and javelin.
24 He devours the distance with fierceness and rage;
Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet *has* sounded.
25 At *the blast of* the trumpet he says, 'Aha!'
He smells the battle from afar,
The thunder of captains and shouting.

26 "Does the hawk fly by your wisdom,
*And* spread its wings toward the south?
27 Does the eagle mount up at your command,
And make its nest on high?
28 On the rock it dwells and resides,
On the crag of the rock and the stronghold.
29 From there it spies out the prey;
Its eyes observe from afar.
30 Its young ones suck up blood;
And where the slain *are,* there it *is.*"

40 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said:

2 "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct *Him?*
He who rebukes God, let him answer it."

### *Job's Response to God*

3 Then Job answered the LORD and said:

4 "Behold, I am vile;
What shall I answer You?
I lay my hand over my mouth.
5 Once I have spoken, but I will not answer;
Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

### *God's Challenge to Job*

6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

7 "Now prepare yourself like a man;
I will question you, and you shall answer Me:

8 "Would you indeed annul My judgment?
Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?
9 Have you an arm like God?
Or can you thunder with a voice like His?
10 Then adorn yourself *with* majesty and splendor,
And array yourself with glory and beauty.
11 Disperse the rage of your wrath;
Look on everyone *who is* proud, and humble him.
12 Look on everyone *who is* proud, *and* bring him low;
Tread down the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together,
Bind their faces in hidden *darkness.*
14 Then I will also confess to you
That your own right hand can save you.

15 "Look now at the behemoth,[a] which I made *along* with you;
He eats grass like an ox.
16 See now, his strength *is* in his hips,
And his power *is* in his stomach muscles.
17 He moves his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit.
18 His bones *are like* beams of bronze,
His ribs like bars of iron.
19 He *is* the first of the ways of God;
Only He who made him can bring near His sword.
20 Surely the mountains yield food for him,
And all the beasts of the field play there.
21 He lies under the lotus trees,
In a covert of reeds and marsh.

**39:19** [a]Or *a mane* **40:15** [a]A large animal, exact identity unknown

22 The lotus trees cover him *with* their shade;
The willows by the brook surround him.
23 Indeed the river may rage,
*Yet* he is not disturbed;
He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth,
24 *Though* he takes it in his eyes,
*Or* one pierces *his* nose with a snare.

41 "Can you draw out Leviathan[a] with a hook,
Or *snare* his tongue with a line *which* you lower?
2 Can you put a reed through his nose,
Or pierce his jaw with a hook?
3 Will he make many supplications to you?
Will he speak softly to you?
4 Will he make a covenant with you?
Will you take him as a servant forever?
5 Will you play with him as *with* a bird,
Or will you leash him for your maidens?
6 Will *your* companions make a banquet[a] of him?
Will they apportion him among the merchants?
7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons,
Or his head with fishing spears?
8 Lay your hand on him;
Remember the battle—
Never do it again!
9 Indeed, *any* hope of *overcoming* him is false;
Shall *one not* be overwhelmed at the sight of him?
10 No one *is so* fierce that he would dare stir him up.
Who then is able to stand against Me?
11 Who has preceded Me, that I should pay *him?*
Everything under heaven is Mine.

12 "I will not conceal[a] his limbs,
His mighty power, or his graceful proportions.
13 Who can remove his outer coat?
Who can approach *him* with a double bridle?
14 Who can open the doors of his face,
*With* his terrible teeth all around?
15 *His* rows of scales are *his* pride,
Shut up tightly *as with* a seal;
16 One is so near another
That no air can come between them;
17 They are joined one to another,
They stick together and cannot be parted.
18 His sneezings flash forth light,
And his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning lights;
Sparks of fire shoot out.
20 Smoke goes out of his nostrils,
As *from* a boiling pot and burning rushes.
21 His breath kindles coals,
And a flame goes out of his mouth.
22 Strength dwells in his neck,
And sorrow dances before him.
23 The folds of his flesh are joined together;
They are firm on him and cannot be moved.
24 His heart is as hard as stone,
Even as hard as the lower *millstone.*
25 When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid;
Because of his crashings they are beside[a] themselves.

**41:1** [a]A large sea creature, exact identity unknown **41:6** [a]Or *bargain over him* **41:12** [d]Literally *keep silent about* **41:25** [a]Or *purify themselves*

GOD THE FATHER

## 3 All-Powerful and Sovereign

► *See* Job 41:11

God the Father has complete ownership over us and our world and everything outside of our world. He is preeminent, above all others (Ephesians 4:6). He has absolute power and control—He is sovereign over all things.

Because of God's total power we might be inclined to fear Him, like a child might fear a powerful father. But He is not fallible like an earthly father. He is perfect in every way; He is good and loving and just. "For I proclaim the name of the Lord: / Ascribe greatness to our God. / He is the Rock, His work is perfect; / For all His ways are justice, / A God of truth and without injustice; / Righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:3, 4). Because of His love for us, He created a way for us to have a relationship with Him.

► *Now turn to page 1098 for Galatians 1:3, 4 and Point 4. Author of Redemption and Love.*

26 *Though* the sword reaches him, it cannot avail;
Nor does spear, dart, or javelin.
27 He regards iron as straw,
*And* bronze as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones become like stubble to him.
29 Darts are regarded as straw;
He laughs at the threat of javelins.
30 His undersides *are* like sharp potsherds;
He spreads pointed *marks* in the mire.
31 He makes the deep boil like a pot;
He makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He leaves a shining wake behind him;
*One* would think the deep had white hair.
33 On earth there is nothing like him,
Which is made without fear.
34 He beholds every high *thing;*
He *is* king over all the children of pride."

### *Job's Repentance and Restoration*

**42** Then Job answered the LORD and said:

2 "I know that You can do everything,
And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld from You.
3 *You asked,* 'Who *is* this who hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
4 Listen, please, and let me speak;
*You said,* 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.'
5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,
But now my eye sees You.
6 Therefore I abhor *myself,*
And repent in dust and ashes."

7 And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, as My servant Job *has.* 8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you *according to your* folly; because you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, as My servant Job *has.*"

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; for the LORD had accepted Job. 10 And the LORD restored Job's losses[a] when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

12 Now the LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. 13 He also had seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. 15 In all the land were found no women *so* beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren *for* four generations. 17 So Job died, old and full of days.

**42:10** [a] Literally *Job's captivity,* that is, what was captured from Job

THE BOOK OF

# PSALMS

## Book One: Psalms 1—41

### PSALM 1

*The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly*

1 Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

4 The ungodly *are* not so,
But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### PSALM 2

*The Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom*

1 Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying,*
3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
6 "Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion."

7 "I will declare the decree:
The LORD has said to Me,
'You *are* My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
8 Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
The nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.
9 You shall break[a] them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.

**2:9** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *rule* (compare Revelation 2:27).

**OBEDIENCE** **5 GOD'S WORD IS ESSENTIAL FOR OBEDIENCE**

▶ *See* **PSALM 1:1–3**

A thirst for God's Word is essential for growth and obedience in your Christian life. It is not enough simply to read or hear words from the Bible—the goal is to put those words into action. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. . . . He who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22, 25).

If you hope to successfully obey God's Word, you need to study it and seek ways to apply it to your life. For example, you may have discovered an area where you have trouble obeying God. Using a concordance, or other Bible-study tool, begin a study of God's Word about that area. Memorize verses and meditate on those passages that can help you learn to obey. When God's will in that area grows clearer, begin to do as He directs. Use the verses you have memorized to help you obey consistently. Keep a record of your victories, and use it to remind you of God's faithful work in your life. "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow" (1 Peter 2:2).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

12 Kiss the Son,[a] lest He[b] be angry,
And you perish *in* the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

## PSALM 3

### *The LORD Helps His Troubled People*

A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.

1 LORD, how they have increased who trouble me!
Many *are* they who rise up against me.
2 Many *are* they who say of me,
"*There is* no help for him in God." Selah

3 But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
4 I cried to the LORD with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah

5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
Who have set *themselves* against me all around.

7 Arise, O LORD;
Save me, O my God!
For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone;
You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation *belongs* to the LORD.
Your blessing *is* upon Your people. Selah

## PSALM 4

### *The Safety of the Faithful*

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in *my* distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

2 How long, O you sons of men,
*Will you turn* my glory to shame?
*How long* will you love worthlessness
*And* seek falsehood? Selah
3 But know that the LORD has set apart[a] for Himself him who is godly;
The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

4 Be angry, and do not sin.
Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.

6 *There are* many who say,
"Who will show us *any* good?"
LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.
7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.
8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## PSALM 5

### *A Prayer for Guidance*

To the Chief Musician. With flutes.[a] A Psalm of David.

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.
2 Give heed to the voice of my cry,
My King and my God,
For to You I will pray.
3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning I will direct *it* to You,
And I will look up.

4 For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.
5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.
8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
Make Your way straight before my face.

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**2:12** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Embrace discipline;* Targum reads *Receive instruction*. [b]Septuagint reads *the LORD*.
**4:3** [a]Many Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *made wonderful*. **5:title** [a]Hebrew *nehiloth*

9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part *is* destruction;
Their throat *is* an open tomb;
They flatter with their tongue.
10 Pronounce them guilty, O God!
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
For they have rebelled against You.

11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name
Be joyful in You.
12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.

## PSALM 6

### *A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress*

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. On an eight-stringed harp.[a] A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger,
Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I *am* weak;
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.
3 My soul also is greatly troubled;
But You, O LORD—how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver me!
Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!
5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of You;
In the grave who will give You thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning;
All night I make my bed swim;
I drench my couch with my tears.
7 My eye wastes away because of grief;
It grows old because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity;
For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The LORD has heard my supplication;
The LORD will receive my prayer.
10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled;
Let them turn back *and* be ashamed suddenly.

## PSALM 7

### *Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies*

A Meditation[a] of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite.

1 O LORD my God, in You I put my trust;
Save me from all those who persecute me;
And deliver me,
2 Lest they tear me like a lion,
Rending *me* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this:
If there is iniquity in my hands,
4 If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me,
Or have plundered my enemy without cause,
5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake *me;*
Yes, let him trample my life to the earth,
And lay my honor in the dust. Selah

6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;
Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies;
Rise up for me[a] *to* the judgment You have commanded!
7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You;
For their sakes, therefore, return on high.
8 The LORD shall judge the peoples;
Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,
And according to my integrity within me.

9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
But establish the just;
For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.
10 My defense *is* of God,
Who saves the upright in heart.

11 God *is* a just judge,
And God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
12 If he does not turn back,
He will sharpen His sword;
He bends His bow and makes it ready.

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**6:title** [a]Hebrew *sheminith* **7:title** [a]Hebrew *Shiggaion*
**7:6** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *O LORD my God.*

13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death;
He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

14 Behold, *the wicked* brings forth iniquity;
Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.
15 He made a pit and dug it out,
And has fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
16 His trouble shall return upon his own head,
And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.

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

## PSALM 8

### *The Glory of the LORD in Creation*

To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath.[a] A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, our Lord,
How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength,
Because of Your enemies,
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
4 What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?
5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels,[a]
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.
6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all *things* under his feet,
7 All sheep and oxen—
Even the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the air,
And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord,
How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth!

## PSALM 9

### *Prayer and Thanksgiving for the LORD's Righteous Judgments*

To the Chief Musician. To *the tune of* "Death of the Son."[a] A Psalm of David.

1 I will praise *You,* O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies turn back,
They shall fall and perish at Your presence.
4 For You have maintained my right and my cause;
You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.
5 You have rebuked the nations,
You have destroyed the wicked;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever!
And you have destroyed cities;
Even their memory has perished.
7 But the LORD shall endure forever;
He has prepared His throne for judgment.

**8:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Gittith* **8:5** [a]Hebrew *Elohim, God;* Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Jewish tradition translate as *angels.*
**9:title** [a]Hebrew *Muth Labben*

**AUTHORITY** **4 HUMANKIND'S AUTHORITY OVER NATURE**

► *See* **PSALM 8:4–6**

As an extension of God's authority over all of creation, He has delegated limited authority to people to manage His creation. Made in God's image, Adam and Eve were blessed by God and told, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28).

► *Now turn to page 1157 for Hebrews 13:17 and Point 5. Authority Delegated to People.*

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

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.
10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!
Declare His deeds among the people.
12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy on me, O LORD!
Consider my trouble from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death,
14 That I may tell of all Your praise
In the gates of the daughter of Zion.
I will rejoice in Your salvation.

15 The nations have sunk down in the pit *which* they made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.
16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment He executes;
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.
Meditation.[a] Selah

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
*And* all the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten;
The expectation of the poor shall *not* perish forever.

19 Arise, O LORD,
Do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be judged in Your sight.
20 Put them in fear, O LORD,
*That* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah

## PSALM 10

*A Song of Confidence in God's Triumph over Evil*

1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?
*Why* do You hide in times of trouble?
2 The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the poor;
Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire;
He blesses the greedy *and* renounces the LORD.
4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek *God;*
God *is* in none of his thoughts.

5 His ways are always prospering;
Your judgments *are* far above, out of his sight;
*As for* all his enemies, he sneers at them.
6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved;
I shall never be in adversity."
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue *is* trouble and iniquity.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the secret places he murders the innocent;
His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.
9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den;
He lies in wait to catch the poor;
He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.
10 So he crouches, he lies low,
That the helpless may fall by his strength.
11 He has said in his heart,
"God has forgotten;
He hides His face;
He will never see."

12 Arise, O LORD!
O God, lift up Your hand!
Do not forget the humble.

**9:16** [a]Hebrew *Higgaion*

ABUSIVE PERSON

### 1 Recognizing the Sin of Abuse

▶ *See* **Psalm 10:2–11**

As a person who has abused those close to you, you must be willing to face the reality of what you have done. All people are of great value to God—so much so that He sent His Son to die in order that you could have a relationship with Him. He wants you to cherish other people and treat them well, with love and con-

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13 Why do the wicked renounce God?
He has said in his heart,
"You will not require *an account.*"

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

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

16 The LORD *is* King forever and ever;
The nations have perished out of His land.

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

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

## PSALM 11

### *Faith in the LORD's Righteousness*

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

1 In the LORD I put my trust;
How can you say to my soul,
"Flee *as* a bird to your mountain"?
2 For look! The wicked bend *their* bow,
They make ready their arrow on the string,
That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.
3 If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 The LORD *is* in His holy temple,
The LORD's throne *is* in heaven;
His eyes behold,
His eyelids test the sons of men.
5 The LORD tests the righteous,
But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.
6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind
*Shall be* the portion of their cup.
7 For the LORD *is* righteous,
He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright.[a]

## PSALM 12

### *Man's Treachery and God's Constancy*

To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp.[a] A Psalm of David.

1 Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases!
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

**11:7** [a]Or *The upright beholds His countenance* **12:title** [a]Hebrew *sheminith*

### *ABUSIVE PERSON: 1. RECOGNIZING THE SIN OF ABUSE (continued)*

cern for their highest welfare (Ephesians 4:32). God has a special love for children: "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven'" (Matthew 19:14).

As an abuser, you probably justify yourself, either feeling that your victims goad you to the point of abuse or denying that you are abusive. It is important for you to understand that your abuse is sin, and it is destroying your spouse or children or any other person toward whom you are abusive. If your behavior persists, it will destroy your life, as well. But God can help you gain control over this behavior.

► *Now see below for Psalm 10:12–18 and Point 2. Repenting from Abuse.*

**ABUSIVE PERSON**

### ❷ REPENTING FROM ABUSE

► *See* **PSALM 10:12–18**

God is the defender of the helpless. He will hold you accountable if you abuse others. You must be willing to confess your abusive behavior as sin and look to God for correction and deliverance in order to change. God will forgive your sin; this is why He sent His Son Jesus Christ to take the punishment for your sin when He died on the cross. (See *Repentance.*) He is merciful toward us when we admit our wrongdoing and turn away from our sinful behavior (1 John 1:9).

► *Now turn to page 1064 for Romans 13:10–14 and Point 3. Deliverance from Being an Abuser.*

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

3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
*And* the tongue that speaks proud things,
4 Who have said,
"With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips *are* our own;
Who *is* lord over us?"

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

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words,
*Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.
7 You shall keep them, O LORD,
You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

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

## PSALM 13

### *Trust in the Salvation of the LORD*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
*Having* sorrow in my heart daily?
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God;
Enlighten my eyes,
Lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;
4 Lest my enemy say,
"I have prevailed against him";
*Lest* those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in Your mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD,
Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

## PSALM 14

### *Folly of the Godless, and God's Final Triumph*

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

1 The fool has said in his heart,
"*There is* no God."
They are corrupt,
They have done abominable works,
There is none who does good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.
3 They have all turned aside,

**DEPRESSION** **2 RESULTING FROM DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES**

► *See* **PSALM 13:1–6**

Sometimes depression is triggered by difficult circumstances, such as a rebellious child or the loss of employment. In these cases, depression is due to an inability to trust God fully. You are not alone in your suffering; God cares and will not leave you alone (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

Jesus Christ not only bore your sins but also your sorrows and heartaches. Recommit to the relationship you have with God and determine to be responsive and obedient to God's will (Romans 12:1, 2). (See *Rededication*.)

Depression may also be triggered by a sense of failure—from setting standards and goals beyond your ability to attain. Goals that others have achieved or set for themselves may not be right for you. The fact that you are depressed may indicate that such goals are unrealistic. Success or failure cannot be measured by any human standard.

The apostle Paul said, "But by the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Be who you are; ask God to make you into who He created you to be. Learn to accept your strengths and limitations. "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:12).

Ask God to help you rearrange your priorities to be in line with His will and the talents and abilities He has given you.

► *Now turn to page 1116 for Philippians 4:8 and Point 3. Overcoming Depression.*

They have together become corrupt;
*There is* none who does good,
No, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And do not call on the LORD?
5 There they are in great fear,
For God *is* with the generation of the righteous.
6 You shame the counsel of the poor,
But the LORD *is* his refuge.

7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel *would come* out of Zion!
When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be glad.

## PSALM 15

### *The Character of Those Who May Dwell with the LORD*

A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in his heart;
3 He *who* does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the LORD;
He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change;
5 He *who* does not put out his money at usury,
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these *things* shall never be moved.

## PSALM 16

### *The Hope of the Faithful, and the Messiah's Victory*

A Michtam of David.

1 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

2 *O my soul,* you have said to the LORD,
"You *are* my Lord,
My goodness is nothing apart from You."
3 As for the saints who *are* on the earth,
"They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten *after* another *god;*
Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
Nor take up their names on my lips.

5 O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
You maintain my lot.

**THE TONGUE** **2 THE CRITICAL TONGUE**

▶ *See* **PSALM 15:1–3**

The world is full of those who make judgments about others. Some people seem to delight in criticizing others. Being critical does not please God.

You can be critical in many ways. One is to slander, or say things that you know aren't true about someone. You might gossip or talk behind someone's back. You might even say things to someone's face that are critical. Often humor can be used in a critical way as we toss barbs back and forth.

Critical comments can hurt someone's feelings, or cause even more serious damage to a relationship. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, exhorts us to let our "gentleness be known to all men" (Philippians 4:5). In Colossians 3:17, Paul also tells us that our words should be spoken in the name of Jesus. Critical words do not meet this standard.

"Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? / The goodness of God endures continually. / Your tongue devises destruction, / Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. / You love evil more than good, / Lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah. / You love all devouring words, / You deceitful tongue" (Psalm 52:1–4).

▶ *Now turn to page 598 for Proverbs 26:28 and Point 3. The Lying Tongue.*

6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant *places;*
Yes, I have a good inheritance.

7 I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
8 I have set the LORD always before me;
Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.
10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
11 You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

## PSALM 17

### *Prayer with Confidence in Final Salvation*

A Prayer of David.

1 Hear a just cause, O LORD,
Attend to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer *which is* not from deceitful lips.
2 Let my vindication come from Your presence;
Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

3 You have tested my heart;
You have visited *me* in the night;
You have tried me and have found nothing;
I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
4 Concerning the works of men,
By the word of Your lips,
I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.
5 Uphold my steps in Your paths,
*That* my footsteps may not slip.

6 I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God;
Incline Your ear to me, *and* hear my speech.
7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand,
O You who save those who trust *in You*
From those who rise up *against them.*
8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,
9 From the wicked who oppress me,
*From* my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed up their fat *hearts;*
With their mouths they speak proudly.
11 They have now surrounded us in our steps;
They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth,
12 As a lion is eager to tear his prey,
And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD,
Confront him, cast him down;
Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,
14 With Your hand from men, O LORD,
From men of the world *who have* their portion in *this* life,
And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure.
They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their *possession* for their babes.

**LORDSHIP** **2 FULLNESS OF LIFE**

► *See* **PSALM 16:11**

You can only find true fulfillment in life by yielding to Christ's authority and allowing Him full control of your life. At first, not getting your own way may seem like a great sacrifice. But when you choose God's way instead and make decisions based on His guidance and His will, your life will always end up being more fulfilled, more rewarding, and more joyful.

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." When we live with Christ as Lord of our lives, God works all circumstances for our ultimate good and His ultimate purposes.

► *Now turn to page 675 for Isaiah 55:8, 9 and Point 3. Trusting the God of the Universe.*

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

## PSALM 18

### *God the Sovereign Savior*

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.
And he said:

1 I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my
deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold.
3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be
praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me
afraid.
5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry came before Him, *even* to
His ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of the hills also quaked and
were shaken,
Because He was angry.
8 Smoke went up from His nostrils,
And devouring fire from His mouth;
Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came
down
With darkness under His feet.
10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness His secret place;
His canopy around Him *was* dark waters
*And* thick clouds of the skies.
12 From the brightness before Him,
His thick clouds passed with hailstones and
coals of fire.

13 The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.[a]
14 He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe,
Lightnings in abundance, and He
vanquished them.
15 Then the channels of the sea were seen,
The foundations of the world were
uncovered
At Your rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

16 He sent from above, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From those who hated me,
For they were too strong for me.
18 They confronted me in the day of my
calamity,
But the LORD was my support.
19 He also brought me out into a broad place;
He delivered me because He delighted
in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my
righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands
He has recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my
God.
22 For all His judgments *were* before me,
And I did not put away His statutes from
me.
23 I was also blameless before Him,
And I kept myself from my iniquity.
24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me
according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in
His sight.

25 With the merciful You will show Yourself
merciful;
With a blameless man You will show Yourself
blameless;
26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure;
And with the devious You will show Yourself
shrewd.
27 For You will save the humble people,
But will bring down haughty looks.

**18:13** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; a few Hebrew manuscripts and Septuagint omit *Hailstones and coals of fire.*

28 For You will light my lamp;
The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.
29 For by You I can run against a troop,
By my God I can leap over a wall.
30 *As for* God, His way *is* perfect;
The word of the LORD is proven;
He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him.

31 For who *is* God, except the LORD?
And who *is* a rock, except our God?
32 *It is* God who arms me with strength,
And makes my way perfect.
33 He makes my feet like the *feet of* deer,
And sets me on my high places.
34 He teaches my hands to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;
Your right hand has held me up,
Your gentleness has made me great.
36 You enlarged my path under me,
So my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them;
Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.
38 I have wounded them,
So that they could not rise;
They have fallen under my feet.
39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle;
You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies,
So that I destroyed those who hated me.
41 They cried out, but *there was* none to save;
*Even* to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind;
I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people;
You have made me the head of the nations;
A people I have not known shall serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me;
The foreigners submit to me.
45 The foreigners fade away,
And come frightened from their hideouts.

46 The LORD lives!
Blessed *be* my Rock!
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
47 *It is* God who avenges me,
And subdues the peoples under me;
48 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the violent man.
49 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.

50 Great deliverance He gives to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forevermore.

## PSALM 19

### *The Perfect Revelation of the LORD*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
2 Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
3 *There is* no speech nor language
*Where* their voice is not heard.
4 Their line[a] has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
*And* rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
6 Its rising *is* from one end of heaven,
And its circuit to the other end;
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever;

**19:4** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *sound;* Targum reads *business.*

The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired *are they* than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
*And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.
12 Who can understand *his* errors?
Cleanse me from secret *faults.*
13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins;*
Let them not have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
And I shall be innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

## PSALM 20

### *The Assurance of God's Saving Work*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;
May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
2 May He send you help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen you out of Zion;
3 May He remember all your offerings,
And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah
4 May He grant you according to your heart's *desire,*
And fulfill all your purpose.
5 We will rejoice in your salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed;
He will answer him from His holy heaven
With the saving strength of His right hand.
7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses;
But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
8 They have bowed down and fallen;
But we have risen and stand upright.
9 Save, LORD!
May the King answer us when we call.

## PSALM 21

### *Joy in the Salvation of the LORD*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD;
And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 You have given him his heart's desire,
And have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
3 For You meet him with the blessings of goodness;
You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
4 He asked life from You, *and* You gave *it* to him—
Length of days forever and ever.
5 His glory *is* great in Your salvation;
Honor and majesty You have placed upon him.
6 For You have made him most blessed forever;
You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.
7 For the king trusts in the LORD,
And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 Your hand will find all Your enemies;
Your right hand will find those who hate You.
9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger;
The LORD shall swallow them up in His wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.
10 Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth,
And their descendants from among the sons of men.
11 For they intended evil against You;
They devised a plot *which* they are not able *to perform.*
12 Therefore You will make them turn their back;
You will make ready *Your arrows* on Your string toward their faces.
13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength!
We will sing and praise Your power.

# PSALM 22

***The Suffering, Praise, and Posterity of the Messiah***

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn."[a]
A Psalm of David.

1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
*Why are You so* far from helping Me,
*And from* the words of My groaning?
2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But You *are* holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.
5 They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the people.
7 All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*
8 "He trusted[a] in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

9 But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts.
10 I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb
You *have been* My God.
11 Be not far from Me,
For trouble *is* near;
For *there is* none to help.

12 Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me.
13 They gape at Me *with* their mouths,
*Like* a raging and roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water,
And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
It has melted within Me.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
16 For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced[a] My hands and My feet;
17 I can count all My bones.
They look *and* stare at Me.
18 They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.

19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
20 Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious *life* from the power of the dog.
21 Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen!

You have answered Me.

22 I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.

25 My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
Let your heart live forever!

27 All the ends of the world
Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
And all the families of the nations
Shall worship before You.[a]
28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD's,
And He rules over the nations.

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

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**22:title** [a]Hebrew *Aijeleth Hashahar* **22:8** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *hoped;* Targum reads *praised*.
**22:16** [a]Following some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *Like a lion*. **22:27** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Targum; Arabic, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Him*.

30 A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation,
31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
That He has done *this.*

## PSALM 23

### *The LORD the Shepherd of His People*

A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell[a] in the house of the LORD
Forever.

## PSALM 24

### *The King of Glory and His Kingdom*

A Psalm of David.

1 The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.
2 For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.
3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**23:6** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *return*.

**TERMINAL ILLNESS**

### 1 God's Presence

► *See* **Psalm 23:1–6**

God is concerned with every aspect of your life, including physical suffering. As you walk through this valley of the shadow of death, He is with you. He is your Shepherd who tends to your needs. Your days on earth are purposeful even when you cannot see how; God's goodness and mercy are yours even in times when you feel alone. Jesus promised: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18). When you have invited Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live within you (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*).

► *Now turn to page 445 for Job 1:21 and Point 2. God's Sovereignty.*

**ANXIETY**

### 2 Fear of Death

► *See* **Psalm 23:4**

Anxiety about the future is often centered on the fear of illness or accidents that result in death. For many, even Christians, death may seem like the ultimate unknown. Perhaps you fear the actual process of dying or fear God's judgment after death (see *Death; Judgment*). For Christians, however, God offers an eternal home in heaven that is far better than the current world in which we live (see *Salvation; Heaven*). "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

Death is a defeated enemy, and judgment is for those who do not know Christ. The Lord also promises to help you face death. You can trust God's goodness in every aspect of your life, even during your physical pain or death.

► *Now turn to page 643 for Isaiah 26:3 and Point 3. Trusting God.*

Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This *is* Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face. Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who *is* this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He *is* the King of glory. Selah

## PSALM 25

### *A Plea for Deliverance and Forgiveness*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in You;
Let me not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies triumph over me.
3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;
Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

4 Show me Your ways, O LORD;
Teach me Your paths.
5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You *are* the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,
For they *are* from of old.

**THE HEART** **3 GOD'S PLAN FOR A SINFUL HEART**

► *See* **PSALM 24:3, 4**

God can only accept a person who has a pure heart, and you cannot cleanse your own sinful heart. Only God can make your heart pure. For the non-Christian, God offers salvation through Jesus Christ (see *Salvation*). When you accept Christ, He makes your heart pure so that you can be in God's presence. This seals your place with God for eternity. Until you see Jesus face-to-face, however, you are still being transformed. Therefore, you need to continually ask God to reveal any sin in your life so that you can be made into the image of Christ.

First John 1:8 says that "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." As long as we believe that we do not sin, God will not cleanse our hearts. When we have unconfessed sin, it interferes with our relationship with God and our ability to mature spiritually. When we confess, however, we can be sure that He hears (Psalm 66:18, 19).

When you ask God to give you not just a fresh start, but a new heart, He promises to answer. Ezekiel 36:26, 27 says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

The person who draws close to God is the one who is most aware of sin within. Only God can reveal what is truly in a person's heart. He brings to light things that are hidden in darkness and exposes your motives so you can confess them and allow God to change you.

► *Now turn to page 573 for Proverbs 3:5, 6 and Point 4. Keeping the Heart Pure.*

**WILL OF GOD** **3 LIVING IN GOD'S WILL**

► *See* **PSALM 25:4, 5, 9, 14**

God gives each person a clear direction for his or her life. As you trust God's ways and commit your life to Him, you begin to experience the joy and security that comes from a life directed by God. You find fulfillment and peace when His desires become your desires.

The following are scriptural principles to help you know the will of God.

1. Look for God's truth and direction every day (verses 4, 5).

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

8 Good and upright *is* the LORD;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.
9 The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way.
10 All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
11 For Your name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon my iniquity, for it *is* great.

12 Who *is* the man that fears the LORD?
Him shall He[a] teach in the way He[b] chooses.
13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the earth.
14 The secret of the LORD *is* with those who fear Him,
And He will show them His covenant.
15 My eyes *are* ever toward the LORD,
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,
For I *am* desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart have enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses!
18 Look on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.
19 Consider my enemies, for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 Keep my soul, and deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait for You.

22 Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all their troubles!

## PSALM 26

### *A Prayer for Divine Scrutiny and Redemption*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 Vindicate me, O LORD,
For I have walked in my integrity.
I have also trusted in the LORD;
I shall not slip.
2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
Try my mind and my heart.
3 For Your lovingkindness *is* before my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.
4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals,
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers,
And will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence;
So I will go about Your altar, O LORD,
7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Your wondrous works.
8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house,
And the place where Your glory dwells.

9 Do not gather my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
10 In whose hands *is* a sinister scheme,
And whose right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity;
Redeem me and be merciful to me.

**25:12** [a]Or *he* [b]Or *he*

***WILL OF GOD: 3. LIVING IN GOD'S WILL** (continued)*

2. Keep a humble and submissive attitude toward God, and He will guide you (verse 9).
3. Be fully committed to God, and He will reveal His truth to you (verse 14).

God's Word may not specifically tell you where to live or what job to take, but it does give clear guidance for basic principles of daily living. If you are faithful to live by these principles, then you will have the wisdom needed to understand the more specific aspects of God's will. Having peace from God, even in the midst of difficult circumstances, is one confirmation that you are in His will.

For example, it is God's will to give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We know that God wants us to live according to the moral values outlined in Scripture (1 Thessalonians 4:1–7) and to seek His counsel before making long-range plans (James 4:13–15). As you obey what you clearly read in God's Word, then other aspects of life will also become clearer. God does have a plan for every one of His children. If your daily objective is to bring glory to Him, then you will seek His help with your whole heart.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

12 My foot stands in an even place;
In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

## PSALM 27

### *An Exuberant Declaration of Faith*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 The LORD *is* my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD *is* the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked came against me
To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
3 Though an army may encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I *will be* confident.

4 One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.
5 For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above
my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His
tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the
LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 *When You said,* "Seek My face,"
My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will
seek."
9 Do not hide Your face from me;
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help;
Do not leave me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.
10 When my father and my mother
forsake me,
Then the LORD will take care of me.
11 Teach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a smooth path, because of
my enemies.
12 Do not deliver me to the will of my
adversaries;
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence.
13 *I would have lost heart,* unless I had
believed
That I would see the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!

## PSALM 28

### *Rejoicing in Answered Prayer*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock:
Do not be silent to me,
Lest, if You *are* silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications
When I cry to You,
When I lift up my hands toward Your holy
sanctuary.

3 Do not take me away with the wicked
And with the workers of iniquity,
Who speak peace to their neighbors,
But evil *is* in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their deeds,
And according to the wickedness of their
endeavors;
Give them according to the work of their
hands;
Render to them what they deserve.
5 Because they do not regard the works of the
LORD,
Nor the operation of His hands,
He shall destroy them
And not build them up.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD,
Because He has heard the voice of my
supplications!
7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.

8 The LORD *is* their strength,[a]
And He *is* the saving refuge of His anointed.
9 Save Your people,
And bless Your inheritance;
Shepherd them also,
And bear them up forever.

## PSALM 29

### *Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty*

A Psalm of David.

1 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
The LORD *is* over many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD *is* powerful;
The voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood,
And the LORD sits as King forever.

11 The LORD will give strength to His people;
The LORD will bless His people with peace.

## PSALM 30

### *The Blessedness of Answered Prayer*

A Psalm.
A Song at the dedication of the house of David.

1 I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,
And have not let my foes rejoice over me.
2 O LORD my God, I cried out to You,
And You healed me.
3 O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave;
You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.[a]

4 Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.[a]
5 For His anger *is but for* a moment,
His favor *is for* life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy *comes* in the morning.

6 Now in my prosperity I said,
"I shall never be moved."
7 LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
You hid Your face, *and* I was troubled.

8 I cried out to You, O LORD;
And to the LORD I made supplication:

**28:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *the strength of His people*. **30:3** [a]Following Qere and Targum; Kethib, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *from those who descend to the pit*. **30:4** [a]Or *His holiness*

**WORSHIP** **1 PURPOSE AND MEANING**

► *See* **PSALM 29:2**

We worship the Lord simply because He deserves it. He is worthy of our praise because of His character, power, and authority. Nothing can compare with God. The purpose and meaning of worship is to demonstrate your belief that God is more important than anything else in the universe.

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, God included a guideline for worship: "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). Worship should be directed to the one true God who alone warrants it. God understands your tendency to turn your worship in other directions. The Israelites turned to pagan gods, such as Baal. Today, the gods people turn to may be money, possessions, power, or recognition. Through this commandment, God warns you not to worship anything but Him. He desires that you direct your wholehearted devotion toward Him.

► *Now turn to page 987 for John 4:24 and Point 2. Worship in Spirit.*

9 "What profit *is there* in my blood,
When I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise You?
Will it declare Your truth?
10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
LORD, be my helper!"

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

## PSALM 31

### *The LORD a Fortress in Adversity*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Your righteousness.
2 Bow down Your ear to me,
Deliver me speedily;
Be my rock of refuge,
A fortress of defense to save me.

3 For You *are* my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake,
Lead me and guide me.
4 Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,
For You *are* my strength.
5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated those who regard useless idols;
But I trust in the LORD.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,
For You have considered my trouble;
You have known my soul in adversities,
8 And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;
You have set my feet in a wide place.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
My eye wastes away with grief,
*Yes,* my soul and my body!
10 For my life is spent with grief,
And my years with sighing;
My strength fails because of my iniquity,
And my bones waste away.
11 I am a reproach among all my enemies,
But especially among my neighbors,
And *am* repulsive to my acquaintances;
Those who see me outside flee from me.
12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I hear the slander of many;
Fear *is* on every side;
While they take counsel together against me,
They scheme to take away my life.

14 But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;
I say, "You *are* my God."
15 My times *are* in Your hand;
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
And from those who persecute me.
16 Make Your face shine upon Your servant;
Save me for Your mercies' sake.
17 Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD, for I have called upon You;
Let the wicked be ashamed;
Let them be silent in the grave.
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 Oh, how great *is* Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,
*Which* You have prepared for those who trust in You
In the presence of the sons of men!
20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence
From the plots of man;
You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion
From the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD,
For He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city!
22 For I said in my haste,
"I am cut off from before Your eyes";
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried out to You.

23 Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints!
*For* the LORD preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.
24 Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in the LORD.

# PSALM 32

## *The Joy of Forgiveness*

*A Psalm* of David. A Contemplation.[a]

1 Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven,
*Whose* sin *is* covered.
2 Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the day long.
4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah
5 I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not hidden.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
In a time when You may be found;
Surely in a flood of great waters
They shall not come near him.
7 You *are* my hiding place;
You shall preserve me from trouble;
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.
9 Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule,
*Which* have no understanding,
Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle,
Else they will not come near you.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked;
But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.
11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

**32:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil*

**DEPRESSION** **1 RESULTING FROM SIN**

▶ *See* **PSALM 32:3–5**

In these verses, King David expresses the anguish he experienced when he was silent about his sin. Sometimes symptoms of depression are a result of unresolved anger, resentment, self-pity, or other unconfessed sin. Recognizing and dealing with sin and guilt in your life can help bring real and lasting solutions.

Proverbs tells us, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, / But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

The guilt you feel over unconfessed sin comes from the Holy Spirit convicting you to repent. This is because sin separates you from God. God's desire is to be in close relationship with you. In order to experience forgiveness, you must recognize your sin, confess it to God, and turn away from it (see *God's Forgiveness; Repentance; Sin*).

▶ *Now turn to page 483 for Psalm 13:1–6 and Point 2. Resulting from Difficult Circumstances.*

**RESTORATION** **2 THE PROCESS OF RESTORATION**

▶ *See* **PSALM 32:5**

Confession means being humble and penitent. When you are, you can know for certain that God will forgive. You need to specifically turn away from and forsake each known sin (transgression) in your life (see *Repentance*).

God not only forgives sins, but He also promises to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Before you accept Christ, sin is your nature. But if you trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God gives you a new nature that is being conformed to His plan and purpose.

God's mercy is awesome. When you call on Him for forgiveness, He grants it completely and immediately. You no longer need to fear the eternal consequence of sin. Confession brings freedom and God's peace as He lovingly and gently teaches you the right way to live. Though you may face earthly consequences for your sin, God provides help and hope.

▶ *Now turn to page 1103 for Galatians 6:1 and Point 3. Restoring a Believer Who Has Sinned.*

## PSALM 33

### *The Sovereignty of the LORD in Creation and History*

1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
*For* praise from the upright is beautiful.
2 Praise the LORD with the harp;
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right,
And all His work *is done* in truth.
5 He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;[a]
He lays up the deep in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
9 For He spoke, and it was *done;*
He commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.
11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
The plans of His heart to all generations.
12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.
13 The LORD looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men.
14 From the place of His dwelling He looks
On all the inhabitants of the earth;
15 He fashions their hearts individually;
He considers all their works.

16 No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army;
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
17 A horse *is* a vain hope for safety;
Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His mercy,
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD;
He *is* our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy name.
22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
Just as we hope in You.

## PSALM 34

### *The Happiness of Those Who Trust in God*

*A Psalm* of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.
3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.

**33:7** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *in a vessel.*

**HEAVEN** **1 HEAVEN IS A PLACE**

▶ *See* **PSALM 33:13–15**

Heaven is not just a figure of speech. It is a real place. It is so immense and grand that our finite minds cannot imagine it. Revelation 21 and 22 give some characteristics: it is a walled city with specific dimensions, twelve gates, the tree of life, the river of life, and streets and buildings made of gold and precious stones. The only source of light is the glory of God. Time there will not be bound by earthly limitations.

Jesus knew that His disciples would be concerned and confused about His death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. To offer hope and encouragement, Jesus explained that He was leaving the earth for the place where God His Father lived; and, while there, He would be preparing a specific place for His followers so that at a later time they could join Him (John 14:2, 3).

▶ *Now turn to page 1154 for Hebrews 11:10 and Point 2. Heaven Has Been Prepared by God.*

4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.
6 This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him,*
And saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel[a] of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good;
Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!
9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!
*There is* no want to those who fear Him.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing.*

11 Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 Who *is* the man *who* desires life,
And loves *many* days, that he may see good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking deceit.
14 Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their cry.
16 The face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry out, and the LORD hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.
18 The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous,
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.
20 He guards all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.
22 The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,

**34:7** [a]Or *Angel*

## ABUSE VICTIM — 1 Courage to Face Abuse

► *See* **PSALM 34:4**

You are not alone; many others have gone through abuse similar to what you have experienced. You may be finding it hard to express your feelings about your situation—this is quite common. But it is important for you to get past this. You need to learn to express yourself in a healthy way and realize your God-given value as a person.

We encourage you to find a pastor or Christian counselor (or perhaps a mature Christian friend of the same sex) whom you feel you can trust and begin to talk to about what you are going through.

You do not "deserve" the treatment you have experienced; God does not want you to be a victim. He wants to give you courage to deal rightly with your situation. Though your abuser may blame you and justify his or her actions against you, the abuse is not your fault, and it must stop. Pray for the courage to be decisive and firm. The actions your abuser is taking against you are illegal and could even lead to his or her imprisonment.

► *Now turn to page 806 for Daniel 2:22 and Point 2. Taking Action.*

## FEAR — 4 Responding to Fear

► *See* **PSALM 34:4**

Regardless of the reason for your fear, God is more than able to comfort you, protect you, guide you, and love you. He will deliver you from your fears when you place your faith in Him. You may even need to confess your fear as sin and ask for His forgiveness (1 John 1:9). You can also focus your energy on developing a deeper relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and friendships with other believers. Memorizing Bible verses to help you place your faith in God will reduce your tendency toward fear (see *Bible*). God does not want you to live in fear. The more you know God, the easier it is to trust His Word and depend on Him to care for you.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

## PSALM 35

### *The LORD the Avenger of His People*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 Plead *my cause,* O LORD, with those who strive with me;
Fight against those who fight against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for my help.
3 Also draw out the spear,
And stop those who pursue me.
Say to my soul,
"I *am* your salvation."

4 Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor
Who seek after my life;
Let those be turned back and brought to confusion
Who plot my hurt.
5 Let them be like chaff before the wind,
And let the angel[a] of the LORD chase *them.*
6 Let their way be dark and slippery,
And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.
7 For without cause they have hidden their net for me *in* a pit,
*Which* they have dug without cause for my life.
8 Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly,
And let his net that he has hidden catch himself;
Into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD;
It shall rejoice in His salvation.
10 All my bones shall say,
"LORD, who *is* like You,
Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him,
Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"

11 Fierce witnesses rise up;
They ask me *things* that I do not know.
12 They reward me evil for good,
*To* the sorrow of my soul.
13 But as for me, when they were sick,
My clothing *was* sackcloth;
I humbled myself with fasting;
And my prayer would return to my own heart.
14 I paced about as though *he were* my friend *or* brother;
I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns *for his* mother.

15 But in my adversity they rejoiced
And gathered together;
Attackers gathered against me,
And I did not know *it;*
They tore *at me* and did not cease;
16 With ungodly mockers at feasts
They gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long will You look on?
Rescue me from their destructions,
My precious *life* from the lions.
18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly;
I will praise You among many people.

19 Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies;
Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause.
20 For they do not speak peace,
But they devise deceitful matters
Against *the* quiet ones in the land.
21 They also opened their mouth wide against me,
*And* said, "Aha, aha!
Our eyes have seen *it.*"

22 *This* You have seen, O LORD;
Do not keep silence.
O Lord, do not be far from me.
23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication,
To my cause, my God and my Lord.
24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.
25 Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!"
Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion
Who rejoice at my hurt;
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor
Who exalt themselves against me.

**35:5** [a]Or *Angel*

27 Let them shout for joy and be glad,
Who favor my righteous cause;
And let them say continually,
"Let the LORD be magnified,
Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."
28 And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness
*And* of Your praise all the day long.

## PSALM 36

### *Man's Wickedness and God's Perfections*

To the Chief Musician.
*A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD.

1 An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:
*There is* no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes,
When he finds out his iniquity *and* when he hates.
3 The words of his mouth *are* wickedness and deceit;
He has ceased to be wise *and* to do good.
4 He devises wickedness on his bed;
He sets himself in a way *that is* not good;
He does not abhor evil.

5 Your mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens;
Your faithfulness *reaches* to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains;
Your judgments *are* a great deep;
O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

7 How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.
8 They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,
And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.
9 For with You *is* the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.

10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 There the workers of iniquity have fallen;
They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

## PSALM 37

### *The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass.
6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.

**ABUNDANT LIFE** **3 FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER**

► *See* **PSALM 36:7–9**

We experience abundant life by deepening our relationship and fellowship with the Father. We can have fellowship with God when we confess our sins before Him and spend time in Bible study and prayer (see *Repentance*). God uses those tools to reveal more of Himself to us. As we know more of God, His desires become our desires and we can obey Him. This obedience pleases God, and we grow spiritually to take hold of God's abundant life. Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him" (John 14:23).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off;
But those who wait on the LORD,
They shall inherit the earth.
10 For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be* no *more;*
Indeed, you will look carefully for his place,
But it *shall be* no *more.*
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plots against the just,
And gnashes at him with his teeth.
13 The Lord laughs at him,
For He sees that his day is coming.
14 The wicked have drawn the sword
And have bent their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy,
To slay those who are of upright conduct.
15 Their sword shall enter their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man has
*Is* better than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
But the LORD upholds the righteous.

18 The LORD knows the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be forever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish;
And the enemies of the LORD,
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish.
Into smoke they shall vanish away.

21 The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.
22 For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth,
But *those* cursed by Him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.

## PROPER PERSPECTIVE

### 3 Living in God's Will Offers Proper Perspective

► *See* **PSALM 37:4, 5**

When you live with a proper perspective, knowing God becomes your highest priority. Eventually God's desires become your desires and you can trust Him to "bring it to pass."

No matter what happens in your life, if you seek to live in God's will, He will grant you an understanding of His perspective to help you through your pain, fear, stress, suffering, or persecution. Outside the will of God, there is no peace. Within God's will, and through His eternal perspective, Christians can have peace throughout their earthly lives.

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## REWARDS

### 2 Rewards in This Life

► *See* **PSALM 37:25**

Rewards are given according to God's sovereign grace. While God does not guarantee that those who obey Him will receive earthly riches, many times obedience to God does result in blessings here. For example, if you tithe faithfully you may be better able to manage your finances and see more financial blessing. Still, it is only for God's purposes that you receive material blessings here on earth, and you cannot dictate the extent of those blessings.

In Matthew 20:1–16, Jesus tells a story about laborers in a vineyard. Some of these workers had been there all day, while others had only been there for a short time. Yet they all received the same wage. While this may not seem fair to us, we can trust our heavenly

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

27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell forevermore.
28 For the LORD loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell in it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom,
And his tongue talks of justice.
31 The law of his God *is* in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watches the righteous,
And seeks to slay him.
33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD,
And keep His way,
And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it.*
35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a native green tree.
36 Yet he passed away,[a] and behold, he *was* no *more;*
Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the blameless *man,* and observe the upright;
For the future of *that* man *is* peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD;
*He is* their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them;
He shall deliver them from the wicked,
And save them,
Because they trust in Him.

## PSALM 38

### *Prayer in Time of Chastening*

A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance.

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,
Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!
2 For Your arrows pierce me deeply,
And Your hand presses me down.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh
Because of Your anger,
Nor *any* health in my bones
Because of my sin.
4 For my iniquities have gone over my head;
Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds are foul *and* festering
Because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are full of inflammation,
And *there is* no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am feeble and severely broken;
I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire *is* before You;
And my sighing is not hidden from You.
10 My heart pants, my strength fails me;
As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague,
And my relatives stand afar off.

**37:36** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Targum; Syriac and Vulgate read *I passed by.*

***REWARDS: 2. REWARDS IN THIS LIFE** (continued)*

Father to do what is best and what will bring glory to His name.

Just as we cannot dictate the blessings of life on earth, we also know that suffering is not always a direct result of our sin. During Jesus' time, many thought suffering was an automatic result of sin. Jesus made it clear that those assumptions were false and that even godly people suffer (John 9:3). Sometimes we do suffer as the result of sin; other times suffering happens so that God's power may be revealed.

► *Now turn to page 933 for Mark 9:41 and Point 3. Jesus Promised Rewards.*

12 Those also who seek my life lay snares *for me;*
Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction,
And plan deception all the day long.

13 But I, like a deaf *man,* do not hear;
And *I am* like a mute *who* does not open his mouth.
14 Thus I am like a man who does not hear,
And in whose mouth *is* no response.

15 For in You, O LORD, I hope;
You will hear, O Lord my God.
16 For I said, *"Hear me,* lest they rejoice over me,
Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt *themselves* against me."

17 For I *am* ready to fall,
And my sorrow *is* continually before me.
18 For I will declare my iniquity;
I will be in anguish over my sin.
19 But my enemies *are* vigorous, *and* they are strong;
And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.
20 Those also who render evil for good,
They are my adversaries, because I follow *what is* good.

21 Do not forsake me, O LORD;
O my God, be not far from me!
22 Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!

## PSALM 39

### *Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness*

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

1 I said, "I will guard my ways,
Lest I sin with my tongue;
I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle,
While the wicked are before me."
2 I was mute with silence,
I held my peace *even* from good;
And my sorrow was stirred up.
3 My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing, the fire burned.
*Then* I spoke with my tongue:

4 "LORD, make me to know my end,
And what *is* the measure of my days,
*That* I may know how frail I *am.*
5 Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths,
And my age *is* as nothing before You;
Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor. Selah
6 Surely every man walks about like a shadow;
Surely they busy themselves in vain;
He heaps up *riches,*
And does not know who will gather them.

7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope *is* in You.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions;
Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.
9 I was mute, I did not open my mouth,
Because it was You who did *it.*
10 Remove Your plague from me;
I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.
11 When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity,
You make his beauty melt away like a moth;
Surely every man *is* vapor. Selah

12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And give ear to my cry;
Do not be silent at my tears;
For I *am* a stranger with You,
A sojourner, as all my fathers *were.*
13 Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength,
Before I go away and am no more."

## PSALM 40

### *Faith Persevering in Trial*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
And He inclined to me,
And heard my cry.
2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
*And* established my steps.
3 He has put a new song in my mouth—
Praise to our God;
Many will see *it* and fear,
And will trust in the LORD.

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

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

6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire;
My ears You have opened.
Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.
7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me.
8 I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law *is* within my heart."

9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness
In the great assembly;
Indeed, I do not restrain my lips,
O LORD, You Yourself know.
10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;
I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth
From the great assembly.

11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;
Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me;
My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head;
Therefore my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me!
14 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion
Who seek to destroy my life;
Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor
Who wish me evil.
15 Let them be confounded because of their shame,
Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
Let such as love Your salvation say continually,
"The LORD be magnified!"
17 But I *am* poor and needy;
*Yet* the LORD thinks upon me.

## LONELINESS — 5 GOD'S ANSWER FOR LONELINESS

► *See* **PSALM 40:1–5**

A first step in dealing with loneliness is to keep your focus on the Lord. When Jesus Christ is the center of your life, you are no longer preoccupied with yourself. This new perspective helps to overcome loneliness (see *Proper Perspective*). Spend time daily in prayer and Bible study and listen for God's direction. The suffering you feel in loneliness can help deepen your dependence on God (see *Suffering*). Pray for spiritual growth and the development of meaningful relationships with both Christian and non-Christian friends. As you grow in your devotional relationship with God, you will begin to change in your love and care for others.

Meaningful relationships do not develop overnight; they must be cultivated over time. The more the lonely person gives, the more he or she will receive from others: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Proverbs 18:24). Look for opportunities to serve others through your local church or fellowship group. That will help you to cultivate relationships and you will experience fulfillment and joy in your life as you focus on unselfishly serving others.

Strengthen your family ties, as well. Lonely people often have "loose ends" in regard to family relationships. Make regular efforts to communicate with your own family; learning to share, to respect and care, and to become a part of each other. You may also benefit from talking with your pastor. Often a pastor can recommend areas for you to be involved in the church to help you develop relationships.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

You *are* my help and my deliverer;
Do not delay, O my God.

## PSALM 41

### *The Blessing and Suffering of the Godly*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Blessed *is* he who considers the poor;
The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive,
*And* he will be blessed on the earth;
You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
3 The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness;
You will sustain him on his sickbed.

4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me;
Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."
5 My enemies speak evil of me:
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
6 And if he comes to see *me,* he speaks lies;
His heart gathers iniquity to itself;
*When* he goes out, he tells *it.*

7 All who hate me whisper together against me;
Against me they devise my hurt.
8 "An evil disease," *they say,* "clings to him.
And *now* that he lies down, he will rise up no more."
9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
Who ate my bread,
Has lifted up *his* heel against me.

10 But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up,
That I may repay them.
11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me,
Because my enemy does not triumph over me.
12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,
And set me before Your face forever.

13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

# Book Two: Psalms 42—72

## PSALM 42

### *Yearning for God in the Midst of Distresses*

To the Chief Musician.
A Contemplation[a] of the sons of Korah.

1 As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?[a]
3 My tears have been my food day and night,
While they continually say to me,
"Where *is* your God?"

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

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And *why* are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him
*For* the help of His countenance.[a]

6 O my God,[a] my soul is cast down within me;
Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan,
And from the heights of Hermon,
From the Hill Mizar.
7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls;
All Your waves and billows have gone over me.
8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song *shall be* with me—
A prayer to the God of my life.

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

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**42:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil* **42:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum read *I see the face of God.* **42:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; a few Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *The help of my countenance, my God.* **42:6** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; a few Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate put *my God* at the end of verse 5.

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

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

## PSALM 43

### *Prayer to God in Time of Trouble*

1 Vindicate me, O God,
And plead my cause against an ungodly
nation;
Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and
unjust man!
2 For You *are* the God of my strength;
Why do You cast me off?
Why do I go mourning because of the
oppression of the enemy?

3 Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!
Let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your holy hill
And to Your tabernacle.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
To God my exceeding joy;
And on the harp I will praise You,
O God, my God.

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

## PSALM 44

### *Redemption Remembered in Present Dishonor*

To the Chief Musician.
A Contemplation[a] of the sons of Korah.

1 We have heard with our ears, O God,
Our fathers have told us,
The deeds You did in their days,
In days of old:
2 You drove out the nations with Your hand,
But them You planted;
You afflicted the peoples, and cast
them out.
3 For they did not gain possession of the land
by their own sword,
Nor did their own arm save them;
But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and
the light of Your countenance,
Because You favored them.

4 You are my King, O God;[a]
Command[b] victories for Jacob.
5 Through You we will push down our
enemies;
Through Your name we will trample those
who rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Nor shall my sword save me.
7 But You have saved us from our enemies,
And have put to shame those who
hated us.
8 In God we boast all day long,
And praise Your name forever. Selah

**44:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil* **44:4** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *and my God*. [b]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Who commands*.

**ANXIETY** **4 Encouragement in Anxiety**

► *See* **Psalm 43:5**

God offers many specific encouragements for Christians to consider when they feel anxious. God is with you all of the time and in every situation (Psalm 139:7). He has promised never to leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). You can do anything you need to through Christ (Philippians 4:13). God promises to supply all of your needs according to His riches (Philippians 4:19).

You can also find encouragement because of God's character: His holiness, which refers to His perfect purity; His complete power; and His grace, mercy, goodness, wisdom, and justice. God cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). God loves and cares for you. First Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." When you focus your attention on God and trust that His Word is true, you can find peace in place of anxiety.

► *Now turn to page 888 for Matthew 6:31–34 and Point 5. Victory Over Anxiety.*

9 But You have cast *us* off and put us to shame,
And You do not go out with our armies.
10 You make us turn back from the enemy,
And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.
11 You have given us up like sheep *intended* for food,
And have scattered us among the nations.
12 You sell Your people for *next to* nothing,
And are not enriched by selling them.

13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and a derision to those all around us.
14 You make us a byword among the nations,
A shaking of the head among the peoples.
15 My dishonor *is* continually before me,
And the shame of my face has covered me,
16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles,
Because of the enemy and the avenger.

17 All this has come upon us;
But we have not forgotten You,
Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant.
18 Our heart has not turned back,
Nor have our steps departed from Your way;
19 But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals,
And covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,
21 Would not God search this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.
22 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?
Arise! Do not cast *us* off forever.
24 Why do You hide Your face,
*And* forget our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
Our body clings to the ground.
26 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

## PSALM 45

### *The Glories of the Messiah and His Bride*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies."[a]
A Contemplation[b] of the sons of Korah. A Song of Love.

1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme;
I recite my composition concerning the King;
My tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 You are fairer than the sons of men;
Grace is poured upon Your lips;
Therefore God has blessed You forever.
3 Gird Your sword upon *Your* thigh, O Mighty One,
With Your glory and Your majesty.
4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, *and* righteousness;
And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.
5 Your arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the King's enemies;
The peoples fall under You.

6 Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your kingdom.
7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.
8 All Your garments *are scented* with myrrh and aloes and cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.
9 Kings' daughters *are* among Your honorable women;
At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

10 Listen, O daughter,
Consider and incline your ear;
Forget your own people also, and your father's house;
11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty;
Because He *is* your Lord, worship Him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre *will come* with a gift;
The rich among the people will seek your favor.

13 The royal daughter *is* all glorious within *the palace;*
Her clothing *is* woven with gold.
14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors;
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.
15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;
They shall enter the King's palace.

**45:title** [a]Hebrew *Shoshannim* [b]Hebrew *Maschil*

16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons,
Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

## PSALM 46

### *God the Refuge of His People and Conqueror of the Nations*

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah. A Song for Alamoth.

1 God *is* our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear,
Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled,
*Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah
4 *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,
The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High.
5 God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.
6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us;
The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
Who has made desolations in the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariot in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I *am* God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!
11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us;
The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

## PSALM 47

### *Praise to God, the Ruler of the Earth*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
2 For the LORD Most High *is* awesome;
*He is* a great King over all the earth.
3 He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4 He will choose our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah
5 God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
7 For God *is* the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on His holy throne.
9 The princes of the people have gathered together,

**TRUSTING GOD** ② **AGAINST OUR NATURE**

▸ *See* **PSALM 46:1**

Often, the alternative to trusting God is to become a victim of your feelings. Self-pity, anger, bitterness against God and others, and unbelief can become strongholds in your heart that cut you off from the comfort and help that God wants to provide.

Trusting God is rarely a natural response to trouble. The world around you, your own human nature, and Satan all work against faith in God. If you only trust God when you *feel* like it, those forces will make sure that you never feel like it. Trust is a struggle of the will. Without exercising your will to trust God, you will certainly grow doubtful and cynical; yield to impatience, fear, and panic; or sink into despair. Sometimes waiting is the hardest part about trusting God. "Wait on the LORD; / Be of good courage, / And He shall strengthen your heart; / Wait, I say, on the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14).

God promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). At times when you feel like God is far away, you must learn to live by faith and not by sight, counting on what God has promised, not on what you can merely observe (2 Corinthians 5:7).

▸ *Now turn to page 707 for Jeremiah 17:7, 8 and Point 3. Learning to Trust.*

The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth *belong* to God;
He is greatly exalted.

## PSALM 48

### *The Glory of God in Zion*

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God,
*In* His holy mountain.
2 Beautiful in elevation,
The joy of the whole earth,
*Is* Mount Zion *on* the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.
3 God *is* in her palaces;
He is known as her refuge.

4 For behold, the kings assembled,
They passed by together.
5 They saw *it, and* so they marveled;
They were troubled, they hastened away.
6 Fear took hold of them there,
*And* pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,
7 *As when* You break the ships of Tarshish
With an east wind.

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

9 We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness,
In the midst of Your temple.
10 According to Your name, O God,
So *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad,
Because of Your judgments.

12 Walk about Zion,
And go all around her.
Count her towers;
13 Mark well her bulwarks;
Consider her palaces;
That you may tell *it* to the generation following.
14 For this *is* God,
Our God forever and ever;
He will be our guide
*Even* to death.[a]

## PSALM 49

### *The Confidence of the Foolish*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Hear this, all peoples;
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom,
And the meditation of my heart *shall give* understanding.
4 I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will disclose my dark saying on the harp.

5 Why should I fear in the days of evil,
*When* the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?
6 Those who trust in their wealth
And boast in the multitude of their riches,
7 None *of them* can by any means redeem *his* brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him—
8 For the redemption of their souls *is* costly,
And it shall cease forever—
9 That he should continue to live eternally,
*And* not see the Pit.

10 For he sees wise men die;
Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 Their inner thought *is that* their houses *will last* forever,[a]
Their dwelling places to all generations;
They call *their* lands after their own names.
12 Nevertheless man, *though* in honor, does not remain;[a]
He is like the beasts *that* perish.

13 This is the way of those who *are* foolish,
And of their posterity who approve their sayings. Selah
14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave;
Death shall feed on them;
The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.

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**48:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Syriac; Septuagint and Vulgate read *Forever*. **49:11** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *Their graves shall be their houses forever*.
**49:12** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *understand* (compare verse 20).

15 But God will redeem my soul from the
power of the grave,
For He shall receive me. Selah

16 Do not be afraid when one becomes rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away;
His glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lives he blesses himself
(For *men* will praise you when you do well
for yourself),
19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall never see light.
20 A man *who is* in honor, yet does not
understand,
Is like the beasts *that* perish.

## PSALM 50

### *God the Righteous Judge*

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 The Mighty One, God the LORD,
Has spoken and called the earth
From the rising of the sun to its going down.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God will shine forth.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent;
A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous all around
Him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His
people:
5 "Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with Me
by sacrifice."
6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness,
For God Himself *is* Judge. Selah

7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak,
O Israel, and I will testify against you;
I *am* God, your God!
8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings,
*Which are* continually before Me.
9 I will not take a bull from your house,
*Nor* goats out of your folds.
10 For every beast of the forest *is* Mine,
*And* the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.
12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer to God thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.
15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

16 But to the wicked God says:
"What *right* have you to declare My statutes,
Or take My covenant in your mouth,
17 Seeing you hate instruction
And cast My words behind you?
18 When you saw a thief, you consented[a] with
him,
And have been a partaker with adulterers.
19 You give your mouth to evil,
And your tongue frames deceit.
20 You sit *and* speak against your brother;
You slander your own mother's son.
21 These *things* you have done, and I kept silent;
You thought that I was altogether like you;
*But* I will rebuke you,
And set *them* in order before your eyes.

22 "Now consider this, you who forget God,
Lest I tear *you* in pieces,
And *there be* none to deliver:
23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright*
I will show the salvation of God."

**50:18** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *ran*.

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING** — **1 GLORIFYING GOD**

► *See* **PSALM 50:23**

Praise and thanksgiving are part of worship. God desires that we know Him and love Him and—because of that love—praise and glorify Him. (See *Worship*.) Praise and thanksgiving are not only actions, but attitudes. God wants us to be thankful in all things.

► *Now turn to page 971 for Luke 17:15–19 and Point 2. Jesus' Teachings.*

# PSALM 51

## *A Prayer of Repentance*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin *is* always before me.
4 Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done *this* evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,[a]
*And* blameless when You judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
*That* the bones You have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.
13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
*And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it;*
You do not delight in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.

**51:4** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *in Your words.*

**PORNOGRAPHY** — **4 Renewed Purity**

▶ *See* **Psalm 51:10–12**

Purity and holiness are found by submitting to Christ's lordship through the disciplines of daily prayer, Bible study and memorization, involvement in a Bible-teaching church, and committing to renewing your mind.

Begin a serious effort to build a God-honoring life. This begins with confession and repentance. Confess any known sin in your life to God daily (1 John 1:7–9). Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sin to you, as well. Meditate on all of Psalm 51, a psalm of repentance. (See *Repentance.*)

Finally, set up a network of accountability, subjecting yourself to a mature Christian or group of Christians to whom you can report regularly on your spiritual progress and victories or defeats in this area. You may also need the help of a Christian psychologist or psychiatrist.

"As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:15).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**REPENTANCE** — **2 Our Sacrifice to God**

▶ *See* **Psalm 51:17**

Your most important act toward God is repentance from sin. No other act of obedience can be fully carried out when you attempt to hide unconfessed sin. The sacrifice God desires is a clean heart—one that is broken by sin, humbled by His presence, and willing to obey His will. God is pleased by a repentant attitude. Whether or not you repent, you cannot hide sin from God or simply dismiss it in your life; it will ultimately be revealed (Luke 12:2).

▶ *Now turn to page 1018 for Acts 3:19 and Point 3. Our Reward for Repentance.*

18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices
of righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt
offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on Your
altar.

## PSALM 52

### *The End of the Wicked and the Peace of the Godly*

To the Chief Musician.
A Contemplation[a] of David when Doeg the Edomite went and told Saul, and said to him, "David has gone to the house of Ahimelech."

1 Why do you boast in evil, O mighty
man?
The goodness of God *endures*
continually.
2 Your tongue devises destruction,
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
3 You love evil more than good,
Lying rather than speaking
righteousness. Selah
4 You love all devouring words,
*You* deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy you forever;
He shall take you away, and pluck you out
of *your* dwelling place,
And uproot you from the land of the
living. Selah
6 The righteous also shall see and fear,
And shall laugh at him, *saying,*
7 "Here is the man *who* did not make God his
strength,
But trusted in the abundance of his
riches,
*And* strengthened himself in his
wickedness."

8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house
of God;
I trust in the mercy of God forever and
ever.
9 I will praise You forever,
Because You have done *it;*
And in the presence of Your saints
I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good.

## PSALM 53

### *Folly of the Godless, and the Restoration of Israel*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath."
A Contemplation[a] of David.

1 The fool has said in his heart,
"*There is* no God."
They are corrupt, and have done abominable
iniquity;
*There is* none who does good.

2 God looks down from heaven upon the
children of men,
To see if there are *any* who understand, who
seek God.
3 Every one of them has turned aside;
They have together become corrupt;
*There is* none who does good,
No, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And do not call upon God?
5 There they are in great fear
*Where* no fear was,
For God has scattered the bones of him who
encamps against you;
You have put *them* to shame,
Because God has despised them.

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

## PSALM 54

### *Answered Prayer for Deliverance from Adversaries*

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments.[a]
A Contemplation[b] of David when the Ziphites went and said to Saul, "Is David not hiding with us?"

1 Save me, O God, by Your name,
And vindicate me by Your strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.

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**52:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil* **53:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil*
**54:title** [a]Hebrew *neginoth* [b]Hebrew *Maschil*

3 For strangers have risen up against me,
And oppressors have sought after my life;
They have not set God before them. Selah

4 Behold, God *is* my helper;
The Lord *is* with those who uphold my life.
5 He will repay my enemies for their evil.
Cut them off in Your truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice to You;
I will praise Your name, O LORD, for *it is* good.
7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble;
And my eye has seen *its desire* upon my enemies.

## PSALM 55

### *Trust in God Concerning the Treachery of Friends*

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments.[a]
A Contemplation[b] of David.

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.
2 Attend to me, and hear me;
I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,
3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they bring down trouble upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is severely pained within me,
And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me,
And horror has overwhelmed me.
6 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.
7 Indeed, I would wander far off,
*And* remain in the wilderness. Selah
8 I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm *and* tempest."

9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues,
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go around it on its walls;
Iniquity and trouble *are* also in the midst of it.
11 Destruction *is* in its midst;
Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

12 For *it is* not an enemy *who* reproaches me;
Then I could bear *it.*
Nor *is it* one *who* hates me who has exalted *himself* against me;
Then I could hide from him.
13 But *it was* you, a man my equal,
My companion and my acquaintance.
14 We took sweet counsel together,
*And* walked to the house of God in the throng.

15 Let death seize them;
Let them go down alive into hell,
For wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God,
And the LORD shall save me.
17 Evening and morning and at noon
I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.
18 He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me,
For there were many against me.
19 God will hear, and afflict them,
Even He who abides from of old. Selah
Because they do not change,
Therefore they do not fear God.

20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;
He has broken his covenant.
21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter,
But war *was* in his heart;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet they *were* drawn swords.

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

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

**55:title** [a]Hebrew *neginoth* [b]Hebrew *Maschil*

## PSALM 56

### *Prayer for Relief from Tormentors*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Silent Dove in Distant Lands."[a] A Michtam of David when the Philistines captured him in Gath.

1 Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up;
Fighting all day he oppresses me.
2 My enemies would hound *me* all day,
For *there are* many who fight against me, O Most High.

3 Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in You.
4 In God (I will praise His word),
In God I have put my trust;
I will not fear.
What can flesh do to me?

5 All day they twist my words;
All their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
6 They gather together,
They hide, they mark my steps,
When they lie in wait for my life.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

8 You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle;
*Are they* not in Your book?
9 When I cry out *to You,*
Then my enemies will turn back;
This I know, because God *is* for me.
10 In God (I will praise *His* word),
In the LORD (I will praise *His* word),
11 In God I have put my trust;
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

12 Vows *made* to You *are binding* upon me, O God;
I will render praises to You,
13 For You have delivered my soul from death.
*Have You* not *kept* my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God
In the light of the living?

## PSALM 57

### *Prayer for Safety from Enemies*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy."[a] A Michtam of David when he fled from Saul into the cave.

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge,
Until *these* calamities have passed by.

2 I will cry out to God Most High,
To God who performs *all things* for me.
3 He shall send from heaven and save me;
He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah
God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions;
I lie *among* the sons of men
Who are set on fire,
Whose teeth *are* spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
*Let* Your glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down;
They have dug a pit before me;
Into the midst of it they *themselves* have fallen. Selah

7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise.
8 Awake, my glory!
Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.

9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing to You among the nations.
10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens,
And Your truth unto the clouds.

11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
*Let* Your glory *be* above all the earth.

**56:title** [a]Hebrew *Jonath Elem Rechokim* **57:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Tashcheth*

## PSALM 58

### *The Just Judgment of the Wicked*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy."[a]
A Michtam of David.

1 Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones?
Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men?
2 No, in heart you work wickedness;
You weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb;
They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent;
*They are* like the deaf cobra *that* stops its ear,
5 Which will not heed the voice of charmers,
Charming ever so skillfully.
6 Break their teeth in their mouth, O God!
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD!
7 Let them flow away as waters *which* run continually;
*When* he bends *his bow,*
Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.
8 *Let them be* like a snail which melts away as it goes,
*Like* a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun.
9 Before your pots can feel *the burning* thorns,
He shall take them away as with a whirlwind,
As in His living and burning wrath.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance;
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,
11 So that men will say,
"Surely *there is* a reward for the righteous;
Surely He is God who judges in the earth."

## PSALM 59

### *The Assured Judgment of the Wicked*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy."[a]
A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.

1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
Defend me from those who rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from bloodthirsty men.
3 For look, they lie in wait for my life;
The mighty gather against me,
Not *for* my transgression nor *for* my sin, O LORD.
4 They run and prepare themselves through no fault *of mine.*

Awake to help me, and behold!
5 You therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,
Awake to punish all the nations;
Do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah
6 At evening they return,
They growl like a dog,
And go all around the city.
7 Indeed, they belch with their mouth;
Swords *are* in their lips;
For *they say,* "Who hears?"
8 But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them;
You shall have all the nations in derision.
9 I will wait for You, O You his Strength;[a]
For God *is* my defense.
10 My God of mercy[a] shall come to meet me;
God shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies.
11 Do not slay them, lest my people forget;
Scatter them by Your power,
And bring them down,
O Lord our shield.
12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips,
Let them even be taken in their pride,
And for the cursing and lying *which* they speak.
13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them,*
That they *may* not *be;*
And let them know that God rules in Jacob
To the ends of the earth. Selah
14 And at evening they return,
They growl like a dog,
And go all around the city.

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**58:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Tashcheth* **59:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Tashcheth*
**59:9** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Syriac; some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *my Strength.*
**59:10** [a]Following Qere; some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *My God, His mercy;* Kethib, some Hebrew manuscripts and Targum read *O God, my mercy;* Syriac reads *O God, Your mercy.*

15 They wander up and down for food,
And howl[a] if they are not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of Your power;
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense
And refuge in the day of my trouble.
17 To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises;
For God *is* my defense,
My God of mercy.

## PSALM 60

### *Urgent Prayer for the Restored Favor of God*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Lily of the Testimony."[a] A Michtam of David. For teaching. When he fought against Mesopotamia and Syria of Zobah, and Joab returned and killed twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

1 O God, You have cast us off;
You have broken us down;
You have been displeased;
Oh, restore us again!
2 You have made the earth tremble;
You have broken it;
Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.
3 You have shown Your people hard things;
You have made us drink the wine of confusion.

4 You have given a banner to those who fear You,
That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah
5 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.

6 God has spoken in His holiness:
"I will rejoice;
I will divide Shechem
And measure out the Valley of Succoth.
7 Gilead *is* Mine, and Manasseh *is* Mine;
Ephraim also *is* the helmet for My head;
Judah *is* My lawgiver.
8 Moab *is* My washpot;
Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me."

9 Who will bring me *to* the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
10 *Is it* not You, O God, *who* cast us off?
And You, O God, *who* did not go out with our armies?
11 Give us help from trouble,
For the help of man *is* useless.
12 Through God we will do valiantly,
For *it is* He *who* shall tread down our enemies.[a]

## PSALM 61

### *Assurance of God's Eternal Protection*

To the Chief Musician. On a stringed instrument.[a] *A Psalm* of David.

1 Hear my cry, O God;
Attend to my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For You have been a shelter for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah

5 For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.
6 You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God forever.
Oh, prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him!

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

## PSALM 62

### *A Calm Resolve to Wait for the Salvation of God*

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

1 Truly my soul silently *waits* for God;
From Him *comes* my salvation.
2 He only *is* my rock and my salvation;
*He is* my defense;
I shall not be greatly moved.

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

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**59:15** [a]Following Septuagint and Vulgate; Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Targum read *spend the night*. **60:title** [a]Hebrew *Shushan Eduth* **60:12** [a]Compare verses 5–12 with 108:6–13
**61:title** [a]Hebrew *neginah*

4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position;
They delight in lies;
They bless with their mouth,
But they curse inwardly. Selah

5 My soul, wait silently for God alone,
For my expectation *is* from Him.
6 He only *is* my rock and my salvation;
*He is* my defense;
I shall not be moved.
7 In God *is* my salvation and my glory;
The rock of my strength,
*And* my refuge, *is* in God.

8 Trust in Him at all times, you people;
Pour out your heart before Him;
God *is* a refuge for us. Selah

9 Surely men of low degree *are* a vapor,
Men of high degree *are* a lie;
If they are weighed on the scales,
They *are* altogether *lighter* than vapor.
10 Do not trust in oppression,
Nor vainly hope in robbery;
If riches increase,
Do not set *your* heart *on them.*

11 God has spoken once,
Twice I have heard this:
That power *belongs* to God.
12 Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy;
For You render to each one according to his work.

## PSALM 63

### *Joy in the Fellowship of God*

A Psalm of David
when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

1 O God, You *are* my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.
2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.

3 Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life,
My lips shall praise You.
4 Thus I will bless You while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

6 When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *night* watches.
7 Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.
8 My soul follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me.

9 But those *who* seek my life, to destroy *it,*
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
10 They shall fall by the sword;
They shall be a portion for jackals.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
Everyone who swears by Him shall glory;
But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

## PSALM 64

### *Oppressed by the Wicked but Rejoicing in the LORD*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation;
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,
3 Who sharpen their tongue like a sword,
And bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows—bitter words,
4 That they may shoot in secret at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.

5 They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter;
They talk of laying snares secretly;
They say, "Who will see them?"
6 They devise iniquities:
"We have perfected a shrewd scheme."
Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow;
Suddenly they shall be wounded.
8 So He will make them stumble over their own tongue;
All who see them shall flee away.
9 All men shall fear,

And shall declare the work of God;
For they shall wisely consider His doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him.
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

## PSALM 65

### *Praise to God for His Salvation and Providence*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.
2 O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me;
*As for* our transgressions,
You will provide atonement for them.

4 Blessed *is the man* You choose,
And cause to approach *You,*
*That* he may dwell in Your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.

5 *By* awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us,
O God of our salvation,
*You who are* the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of the far-off seas;
6 Who established the mountains by His strength,
*Being* clothed with power;
7 You who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs;
You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.

9 You visit the earth and water it,
You greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water;
You provide their grain,
For so You have prepared it.
10 You water its ridges abundantly,
You settle its furrows;
You make it soft with showers,
You bless its growth.
11 You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip *with* abundance.
12 They drop *on* the pastures of the wilderness,
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

## PSALM 66

### *Praise to God for His Awesome Works*

To the Chief Musician. A Song. A Psalm.

1 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
2 Sing out the honor of His name;
Make His praise glorious.
3 Say to God,
"How awesome are Your works!
Through the greatness of Your power
Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.
4 All the earth shall worship You
And sing praises to You;
They shall sing praises *to* Your name." Selah

5 Come and see the works of God;
*He is* awesome *in His* doing toward the sons of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry *land;*
They went through the river on foot.
There we will rejoice in Him.
7 He rules by His power forever;
His eyes observe the nations;
Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples!
And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
9 Who keeps our soul among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be moved.
10 For You, O God, have tested us;
You have refined us as silver is refined.
11 You brought us into the net;
You laid affliction on our backs.
12 You have caused men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;
But You brought us out to rich *fulfillment.*

13 I will go into Your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay You my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered

And my mouth has spoken when I was in
trouble.
15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat
animals,
With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats. Selah

16 Come *and* hear, all you who fear God,
And I will declare what He has done for my
soul.
17 I cried to Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.
19 *But* certainly God has heard *me;*
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God,
Who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me!

## PSALM 67

### *An Invocation and a Doxology*

To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments.[a]
A Psalm. A Song.

1 God be merciful to us and bless us,
*And* cause His face to shine upon us, Selah
2 That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations on earth. Selah

5 Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
6 *Then* the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.
7 God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall
fear Him.

## PSALM 68

### *The Glory of God in His Goodness to Israel*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

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

2 As smoke is driven away,
So drive *them* away;
As wax melts before the fire,
*So* let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.
3 But let the righteous be glad;
Let them rejoice before God;
Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
Extol Him who rides on the clouds,[a]
By His name YAH,
And rejoice before Him.

5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of
widows,
*Is* God in His holy habitation.
6 God sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those who are bound into
prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land.*

7 O God, when You went out before Your
people,
When You marched through the
wilderness, Selah
8 The earth shook;
The heavens also dropped *rain* at the
presence of God;
Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of
God, the God of Israel.
9 You, O God, sent a plentiful rain,
Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance,
When it was weary.
10 Your congregation dwelt in it;
You, O God, provided from Your goodness
for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word;
Great *was* the company of those who
proclaimed *it:*
12 "Kings of armies flee, they flee,
And she who remains at home divides the
spoil.
13 Though you lie down among the
sheepfolds,
*You will be* like the wings of a dove covered
with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold."
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it,
It was *white* as snow in Zalmon.

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**67:title** [a]Hebrew *neginoth* **68:4** [a]Masoretic Text reads *deserts;* Targum reads *heavens* (compare verse 34 and Isaiah 19:1).

15 A mountain of God *is* the mountain of Bashan;
A mountain *of many* peaks *is* the mountain of Bashan.
16 Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of *many* peaks?
*This is* the mountain *which* God desires to dwell in;
Yes, the LORD will dwell *in it* forever.
17 The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand,
*Even* thousands of thousands;
The Lord is among them *as in* Sinai, in the Holy *Place.*
18 You have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;
You have received gifts among men,
Even *from* the rebellious,
That the LORD God might dwell *there.*
19 Blessed *be* the Lord,
*Who* daily loads us *with benefits,*
The God of our salvation! Selah
20 Our God *is* the God of salvation;
And to GOD the Lord *belong* escapes from death.
21 But God will wound the head of His enemies,
The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses.
22 The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan,
I will bring *them* back from the depths of the sea,
23 That your foot may crush *them*[a] in blood,
And the tongues of your dogs *may have* their portion from *your* enemies."
24 They have seen Your procession, O God,
The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after;
Among *them were* the maidens playing timbrels.
26 Bless God in the congregations,
The Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
27 There *is* little Benjamin, their leader,
The princes of Judah *and* their company,
The princes of Zebulun *and* the princes of Naphtali.
28 Your God has commanded[a] your strength;
Strengthen, O God, what You have done for us.
29 Because of Your temple at Jerusalem,
Kings will bring presents to You.
30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds,
The herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples,
*Till everyone* submits himself with pieces of silver.
Scatter the peoples *who* delight in war.
31 Envoys will come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.
32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah
33 To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, *which were* of old!
Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe strength to God;
His excellence *is* over Israel,
And His strength *is* in the clouds.
35 O God, *You are* more awesome than Your holy places.
The God of Israel *is* He who gives strength and power to *His* people.

Blessed *be* God!

## PSALM 69

### *An Urgent Plea for Help in Trouble*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies."[a]
*A Psalm* of David.

1 Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to *my* neck.
2 I sink in deep mire,
Where *there is* no standing;
I have come into deep waters,
Where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary with my crying;
My throat is dry;
My eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 Those who hate me without a cause
Are more than the hairs of my head;
They are mighty who would destroy me,
*Being* my enemies wrongfully;
Though I have stolen nothing,
I *still* must restore *it.*

**68:23** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *you may dip your foot*. **68:28** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *Command, O God*. **69:title** [a]Hebrew *Shoshannim*

5 O God, You know my foolishness;
And my sins are not hidden from You.
6 Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD
of hosts, be ashamed because of me;
Let not those who seek You be confounded
because of me, O God of Israel.
7 Because for Your sake I have borne reproach;
Shame has covered my face.
8 I have become a stranger to my brothers,
And an alien to my mother's children;
9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up,
And the reproaches of those who reproach
You have fallen on me.
10 When I wept *and chastened* my soul with
fasting,
That became my reproach.
11 I also made sackcloth my garment;
I became a byword to them.
12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me,
And I *am* the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* to You,
O LORD, *in* the acceptable time;
O God, in the multitude of Your mercy,
Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire,
And let me not sink;
Let me be delivered from those who hate me,
And out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the floodwater overflow me,
Nor let the deep swallow me up;
And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness *is*
good;
Turn to me according to the multitude of
Your tender mercies.
17 And do not hide Your face from Your
servant,
For I am in trouble;
Hear me speedily.
18 Draw near to my soul, *and* redeem it;
Deliver me because of my enemies.

19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my
dishonor;
My adversaries *are* all before You.
20 Reproach has broken my heart,
And I am full of heaviness;
I looked *for someone* to take pity, but *there
was* none;
And for comforters, but I found none.
21 They also gave me gall for my food,
And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to
drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them,
And their well-being a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do
not see;
And make their loins shake continually.
24 Pour out Your indignation upon them,
And let Your wrathful anger take hold of
them.
25 Let their dwelling place be desolate;
Let no one live in their tents.
26 For they persecute the *ones* You have struck,
And talk of the grief of those You have
wounded.
27 Add iniquity to their iniquity,
And let them not come into Your
righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the
living,
And not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful;
Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.
31 *This* also shall please the LORD better than an
ox *or* bull,
Which has horns and hooves.
32 The humble shall see *this and* be glad;
And you who seek God, your hearts shall
live.
33 For the LORD hears the poor,
And does not despise His prisoners.

34 Let heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas and everything that moves in them.
35 For God will save Zion
And build the cities of Judah,
That they may dwell there and possess it.
36 Also, the descendants of His servants shall
inherit it,
And those who love His name shall dwell
in it.

## PSALM 70

### *Prayer for Relief from Adversaries*

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.
To bring to remembrance.

1 *Make haste,* O God, to deliver me!
Make haste to help me, O LORD!

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded
Who seek my life;
Let them be turned back[a] and confused
Who desire my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back because of their shame,
Who say, "Aha, aha!"

4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
And let those who love Your salvation say continually,
"Let God be magnified!"

5 But I *am* poor and needy;
Make haste to me, O God!
You *are* my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay.

## PSALM 71

*God the Rock of Salvation*

1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust;
Let me never be put to shame.
2 Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape;
Incline Your ear to me, and save me.
3 Be my strong refuge,
To which I may resort continually;
You have given the commandment to save me,
For You *are* my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;
*You are* my trust from my youth.
6 By You I have been upheld from birth;
You are He who took me out of my mother's womb.
My praise *shall be* continually of You.

7 I have become as a wonder to many,
But You *are* my strong refuge.
8 Let my mouth be filled *with* Your praise
*And with* Your glory all the day.

9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.
10 For my enemies speak against me;
And those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together,
11 Saying, "God has forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for *there is* none to deliver *him.*"

12 O God, do not be far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed
Who are adversaries of my life;
Let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonor
Who seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually,
And will praise You yet more and more.
15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness
*And* Your salvation all the day,
For I do not know *their* limits.
16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD;
I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.

17 O God, You have taught me from my youth;
And to this *day* I declare Your wondrous works.
18 Now also when *I am* old and grayheaded,
O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation,
Your power to everyone *who* is to come.

19 Also Your righteousness, O God, *is* very high,
You who have done great things;
O God, who *is* like You?
20 *You,* who have shown me great and severe troubles,
Shall revive me again,
And bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
21 You shall increase my greatness,
And comfort me on every side.

22 Also with the lute I will praise You—
*And* Your faithfulness, O my God!
To You I will sing with the harp,
O Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You,
And my soul, which You have redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long;
For they are confounded,
For they are brought to shame
Who seek my hurt.

**70:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *be appalled* (compare 40:15).

## PSALM 72

### *Glory and Universality of the Messiah's Reign*

*A Psalm* of Solomon.

1 Give the king Your judgments, O God,
And Your righteousness to the king's Son.
2 He will judge Your people with
righteousness,
And Your poor with justice.
3 The mountains will bring peace to the
people,
And the little hills, by righteousness.
4 He will bring justice to the poor of the
people;
He will save the children of the needy,
And will break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear You[a]
As long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the grass
before mowing,
Like showers *that* water the earth.
7 In His days the righteous shall flourish,
And abundance of peace,
Until the moon is no more.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow
before Him,
And His enemies will lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
Will bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba
Will offer gifts.
11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;
All nations shall serve Him.

12 For He will deliver the needy when he cries,
The poor also, and *him* who has no helper.
13 He will spare the poor and needy,
And will save the souls of the needy.
14 He will redeem their life from oppression
and violence;
And precious shall be their blood in His
sight.

15 And He shall live;
And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;
Prayer also will be made for Him
continually,
*And* daily He shall be praised.

16 There will be an abundance of grain in the
earth,
On the top of the mountains;
Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;
And *those* of the city shall flourish like grass
of the earth.

17 His name shall endure forever;
His name shall continue as long as the sun.
And *men* shall be blessed in Him;
All nations shall call Him blessed.

18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only does wondrous things!
19 And blessed *be* His glorious name forever!
And let the whole earth be filled *with* His
glory.
Amen and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are
ended.

# Book Three: Psalms 73—89

## PSALM 73

### *The Tragedy of the Wicked, and the Blessedness of Trust in God*

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Truly God *is* good to Israel,
To such as are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled;
My steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I *was* envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no pangs in their death,
But their strength *is* firm.
5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men,
Nor are they plagued like *other* men.
6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace;
Violence covers them *like* a garment.
7 Their eyes bulge[a] with abundance;
They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff and speak wickedly *concerning*
oppression;
They speak loftily.
9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walks through the earth.

**72:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *They shall continue.* **73:7** [a]Targum reads *face bulges;* Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *iniquity bulges.*

10 Therefore his people return here,
And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.
11 And they say, "How does God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?"
12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly,
Who are always at ease;
They increase *in* riches.
13 Surely I have cleansed my heart *in* vain,
And washed my hands in innocence.
14 For all day long I have been plagued,
And chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.
16 When I thought *how* to understand this,
It *was* too painful for me—
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
*Then* I understood their end.

18 Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.
19 Oh, how they are *brought* to desolation, as in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when *one* awakes,
*So,* Lord, when You awake,
You shall despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was vexed in my mind.
22 I *was* so foolish and ignorant;
I was *like* a beast before You.
23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with You;
You hold *me* by my right hand.
24 You will guide me with Your counsel,
And afterward receive me *to* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but You?*
And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.
26 My flesh and my heart fail;
*But* God *is* the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;
You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.
28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,
That I may declare all Your works.

## PSALM 74

### *A Plea for Relief from Oppressors*

A Contemplation[a] of Asaph.

1 O God, why have You cast *us* off forever?
*Why* does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
2 Remember Your congregation, *which* You have purchased of old,
The tribe of Your inheritance, *which* You have redeemed—
This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.
3 Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations.
The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.
4 Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place;
They set up their banners *for* signs.
5 They seem like men who lift up
Axes among the thick trees.
6 And now they break down its carved work, all at once,
With axes and hammers.
7 They have set fire to Your sanctuary;
They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground.
8 They said in their hearts,
"Let us destroy them altogether."
They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land.

9 We do not see our signs;
*There is* no longer any prophet;
Nor *is there* any among us who knows how long.
10 O God, how long will the adversary reproach?
Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?
11 Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand?
*Take it* out of Your bosom and destroy *them.*
12 For God *is* my King from of old,
Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
13 You divided the sea by Your strength;
You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.
14 You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces,

**74:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil*

*And* gave him *as* food to the people
inhabiting the wilderness.
15 You broke open the fountain and the flood;
You dried up mighty rivers.
16 The day *is* Yours, the night also *is* Yours;
You have prepared the light and the sun.
17 You have set all the borders of the earth;
You have made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, *that* the enemy has
reproached, O LORD,
And *that* a foolish people has blasphemed
Your name.
19 Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove
to the wild beast!
Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.
20 Have respect to the covenant;
For the dark places of the earth are full of
the haunts of cruelty.
21 Oh, do not let the oppressed return
ashamed!
Let the poor and needy praise Your name.

22 Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;
Remember how the foolish man reproaches
You daily.
23 Do not forget the voice of Your enemies;
The tumult of those who rise up against You
increases continually.

## PSALM 75

### *Thanksgiving for God's Righteous Judgment*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy."[a]
A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

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

2 "When I choose the proper time,
I will judge uprightly.
3 The earth and all its inhabitants are
dissolved;
I set up its pillars firmly. Selah

4 "I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,'
And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn.
5 Do not lift up your horn on high;
Do *not* speak with a stiff neck.'"

6 For exaltation *comes* neither from the east
Nor from the west nor from the south.
7 But God *is* the Judge:
He puts down one,
And exalts another.
8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup,
And the wine is red;
It is fully mixed, and He pours it out;
Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the
earth
Drain *and* drink down.

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

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

## PSALM 76

### *The Majesty of God in Judgment*

To the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments.[a]
A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

1 In Judah God *is* known;
His name *is* great in Israel.
2 In Salem[a] also is His tabernacle,
And His dwelling place in Zion.
3 There He broke the arrows of the bow,
The shield and sword of battle. Selah

4 You *are* more glorious and excellent
*Than* the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted were plundered;
They have sunk into their sleep;
And none of the mighty men have found the
use of their hands.
6 At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both the chariot and horse were cast into a
dead sleep.

7 You, Yourself, *are* to be feared;
And who may stand in Your presence
When once You are angry?
8 You caused judgment to be heard from
heaven;
The earth feared and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment,
To deliver all the oppressed of the
earth. Selah

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

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**75:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Tashcheth* **76:title** [a]Hebrew *neginoth*
**76:2** [a]That is, Jerusalem

11 Make vows to the LORD your God, and pay *them;*
Let all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes;
*He is* awesome to the kings of the earth.

## PSALM 77

### *The Consoling Memory of God's Redemptive Works*

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 I cried out to God with my voice—
To God with my voice;
And He gave ear to me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remembered God, and was troubled;
I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah

4 You hold my eyelids *open;*
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night;
I meditate within my heart,
And my spirit makes diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off forever?
And will He be favorable no more?
8 Has His mercy ceased forever?
Has *His* promise failed forevermore?
9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah

10 And I said, "This *is* my anguish;
*But I will remember* the years of the right hand of the Most High."
11 I will remember the works of the LORD;
Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
12 I will also meditate on all Your work,
And talk of Your deeds.
13 Your way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary;
Who *is* so great a God as *our* God?
14 You *are* the God who does wonders;
You have declared Your strength among the peoples.
15 You have with *Your* arm redeemed Your people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

16 The waters saw You, O God;
The waters saw You, they were afraid;
The depths also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
The skies sent out a sound;
Your arrows also flashed about.
18 The voice of Your thunder *was* in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lit up the world;
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way *was* in the sea,
Your path in the great waters,
And Your footsteps were not known.
20 You led Your people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## PSALM 78

### *God's Kindness to Rebellious Israel*

A Contemplation[a] of Asaph.

1 Give ear, O my people, *to* my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide *them* from their children,
Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

5 For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children;
6 That the generation to come might know *them,*
The children *who* would be born,
*That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children,
7 That they may set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments;
8 And may not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation *that* did not set its heart aright,
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

**78:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil*

9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed *and* carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They did not keep the covenant of God;
They refused to walk in His law,
11 And forgot His works
And His wonders that He had shown them.

12 Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.
13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters stand up like a heap.
14 In the daytime also He led them with the cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15 He split the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave *them* drink in abundance like the depths.
16 He also brought streams out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 But they sinned even more against Him
By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.
18 And they tested God in their heart
By asking for the food of their fancy.
19 Yes, they spoke against God:
They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, He struck the rock,
So that the waters gushed out,
And the streams overflowed.
Can He give bread also?
Can He provide meat for His people?"

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this* and was furious;
So a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also came up against Israel,
22 Because they did not believe in God,
And did not trust in His salvation.
23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above,
And opened the doors of heaven,
24 Had rained down manna on them to eat,
And given them of the bread of heaven.
25 Men ate angels' food;
He sent them food to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens;
And by His power He brought in the south wind.
27 He also rained meat on them like the dust,
Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas;
28 And He let *them* fall in the midst of their camp,
All around their dwellings.
29 So they ate and were well filled,
For He gave them their own desire.
30 They were not deprived of their craving;
But while their food *was* still in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came against them,
And slew the stoutest of them,
And struck down the choice *men* of Israel.

32 In spite of this they still sinned,
And did not believe in His wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days He consumed in futility,
And their years in fear.

34 When He slew them, then they sought Him;
And they returned and sought earnestly for God.
35 Then they remembered that God *was* their rock,
And the Most High God their Redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth,
And they lied to Him with their tongue;
37 For their heart was not steadfast with Him,
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.
38 But He, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity,
And did not destroy *them.*
Yes, many a time He turned His anger away,
And did not stir up all His wrath;
39 For He remembered that they *were but* flesh,
A breath that passes away and does not come again.

40 How often they provoked Him in the wilderness,
*And* grieved Him in the desert!
41 Yes, again and again they tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember His power:
The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,
43 When He worked His signs in Egypt,
And His wonders in the field of Zoan;
44 Turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, that they could not drink.

45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them,
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He also gave their crops to the caterpillar,
And their labor to the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He also gave up their cattle to the hail,
And their flocks to fiery lightning.
49 He cast on them the fierceness of His anger,
Wrath, indignation, and trouble,
By sending angels of destruction *among them.*
50 He made a path for His anger;
He did not spare their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the plague,
51 And destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt,
The first of *their* strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But He made His own people go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock;
53 And He led them on safely, so that they did not fear;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And He brought them to His holy border,
This mountain *which* His right hand had acquired.
55 He also drove out the nations before them,
Allotted them an inheritance by survey,
And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tested and provoked the Most High God,
And did not keep His testimonies,
57 But turned back and acted unfaithfully like their fathers;
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked Him to anger with their high places,
And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images.
59 When God heard *this,* He was furious,
And greatly abhorred Israel,
60 So that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent He had placed among men,
61 And delivered His strength into captivity,
And His glory into the enemy's hand.
62 He also gave His people over to the sword,
And was furious with His inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men,
And their maidens were not given in marriage.
64 Their priests fell by the sword,
And their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awoke as *from* sleep,
Like a mighty man who shouts because of wine.
66 And He beat back His enemies;
He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion which He loved.
69 And He built His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has established forever.
70 He also chose David His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;
71 From following the ewes that had young He brought him,
To shepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel His inheritance.
72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,
And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

## PSALM 79

### *A Dirge and a Prayer for Israel, Destroyed by Enemies*

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance;
Your holy temple they have defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
2 The dead bodies of Your servants
They have given *as* food for the birds of the heavens,
The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem,
And *there was* no one to bury *them.*
4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and derision to those who are around us.

5 How long, LORD?
Will You be angry forever?
Will Your jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You,
And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his dwelling place.

8 Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us!
Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us,
For we have been brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation,
For the glory of Your name;
And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins,
For Your name's sake!
10 Why should the nations say,
"Where *is* their God?"
Let there be known among the nations in our sight
The avenging of the blood of Your servants *which has been* shed.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You;
According to the greatness of Your power
Preserve those who are appointed to die;
12 And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom
Their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

13 So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture,
Will give You thanks forever;
We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

## PSALM 80

### *Prayer for Israel's Restoration*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies."[a]
A Testimony[b] of Asaph. A Psalm.

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock;
You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth!
2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
Stir up Your strength,
And come *and* save us!

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

4 O LORD God of hosts,
How long will You be angry
Against the prayer of Your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
And given them tears to drink in great measure.
6 You have made us a strife to our neighbors,
And our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
You have cast out the nations, and planted it.
9 You prepared *room* for it,
And caused it to take deep root,
And it filled the land.
10 The hills were covered with its shadow,
And the mighty cedars with its boughs.
11 She sent out her boughs to the Sea,[a]
And her branches to the River.[b]

12 Why have You broken down her hedges,
So that all who pass by the way pluck her *fruit?*
13 The boar out of the woods uproots it,
And the wild beast of the field devours it.

14 Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts;
Look down from heaven and see,
And visit this vine
15 And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted,
And the branch *that* You made strong for Yourself.
16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down;
They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.
17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man *whom* You made strong for Yourself.
18 Then we will not turn back from You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

**80:title** [a]Hebrew *Shoshannim* [b]Hebrew *Eduth*
**80:11** [a]That is, the Mediterranean [b]That is, the Euphrates

19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!

## PSALM 81

### *An Appeal for Israel's Repentance*

To the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath.[a]
*A Psalm* of Asaph.

1 Sing aloud to God our strength;
Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song and strike the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the lute.

3 Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.
4 For this *is* a statute for Israel,
A law of the God of Jacob.
5 This He established in Joseph *as* a testimony,
When He went throughout the land of Egypt,
*Where* I heard a language I did not understand.

6 "I removed his shoulder from the burden;
His hands were freed from the baskets.
7 You called in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah

8 "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you!
O Israel, if you will listen to Me!
9 There shall be no foreign god among you;
Nor shall you worship any foreign god.
10 I *am* the LORD your God,
Who brought you out of the land of Egypt;
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 "But My people would not heed My voice,
And Israel would *have* none of Me.
12 So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart,
To walk in their own counsels.

13 "Oh, that My people would listen to Me,
That Israel would walk in My ways!
14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
And turn My hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him,
But their fate would endure forever.
16 He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat;
And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

## PSALM 82

### *A Plea for Justice*

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty;
He judges among the gods.[a]
2 How long will you judge unjustly,
And show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy;
Free *them* from the hand of the wicked.

5 They do not know, nor do they understand;
They walk about in darkness;
All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

6 I said, "You *are* gods,[a]
And all of you *are* children of the Most High.
7 But you shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes."

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For You shall inherit all nations.

## PSALM 83

### *Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy Against Israel*

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Do not keep silent, O God!
Do not hold Your peace,
And do not be still, O God!
2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult;
And those who hate You have lifted up their head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,
And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.
4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation,
That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

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**81:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Gittith* **82:1** [a]Hebrew *elohim, mighty ones;* that is, the judges **82:6** [a]Hebrew *elohim, mighty ones;* that is, the judges

5 For they have consulted together with one consent;
They form a confederacy against You:
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
Moab and the Hagrites;
7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek;
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Assyria also has joined with them;
They have helped the children of Lot. Selah

9 Deal with them as *with* Midian,
As *with* Sisera,
As *with* Jabin at the Brook Kishon,
10 Who perished at En Dor,
*Who* became *as* refuse on the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb,
Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves
The pastures of God for a possession."

13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust,
Like the chaff before the wind!
14 As the fire burns the woods,
And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,
15 So pursue them with Your tempest,
And frighten them with Your storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame,
That they may seek Your name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever;
Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,
18 That they may know that You, whose name alone *is* the LORD,
*Are* the Most High over all the earth.

## PSALM 84

### *The Blessedness of Dwelling in the House of God*

To the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath.[a] A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 How lovely *is* Your tabernacle,
O LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

3 Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young—
*Even* Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King and my God.
4 Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;
They will still be praising You. Selah

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You,
Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage.
6 *As they* pass through the Valley of Baca,
They make it a spring;
The rain also covers it with pools.
7 They go from strength to strength;
*Each one* appears before God in Zion.[a]

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
9 O God, behold our shield,
And look upon the face of Your anointed.

10 For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good *thing* will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts,
Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

## PSALM 85

### *Prayer that the LORD Will Restore Favor to the Land*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;
You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;
You have covered all their sin. Selah
3 You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

4 Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to cease.
5 Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

**84:title** [a]Hebrew *Al Gittith* **84:7** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *The God of gods shall be seen.*

6 Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?
7 Show us Your mercy, LORD,
And grant us Your salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak,
For He will speak peace
To His people and to His saints;
But let them not turn back to folly.
9 Surely His salvation *is* near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 Yes, the LORD will give *what is* good;
And our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness will go before Him,
And shall make His footsteps *our* pathway.

## PSALM 86

***Prayer for Mercy, with Meditation on the Excellencies of the LORD***

A Prayer of David.

1 Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I *am* poor and needy.
2 Preserve my life, for I *am* holy;
You are my God;
Save Your servant who trusts in You!
3 Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.
4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
5 For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.
6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.

8 Among the gods *there is* none like You, O Lord;
Nor *are there any works* like Your works.
9 All nations whom You have made
Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.
10 For You *are* great, and do wondrous things;
You alone *are* God.

11 Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.
12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forevermore.
13 For great *is* Your mercy toward me,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

14 O God, the proud have risen against me,
And a mob of violent *men* have sought my life,
And have not set You before them.
15 But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me!
Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

### 4 God Provides the Resources Families Need

► *See* **PSALM 86:5**

The Bible presents God's plan for marriage and the family as the ideal. But even if your life has fallen short of the ideal, the Word of God also deals realistically with life. Many people have experienced some aspect of failure or deep disappointment in family living. Many are divorced or living in single-parent families. Only God's resources and His loving care can help you meet the realities of everyday family life.

Your first resource is Jesus and His forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7). God's plan for family relationships also includes forgiveness when you fail or others fail you. Families are filled with challenging and demanding situations. But Christ in you is your strength. Through Him, you have the power to face the challenges and opportunities of each day (Philippians 4:13).

► *Now turn to page 190 for Joshua 1:8 and Point 5. The Word of God Provides Guidance.*

17 Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed,
Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

## PSALM 87

### *The Glories of the City of God*

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

1 His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.
2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of God! Selah

4 "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon
to those who know Me;
Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia:
'This *one* was born there.'"

5 And of Zion it will be said,
"This *one* and that *one* were born in her;
And the Most High Himself shall establish her."
6 The LORD will record,
When He registers the peoples:
"This *one* was born there." Selah

7 Both the singers and the players on instruments *say,*
"All my springs *are* in you."

## PSALM 88

### *A Prayer for Help in Despondency*

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath Leannoth." A Contemplation[a] of Heman the Ezrahite.

1 O LORD, God of my salvation,
I have cried out day and night before You.
2 Let my prayer come before You;
Incline Your ear to my cry.

3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draws near to the grave.
4 I am counted with those who go down to the pit;
I am like a man *who has* no strength,
5 Adrift among the dead,
Like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom You remember no more,
And who are cut off from Your hand.

6 You have laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the depths.
7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
And You have afflicted *me* with all Your waves. Selah
8 You have put away my acquaintances far from me;
You have made me an abomination to them;
*I am* shut up, and I cannot get out;
9 My eye wastes away because of affliction.

LORD, I have called daily upon You;
I have stretched out my hands to You.
10 Will You work wonders for the dead?
Shall the dead arise *and* praise You? Selah
11 Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave?
*Or* Your faithfulness in the place of destruction?
12 Shall Your wonders be known in the dark?
And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But to You I have cried out, O LORD,
And in the morning my prayer comes before You.
14 LORD, why do You cast off my soul?
*Why* do You hide Your face from me?
15 I *have been* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth;
I suffer Your terrors;
I am distraught.
16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me;
Your terrors have cut me off.
17 They came around me all day long like water;
They engulfed me altogether.
18 Loved one and friend You have put far from me,
*And* my acquaintances into darkness.

## PSALM 89

### *Remembering the Covenant with David, and Sorrow for Lost Blessings*

A Contemplation[a] of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;

**88:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil* **89:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil*

Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have sworn to My servant David:
4 'Your seed I will establish forever,
And build up your throne to all generations.'" Selah

5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.
6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD?
*Who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him.
8 O LORD God of hosts,
Who *is* mighty like You, O LORD?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.
9 You rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still them.
10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;
You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

11 The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours;
The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.
12 The north and the south, You have created them;
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.
13 You have a mighty arm;
Strong is Your hand, *and* high is Your right hand.
14 Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne;
Mercy and truth go before Your face.
15 Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.
16 In Your name they rejoice all day long,
And in Your righteousness they are exalted.
17 For You *are* the glory of their strength,
And in Your favor our horn is exalted.
18 For our shield *belongs* to the LORD,
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one,[a]
And said: "I have given help to *one who is* mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
20 I have found My servant David;
With My holy oil I have anointed him,
21 With whom My hand shall be established;
Also My arm shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not outwit him,
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 I will beat down his foes before his face,
And plague those who hate him.

24 "But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him,
And in My name his horn shall be exalted.
25 Also I will set his hand over the sea,
And his right hand over the rivers.
26 He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'
27 Also I will make him *My* firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.
28 My mercy I will keep for him forever,
And My covenant shall stand firm with him.
29 His seed also I will make *to endure* forever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.

30 "If his sons forsake My law
And do not walk in My judgments,
31 If they break My statutes
And do not keep My commandments,
32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.
33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him,
Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.
35 Once I have sworn by My holiness;
I will not lie to David:
36 His seed shall endure forever,
And his throne as the sun before Me;
37 It shall be established forever like the moon,
Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky." Selah

38 But You have cast off and abhorred,
You have been furious with Your anointed.

**89:19** [a]Following many Hebrew manuscripts; Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *holy ones*.

39 You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;
You have profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.
40 You have broken down all his hedges;
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All who pass by the way plunder him;
He is a reproach to his neighbors.
42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
You have made all his enemies rejoice.
43 You have also turned back the edge of his sword,
And have not sustained him in the battle.
44 You have made his glory cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth You have shortened;
You have covered him with shame. Selah

46 How long, LORD?
Will You hide Yourself forever?
Will Your wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how short my time is;
For what futility have You created all the children of men?
48 What man can live and not see death?
Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? Selah

49 Lord, where *are* Your former lovingkindnesses,
*Which* You swore to David in Your truth?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants—
*How* I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the many peoples,
51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,
With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

52 Blessed *be* the LORD forevermore!
Amen and Amen.

# Book Four: Psalms 90—106

## PSALM 90

### *The Eternity of God, and Man's Frailty*

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 Lord, You have been our dwelling place[a]
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

3 You turn man to destruction,
And say, "Return, O children of men."
4 For a thousand years in Your sight
*Are* like yesterday when it is past,
And *like* a watch in the night.
5 You carry them away *like* a flood;
*They are* like a sleep.
In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up:
6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up;
In the evening it is cut down and withers.

7 For we have been consumed by Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are terrified.
8 You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.
9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.
10 The days of our lives *are* seventy years;
And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years,
Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.
12 So teach *us* to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**90:1** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *refuge*.

**DEATH** — **2 PREPARATION FOR PHYSICAL DEATH**

▶ *See* **PSALM 90:12, 14**

Moses, the writer of this psalm, requested wisdom from God about how to use each moment of his life. Moses understood that he would physically die and did not want to waste his days. We have no guarantees about the length of our lives. Each day on earth may be our last. The author of Hebrews spoke boldly

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13 Return, O LORD!
How long?
And have compassion on Your servants.
14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
15 Make us glad according to the days *in which*
You have afflicted us,
The years *in which* we have seen evil.
16 Let Your work appear to Your servants,
And Your glory to their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be
upon us,
And establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands.

## PSALM 91

*Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God*

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most
High
Shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and
my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."
3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of
the fowler[a]
*And* from the perilous pestilence.
4 He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take
refuge;
His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler.
5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by
night,
*Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day,
6 *Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in
darkness,
*Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at
noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
*But* it shall not come near you.
8 Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my
refuge,
*Even* the Most High, your dwelling place,
10 No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your
dwelling;

**91:3** [a]That is, one who catches birds in a trap or snare

***DEATH: 2. PREPARATION FOR PHYSICAL DEATH** (continued)*

about the fact that "here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come" (Hebrews 13:14).

As Christians, we are prepared for physical death because we know that we will spend eternity with God in heaven. Beyond that, the best way to spend our days is according to God's will (see *Will of God*). Since He is the ruler of our lives, following His will ensures that we spend time in a way that pleases Him. For those who do not know Christ, the inevitability of death should provoke fear of His judgment (see *Judgment*). There is no way to prepare for physical death outside of submission to God (see *Salvation*).

► *Now turn to page 575 for Proverbs 5:21–23 and Point 3. The Cause of Spiritual Death.*

**SUICIDE** **1 HOPE FOR THE SUICIDAL PERSON**

► *See* **PSALM 90:12–17**

God is a compassionate God who wants to give you "a heart of wisdom." He wants to give you an abundant life so that you "may rejoice and be glad" all your days.

If you are suicidal, not all of your problems are spiritual; but the ultimate problem of any person's life is separation from God, solved only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Without this relationship with Christ, there can be no lasting solutions or healing. The most important step out of your despair is to invite Jesus Christ into your life as Lord and Savior (see *Salvation*).

Billy Graham has said, "Judas didn't repent and seek God's forgiveness. Yes, he was sorry for what he had done—so remorseful, in fact, that he went out and committed suicide. But being sorry for what we've done isn't the same thing as repentance. Repentance means we actually turn from sin and renounce our old way of living" (see *Repentance*).

► *Now turn to page 900 for Matthew 14:27–32 and Point 2. Allowing God to Intervene.*

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
12 In *their* hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall
trample underfoot.
14 "Because he has set his love upon Me,
therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known
My name.
15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I *will be* with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation."

## PSALM 92

***Praise to the LORD for His Love and Faithfulness***

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day.

1 *It is* good to give thanks to the LORD,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most
High;
2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the
morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,
3 On an instrument of ten strings,
On the lute,
And on the harp,
With harmonious sound.
4 For You, LORD, have made me glad through
Your work;
I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
5 O LORD, how great are Your works!
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A senseless man does not know,
Nor does a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring up like grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity
flourish,
*It is* that they may be destroyed forever.
8 But You, LORD, *are* on high forevermore.
9 For behold, Your enemies, O LORD,
For behold, Your enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.

**ANGELS** — **1 ANGELS PROTECT AND MINISTER TO GOD'S PEOPLE**

► *See* **PSALM 91:11, 12**

Angels are mentioned throughout the Bible as protecting God's chosen people or bringing them messages from God—appearing to Jacob (Genesis 32:1); Daniel (Daniel 6:22); Moses and the children of Israel (Numbers 20:16); Zacharias, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds (Matthew 1; Luke 1; 2); and Philip (Acts 8:26), to mention a few. Angels ministered to Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4), and angels rolled back the stone of Christ's empty tomb (Matthew 28:2).

► *Now turn to page 1186 for Revelation 5:11, 12 and Point 2. Angels Glorify God.*

**THE OCCULT** — **3 DELIVERANCE BY GOD**

► *See* **PSALM 91:14, 15**

God will deliver you from your involvement in the occult. Once you have put your faith in Jesus Christ, it is important to sever all ties with people involved in the occult and to get rid of any literature and paraphernalia on magic and the occult, including horoscopes and Ouija boards.

Read, study, meditate on, and memorize God's Word—fill your mind with God's thoughts and you will gain greater spiritual sensitivity and discernment. Become involved in a Bible-teaching church to worship God and to be involved with others in Bible study, prayer, and Christian service. The friendships you form with committed Christians will help you grow in your faith and understanding of God. Pray for complete deliverance from your former interest in occult practices—renouncing any activities you have been involved in. (See *Repentance*.) And pray for full commitment in your heart to Christ instead.

As you fill your mind with God's Word, the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. He will fill you with power to overcome evil. Pray as Jesus taught His disciples to pray: "Deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

11 My eye also has seen *my desire* on my enemies;
My ears hear *my desire* on the wicked
Who rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;
They shall be fresh and flourishing,
15 To declare that the LORD is upright;
*He is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in Him.

## PSALM 93

***The Eternal Reign of the LORD***

1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
The LORD is clothed,
He has girded Himself with strength.
Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.
2 Your throne *is* established from of old;
You *are* from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
4 The LORD on high *is* mightier
Than the noise of many waters,
*Than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Your testimonies are very sure;
Holiness adorns Your house,
O LORD, forever.

## PSALM 94

***God the Refuge of the Righteous***

1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs—
O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!
2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth;
Render punishment to the proud.
3 LORD, how long will the wicked,
How long will the wicked triumph?

4 They utter speech, *and* speak insolent things;
All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.
5 They break in pieces Your people, O LORD,
And afflict Your heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

8 Understand, you senseless among the people;
And *you* fools, when will you be wise?
9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He who formed the eye, shall He not see?
10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct,
He who teaches man knowledge?
11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man,
That they *are* futile.

12 Blessed *is* the man whom You instruct, O LORD,
And teach out of Your law,
13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit is dug for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off His people,
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
15 But judgment will return to righteousness,
And all the upright in heart will follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help,
My soul would soon have settled in silence.
18 If I say, "My foot slips,"
Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.
19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me,
Your comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law,
Have fellowship with You?
21 They gather together against the life of the righteous,
And condemn innocent blood.
22 But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 He has brought on them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own wickedness;
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

## PSALM 95

*A Call to Worship and Obedience*

1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
3 For the LORD *is* the great God,
And the great King above all gods.
4 In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the hills *are* His also.
5 The sea *is* His, for He made it;
And His hands formed the dry *land.*

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
7 For He *is* our God,
And we *are* the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you will hear His voice:
8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,[a]
As *in* the day of trial[b] in the wilderness,
9 When your fathers tested Me;
They tried Me, though they saw My work.
10 For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation,
And said, 'It *is* a people who go astray in their hearts,
And they do not know My ways.'
11 So I swore in My wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest.'"

## PSALM 96

*A Song of Praise to God Coming in Judgment*

1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
3 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

4 For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised;
He *is* to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.
6 Honor and majesty *are* before Him;
Strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.

7 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Give to the LORD glory and strength.
8 Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name;
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
Tremble before Him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved;
He shall judge the peoples righteously."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it.
Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice
13 before the LORD.
For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

## PSALM 97

*A Song of Praise to the Sovereign LORD*

1 The LORD reigns;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad!

2 Clouds and darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne.
3 A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His enemies round about.
4 His lightnings light the world;
The earth sees and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.

7 Let all be put to shame who serve carved images,
Who boast of idols.
Worship Him, all *you* gods.
8 Zion hears and is glad,

**95:8** [a]Or *Meribah* [b]Or *Massah*

And the daughters of Judah rejoice
Because of Your judgments, O LORD.
9 For You, LORD, *are* most high above all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.
10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.[a]

## PSALM 98

***A Song of Praise to the LORD for His Salvation and Judgment***

A Psalm.

1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.
2 The LORD has made known His salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
5 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
With the harp and the sound of a psalm,
6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;
Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.
7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell in it;
8 Let the rivers clap *their* hands;
Let the hills be joyful together
9 before the LORD,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
With righteousness He shall judge the world,
And the peoples with equity.

## PSALM 99

***Praise to the LORD for His Holiness***

1 The LORD reigns;
Let the peoples tremble!
He dwells *between* the cherubim;
Let the earth be moved!
2 The LORD *is* great in Zion,
And He *is* high above all the peoples.
3 Let them praise Your great and awesome name—
He *is* holy.
4 The King's strength also loves justice;
You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His footstool—
He *is* holy.
6 Moses and Aaron were among His priests,
And Samuel was among those who called upon His name;
They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;
They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.
8 You answered them, O LORD our God;
You were to them God-Who-Forgives,
Though You took vengeance on their deeds.
9 Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For the LORD our God *is* holy.

## PSALM 100

***A Song of Praise for the Faithfulness to His People***

A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

1 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
3 Know that the LORD, He *is* God;
*It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves;[a]
*We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
*And* into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

**97:12** [a]Or *His holiness* **100:3** [a]Following Kethib, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Qere, many Hebrew manuscripts, and Targum read *we are His*.

5 For the LORD *is* good;
His mercy *is* everlasting,
And His truth *endures* to all generations.

## PSALM 101

### *Promised Faithfulness to the LORD*

A Psalm of David.

1 I will sing of mercy and justice;
To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.

2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way.
Oh, when will You come to me?
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;
I hate the work of those who fall away;
It shall not cling to me.
4 A perverse heart shall depart from me;
I will not know wickedness.

5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,
Him I will destroy;
The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart,
Him I will not endure.

6 My eyes *shall be* on the faithful of the land,
That they may dwell with me;
He who walks in a perfect way,
He shall serve me.
7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house;
He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.
8 Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land,
That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

## PSALM 102

### *The LORD's Eternal Love*

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD.

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And let my cry come to You.
2 Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble;
Incline Your ear to me;
In the day that I call, answer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned like a hearth.
4 My heart is stricken and withered like grass,
So that I forget to eat my bread.
5 Because of the sound of my groaning
My bones cling to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness;
I am like an owl of the desert.
7 I lie awake,
And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.
8 My enemies reproach me all day long;
Those who deride me swear an oath against me.

**PORNOGRAPHY** **1 THE DECEPTION OF PORNOGRAPHY**

▶ *See* **PSALM 101:3**

Pornography's vivid descriptions are a fantasy. It does not enhance natural sexual appetites or satisfaction, but rather desensitizes them. Pornography diverts sex from God's intended plan—a man and a woman becoming "one flesh" in marriage.

Use of pornography is often an attempt to heal wounds caused by abuse, loneliness, rejection, isolation, or the pain of being unable to measure up to expectations. However, the lust that pornography fosters warps your perception of yourself and your sexuality. Your self-respect plummets while your guilt escalates. Normal marital relationships often dissolve through disinterest or conflict as a result of pornography. For some users, pornography leads to deviant sexual behavior. What begins as a "simple" incursion into the fantasy world of pornography can lead to degrading obsession and sexual addiction. "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish" (Galatians 5:17).

Many who view pornography rationalize that there is no harm in their behavior since no physical contact takes place, but lust disrespects another person and reduces him or her to a sexual object, not a human being created in the image of God. Jesus said, "I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

▶ *Now turn to page 1136 for 2 Timothy 2:21, 22 and Point 2. Sexual Addiction.*

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath;
For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
11 My days *are* like a shadow that lengthens,
And I wither away like grass.

12 But You, O LORD, shall endure forever,
And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.
13 You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion;
For the time to favor her,
Yes, the set time, has come.
14 For Your servants take pleasure in her stones,
And show favor to her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth Your glory.
16 For the LORD shall build up Zion;
He shall appear in His glory.
17 He shall regard the prayer of the destitute,
And shall not despise their prayer.

18 This will be written for the generation to come,
That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.
19 For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary;
From heaven the LORD viewed the earth,
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,
To release those appointed to death,
21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem,
22 When the peoples are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
24 I said, "O my God,
Do not take me away in the midst of my days;
Your years *are* throughout all generations.
25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.
26 They will perish, but You will endure;
Yes, they will all grow old like a garment;
Like a cloak You will change them,
And they will be changed.
27 But You *are* the same,
And Your years will have no end.
28 The children of Your servants will continue,
And their descendants will be established before You."

## PSALM 103

### *Praise for the LORD's Mercies*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
5 Who satisfies your mouth with good *things,*
*So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.
8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
9 He will not always strive *with us,*
Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
*So* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
12 As far as the east is from the west,
*So* far has He removed our transgressions from us.
13 As a father pities *his* children,
*So* the LORD pities those who fear Him.
14 For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we *are* dust.

15 *As for* man, his days *are* like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.[a]
17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting

**103:16** [a]Compare Job 7:10

On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,
18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.
21 Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts,
*You* ministers of His, who do His pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## PSALM 104

***Praise to the Sovereign LORD for His Creation and Providence***

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
2 Who cover *Yourself* with light as *with* a garment,
Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,
Who makes the clouds His chariot,
Who walks on the wings of the wind,
4 Who makes His angels spirits,
His ministers a flame of fire.

5 *You who* laid the foundations of the earth,
So *that* it should not be moved forever,
6 You covered it with the deep as *with* a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At Your rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.
8 They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys,
To the place which You founded for them.
9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over,
That they may not return to cover the earth.

10 He sends the springs into the valleys;
They flow among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
12 By them the birds of the heavens have their home;
They sing among the branches.
13 He waters the hills from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### 3 God's Forgiveness Is Complete and Final

▶ *See* **PSALM 103:12**

God is merciful. We do not deserve His mercy, but we can depend on it for forgiveness. If you desire God's forgiveness, He joyfully gives it. God forgets your sin when He forgives it. God will never bring that sin to your attention again, and neither should you. Note that precise points exist at which north and south can be identified and measured; however, this is not true of east and west. There is neither an east pole nor a west pole. The distance between east and west is therefore limitless. This is true of God's forgiveness. He removes the sin so far away it can never be brought back. God's attitude about forgiveness should influence how you forgive others (see *Forgiving Others*) and also how you forgive yourself.

You do not need to experience continuing guilt over sins that have been confessed and forgiven. God is faithful, righteous, and just, and we can completely rely on Him (1 John 1:9). God's righteousness means He will always do what He has promised—He will forgive when you ask Him to. God forgives and forgets the sin, and so must you. Continuing guilt will only defeat you and is actually an expression of unbelief toward God (see *Guilt*). Forgiving yourself enables you to walk in victory (see *Victory*).

The only sin that God does not forgive is the sin of not accepting Him (Mark 3:28, 29). (See *Unpardonable Sin*.) If your heart wants God and wants His forgiveness, it is yours for the asking (see *Salvation*; *Repentance; Restoration*).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the service of man,
That he may bring forth food from the earth,
15 And wine *that* makes glad the heart of man,
Oil to make *his* face shine,
And bread *which* strengthens man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full *of sap,*
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
17 Where the birds make their nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
18 The high hills *are* for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.[a]

19 He appointed the moon for seasons;
The sun knows its going down.
20 You make darkness, and it is night,
In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.
21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from God.
22 *When* the sun rises, they gather together
And lie down in their dens.
23 Man goes out to his work
And to his labor until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all.
The earth is full of Your possessions—
25 This great and wide sea,
In which *are* innumerable teeming things,
Living things both small and great.
26 There the ships sail about;
*There is* that Leviathan
Which You have made to play there.

27 These all wait for You,
That You may give *them* their food in due season.
28 *What* You give them they gather in;
You open Your hand, they are filled with good.
29 You hide Your face, they are troubled;
You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the earth.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
May the LORD rejoice in His works.
32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 May my meditation be sweet to Him;
I will be glad in the LORD.
35 May sinners be consumed from the earth,
And the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 105

### *The Eternal Faithfulness of the LORD*

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
3 Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
4 Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!
5 Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
6 O seed of Abraham His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

7 He *is* the LORD our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.
8 He remembers His covenant forever,
The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,
9 *The covenant* which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,
10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel *as* an everlasting covenant,
11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"
12 When they were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another,
From *one* kingdom to another people,
14 He permitted no one to do them wrong;
Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,
15 *Saying,* "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."

16 Moreover He called for a famine in the land;
He destroyed all the provision of bread.

**104:18** [a]Or *rock hyrax* (compare Leviticus 11:5)

17 He sent a man before them—
Joseph—*who* was sold as a slave.
18 They hurt his feet with fetters,
He was laid in irons.
19 Until the time that his word came to pass,
The word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him,
The ruler of the people let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his possessions,
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt,
And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.
24 He increased His people greatly,
And made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate His people,
To deal craftily with His servants.

26 He sent Moses His servant,
*And* Aaron whom He had chosen.
27 They performed His signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made *it* dark;
And they did not rebel against His word.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And killed their fish.
30 Their land abounded with frogs,
*Even* in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
*And* lice in all their territory.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
*And* flaming fire in their land.
33 He struck their vines also, and their fig trees,
And splintered the trees of their territory.
34 He spoke, and locusts came,
Young locusts without number,
35 And ate up all the vegetation in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land,
The first of all their strength.

37 He also brought them out with silver and gold,
And *there was* none feeble among His tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light in the night.
40 *The people* asked, and He brought quail,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
It ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For He remembered His holy promise,
*And* Abraham His servant.
43 He brought out His people with joy,
His chosen ones with gladness.
44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles,
And they inherited the labor of the nations,
45 That they might observe His statutes
And keep His laws.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 106

*Joy in Forgiveness of Israel's Sins*

1 Praise the LORD!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
Who can declare all His praise?
3 Blessed *are* those who keep justice,
*And* he who does[a] righteousness at all times!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor *You have toward* Your people.
Oh, visit me with Your salvation,
5 That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
That I may glory with Your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity,
We have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;
They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies,
But rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
That He might make His mighty power known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up;
So He led them through the depths,
As through the wilderness.

**106:3** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *those who do*.

10 He saved them from the hand of him who
hated *them,*
And redeemed them from the hand of the
enemy.
11 The waters covered their enemies;
There was not one of them left.
12 Then they believed His words;
They sang His praise.

13 They soon forgot His works;
They did not wait for His counsel,
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tested God in the desert.
15 And He gave them their request,
But sent leanness into their soul.

16 When they envied Moses in the camp,
*And* Aaron the saint of the LORD,
17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan,
And covered the faction of Abiram.
18 A fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped the molded image.
20 Thus they changed their glory
Into the image of an ox that eats grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior,
Who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
Awesome things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore He said that He would destroy
them,
Had not Moses His chosen one stood before
Him in the breach,
To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy
*them.*

24 Then they despised the pleasant land;
They did not believe His word,
25 But complained in their tents,
*And* did not heed the voice of the LORD.
26 Therefore He raised His hand *in an oath*
against them,
To overthrow them in the wilderness,
27 To overthrow their descendants among the
nations,
And to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor,
And ate sacrifices made to the dead.
29 Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their
deeds,
And the plague broke out among them.
30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened,
And the plague was stopped.
31 And that was accounted to him for
righteousness
To all generations forevermore.

32 They angered *Him* also at the waters of
strife,[a]
So that it went ill with Moses on account of
them;
33 Because they rebelled against His Spirit,
So that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples,
Concerning whom the LORD had
commanded them,
35 But they mingled with the Gentiles
And learned their works;
36 They served their idols,
Which became a snare to them.
37 They even sacrificed their sons
And their daughters to demons,
38 And shed innocent blood,
The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of
Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus they were defiled by their own works,
And played the harlot by their own deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled
against His people,
So that He abhorred His own inheritance.
41 And He gave them into the hand of the
Gentiles,
And those who hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection
under their hand.
43 Many times He delivered them;
But they rebelled in their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction,
When He heard their cry;
45 And for their sake He remembered His
covenant,
And relented according to the multitude of
His mercies.
46 He also made them to be pitied
By all those who carried them away
captive.

**106:32** [a]Or *Meribah*

47 Save us, O LORD our God,
And gather us from among the Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
And let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the LORD!

## Book Five: Psalms 107—150

## PSALM 107

***Thanksgiving to the LORD for His Great Works of Deliverance***

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so,*
Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
3 And gathered out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way;
They found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
*And* He delivered them out of their distresses.
7 And He led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.
8 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For He satisfies the longing soul,
And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Bound in affliction and irons—
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And despised the counsel of the Most High,
12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and *there was* none to help.

13 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
*And* He saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And broke their chains in pieces.
15 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For He has broken the gates of bronze,
And cut the bars of iron in two.

17 Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food,
And they drew near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
*And* He saved them out of their distresses.
20 He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered *them* from their destructions.
21 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness,
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with rejoicing.

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships,
Who do business on great waters,
24 They see the works of the LORD,
And His wonders in the deep.
25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind,
Which lifts up the waves of the sea.
26 They mount up to the heavens,
They go down again to the depths;
Their soul melts because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble,
And He brings them out of their distresses.
29 He calms the storm,
So that its waves are still.
30 Then they are glad because they are quiet;
So He guides them to their desired haven.
31 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness,

And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise Him in the company of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a wilderness,
And the watersprings into dry ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water,
And dry land into watersprings.
36 There He makes the hungry dwell,
That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,
37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,
That they may yield a fruitful harvest.
38 He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly;
And He does not let their cattle decrease.

39 When they are diminished and brought low
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow,
40 He pours contempt on princes,
And causes them to wander in the wilderness *where there is* no way;
41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction,
And makes *their* families like a flock.
42 The righteous see *it* and rejoice,
And all iniquity stops its mouth.

43 Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things,*
And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

## PSALM 108

### *Assurance of God's Victory over Enemies*

A Song. A Psalm of David.

1 O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
2 Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.
3 I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
4 For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens,
And Your truth *reaches* to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Your glory above all the earth;
6 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.

7 God has spoken in His holiness:
"I will rejoice;
I will divide Shechem
And measure out the Valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead *is* Mine; Manasseh *is* Mine;
Ephraim also *is* the helmet for My head;
Judah *is* My lawgiver.
9 Moab *is* My washpot;
Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
Over Philistia I will triumph."

10 Who will bring me *into* the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
11 *Is it* not *You,* O God, *who* cast us off?
And *You,* O God, *who* did not go out with our armies?
12 Give us help from trouble,
For the help of man is useless.
13 Through God we will do valiantly,
For *it is* He *who* shall tread down our enemies.[a]

## PSALM 109

### *Plea for Judgment of False Accusers*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Do not keep silent,
O God of my praise!
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful
Have opened against me;
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.
4 In return for my love they are my accusers,
But I *give myself to* prayer.
5 Thus they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.

6 Set a wicked man over him,
And let an accuser[a] stand at his right hand.
7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty,
And let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few,
*And* let another take his office.

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**108:13** [a]Compare verses 6–13 with 60:5–12 **109:6** [a]Hebrew *satan*

9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
10 Let his children continually be vagabonds,
and beg;
Let them seek *their bread*[a] also from their
desolate places.
11 Let the creditor seize all that he has,
And let strangers plunder his labor.
12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him,
Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless
children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off,
*And* in the generation following let their
name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be
remembered before the LORD,
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted
out.
15 Let them be continually before the LORD,
That He may cut off the memory of them
from the earth;
16 Because he did not remember to show
mercy,
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
That he might even slay the broken in heart.
17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him;
As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be
far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with
his garment,
So let it enter his body like water,
And like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be to him like the garment which
covers him,
And for a belt with which he girds himself
continually.
20 *Let* this *be* the LORD's reward to my accusers,
And to those who speak evil against my
person.
21 But You, O GOD the Lord,
Deal with me for Your name's sake;
Because Your mercy *is* good, deliver me.
22 For I *am* poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens;
I am shaken off like a locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting,
And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.
25 I also have become a reproach to them;
*When* they look at me, they shake their
heads.
26 Help me, O LORD my God!
Oh, save me according to Your mercy,
27 That they may know that this *is* Your
hand—
*That* You, LORD, have done it!
28 Let them curse, but You bless;
When they arise, let them be ashamed,
But let Your servant rejoice.
29 Let my accusers be clothed with shame,
And let them cover themselves with their
own disgrace as with a mantle.
30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my
mouth;
Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude.
31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the
poor,
To save *him* from those who condemn him.

## PSALM 110

### *Announcement of the Messiah's Reign*

A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength
out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!
3 Your people *shall be* volunteers
In the day of Your power;
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb
of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.
4 The LORD has sworn
And will not relent,
"You *are* a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."
5 The Lord *is* at Your right hand;
He shall execute kings in the day of His
wrath.
6 He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies,
He shall execute the heads of many
countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook by the
wayside;
Therefore He shall lift up the head.

**109:10** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *be cast out*.

## PSALM 111

*Praise to God for His Faithfulness and Justice*

1 Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD *are* great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.
3 His work *is* honorable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.
4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.
5 He has given food to those who fear Him;
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
6 He has declared to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of His hands *are* verity and justice;
All His precepts *are* sure.
8 They stand fast forever and ever,
*And are* done in truth and uprightness.
9 He has sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant forever:
Holy and awesome *is* His name.

10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments.*
His praise endures forever.

## PSALM 112

*The Blessed State of the Righteous*

1 Praise the LORD!

Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the LORD,
*Who* delights greatly in His commandments.

2 His descendants will be mighty on earth;
The generation of the upright will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches *will be* in his house,
And his righteousness endures forever.
4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;
*He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man deals graciously and lends;
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
6 Surely he will never be shaken;
The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.
7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings;
His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart *is* established;
He will not be afraid,
Until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies.

9 He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His horn will be exalted with honor.
10 The wicked will see *it* and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

## PSALM 113

*The Majesty and Condescension of God*

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD!
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore!
3 From the rising of the sun to its going down
The LORD's name *is* to be praised.

4 The LORD *is* high above all nations,
His glory above the heavens.
5 Who *is* like the LORD our God,
Who dwells on high,
6 Who humbles Himself to behold
*The things that are* in the heavens and in the earth?

7 He raises the poor out of the dust,
*And* lifts the needy out of the ash heap,
8 That He may seat *him* with princes—
With the princes of His people.
9 He grants the barren woman a home,
Like a joyful mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 114

*The Power of God in His Deliverance of Israel*

1 When Israel went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
2 Judah became His sanctuary,
*And* Israel His dominion.

3 The sea saw *it* and fled;
Jordan turned back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs.
5 What ails you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, *that* you turned back?
6 O mountains, *that* you skipped like rams?
O little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock *into* a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

## PSALM 115

***The Futility of Idols and the Trustworthiness of God***

1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But to Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.
2 Why should the Gentiles say,
"So where *is* their God?"

3 But our God *is* in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.
4 Their idols *are* silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;
6 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Noses they have, but they do not smell;
7 They have hands, but they do not handle;
Feet they have, but they do not walk;
Nor do they mutter through their throat.
8 Those who make them are like them;
*So is* everyone who trusts in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.
11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of *us;*
He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear the LORD,
*Both* small and great.

14 May the LORD give you increase more and more,
You and your children.
15 *May* you *be* blessed by the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's;
But the earth He has given to the children of men.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD,
Nor any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 116

***Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death***

1 I love the LORD, because He has heard
My voice *and* my supplications.
2 Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

3 The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"

5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God *is* merciful.
6 The LORD preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.
7 Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

8 For You have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
*And* my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD
In the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore I spoke,
"I am greatly afflicted."
11 I said in my haste,
"All men *are* liars."

12 What shall I render to the LORD
*For* all His benefits toward me?
13 I will take up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows to the LORD
Now in the presence of all His people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
*Is* the death of His saints.

16 O LORD, truly I *am* Your servant;
I *am* Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;
You have loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows to the LORD
Now in the presence of all His people,
19 In the courts of the LORD's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 117

*Let All Peoples Praise the LORD*

1 Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!
2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the LORD *endures* forever.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 118

*Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy*

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

2 Let Israel now say,
"His mercy *endures* forever."
3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
"His mercy *endures* forever."
4 Let those who fear the LORD now say,
"His mercy *endures* forever."

5 I called on the LORD in distress;
The LORD answered me *and set me* in a broad place.
6 The LORD *is* on my side;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
7 The LORD is for me among those who help me;
Therefore I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.
8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations surrounded me,
But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
11 They surrounded me,
Yes, they surrounded me;
But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
12 They surrounded me like bees;
They were quenched like a fire of thorns;
For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall,
But the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.[a]

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation
*Is* in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD has chastened me severely,
But He has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will go through them,
*And* I will praise the LORD.
20 This is the gate of the LORD,
Through which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise You,
For You have answered me,
And have become my salvation.

22 The stone *which* the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This was the LORD's doing;
It *is* marvelous in our eyes.
24 This *is* the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I pray, O LORD;
O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
27 God *is* the LORD,
And He has given us light;
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
28 You *are* my God, and I will praise You;
*You are* my God, I will exalt You.

**118:14** [a]Compare Exodus 15:2

29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

## PSALM 119

### *Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God*

א ALEPH

1 Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!
2 Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!
3 They also do no iniquity;
They walk in His ways.
4 You have commanded *us*
To keep Your precepts diligently.
5 Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep Your statutes!
6 Then I would not be ashamed,
When I look into all Your commandments.
7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.
8 I will keep Your statutes;
Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

ב BETH

9 How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.
10 With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.
12 Blessed *are* You, O LORD!
Teach me Your statutes.
13 With my lips I have declared
All the judgments of Your mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As *much as* in all riches.
15 I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.
16 I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word.

ג GIMEL

17 Deal bountifully with Your servant,
*That* I may live and keep Your word.
18 Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law.
19 I *am* a stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your commandments from me.
20 My soul breaks with longing
For Your judgments at all times.
21 You rebuke the proud—the cursed,
Who stray from Your commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and contempt,
For I have kept Your testimonies.
23 Princes also sit *and* speak against me,
*But* Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
24 Your testimonies also *are* my delight
*And* my counselors.

ד DALETH

25 My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.
26 I have declared my ways, and You answered me;
Teach me Your statutes.
27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts;
So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.
28 My soul melts from heaviness;
Strengthen me according to Your word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying,
And grant me Your law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth;
Your judgments I have laid *before me.*
31 I cling to Your testimonies;
O LORD, do not put me to shame!
32 I will run the course of Your commandments,
For You shall enlarge my heart.

ה HE

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it *to* the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I delight in it.
36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
*And* revive me in Your way.[a]

**119:37** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Targum reads *Your words.*

38 Establish Your word to Your servant,
Who *is devoted* to fearing You.
39 Turn away my reproach which I dread,
For Your judgments *are* good.
40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;
Revive me in Your righteousness.

ו WAW

41 Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD—
Your salvation according to Your word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
For I have hoped in Your ordinances.
44 So shall I keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty,
For I seek Your precepts.
46 I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in Your commandments,
Which I love.
48 My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments,
Which I love,
And I will meditate on Your statutes.

ז ZAYIN

49 Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to hope.
50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.
51 The proud have me in great derision,
*Yet* I do not turn aside from Your law.
52 I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD,
And have comforted myself.
53 Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.
54 Your statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I remember Your name in the night, O LORD,
And I keep Your law.
56 This has become mine,
Because I kept Your precepts.

ח HETH

57 *You are* my portion, O LORD;
I have said that I would keep Your words.
58 I entreated Your favor with *my* whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to Your word.
59 I thought about my ways,
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
60 I made haste, and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have bound me,
*But* I have not forgotten Your law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.
63 I *am* a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy;
Teach me Your statutes.

ט TETH

65 You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
For I believe Your commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.
68 You *are* good, and do good;
Teach me Your statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me,
*But* I will keep Your precepts with *my* whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease,
*But* I delight in Your law.
71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes.
72 The law of Your mouth *is* better to me
Than thousands of *coins of* gold and silver.

י YOD

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
74 Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your word.
75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments *are* right,
And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your servant.
77 Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For Your law *is* my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed,
For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood;
*But* I will meditate on Your precepts.
79 Let those who fear You turn to me,
Those who know Your testimonies.
80 Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,
That I may not be ashamed.

כ KAPH
81 My soul faints for Your salvation,
But I hope in Your word.
82 My eyes fail *from searching* Your word,
Saying, "When will You comfort me?"
83 For I have become like a wineskin in smoke,
*Yet* I do not forget Your statutes.
84 How many *are* the days of Your servant?
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?
85 The proud have dug pits for me,
Which *is* not according to Your law.
86 All Your commandments *are* faithful;
They persecute me wrongfully;
Help me!
87 They almost made an end of me on earth,
But I did not forsake Your precepts.
88 Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

ל LAMED
89 Forever, O LORD,
Your word is settled in heaven.
90 Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations;
You established the earth, and it abides.
91 They continue this day according to Your ordinances,
For all *are* Your servants.
92 Unless Your law *had been* my delight,
I would then have perished in my affliction.
93 I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life.
94 I *am* Yours, save me;
For I have sought Your precepts.
95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me,
*But* I will consider Your testimonies.
96 I have seen the consummation of all perfection,
*But* Your commandment *is* exceedingly broad.

מ MEM
97 Oh, how I love Your law!
It *is* my meditation all the day.
98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;
For they *are* ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.
100 I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep Your precepts.
101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way,
That I may keep Your word.
102 I have not departed from Your judgments,
For You Yourself have taught me.
103 How sweet are Your words to my taste,
*Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!
104 Through Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

### 1 The Problem of Chemical Dependency

► *See* **Psalm 119:76**

Chemical dependency is a problem of the whole person—spiritual, physical, emotional, and social. Chemical dependency may begin because a person is looking for relief from the pressure and pain of daily life. Some chemical dependency begins from necessary use of prescribed medication, but then turns into a controlling addiction. Regardless of the reason for addiction, God does not want us to be under the control of a substance. He wants us to yield full control to Him and His Holy Spirit in our lives. No amount of drugs or alcohol can resolve our issues, nor can they help us face our trials. Chemical dependence not only damages our daily lives and our relationships with others, it also draws us away from depending on God.

► *Now turn to page 1103 for Galatians 6:7, 8 and Point 2. Personal Responsibility.*

נ NUN

105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
106 I have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.
108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me Your judgments.
109 My life *is* continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.
111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.

ס SAMEK

113 I hate the double-minded,
But I love Your law.
114 You *are* my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in Your word.
115 Depart from me, you evildoers,
For I will keep the commandments of my God!
116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe,
And I shall observe Your statutes continually.
118 You reject all those who stray from Your statutes,
For their deceit *is* falsehood.
119 You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross;
Therefore I love Your testimonies.
120 My flesh trembles for fear of You,
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

ע AYIN

121 I have done justice and righteousness;
Do not leave me to my oppressors.
122 Be surety for Your servant for good;
Do not let the proud oppress me.
123 My eyes fail *from seeking* Your salvation
And Your righteous word.
124 Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy,
And teach me Your statutes.
125 I *am* Your servant;
Give me understanding,
That I may know Your testimonies.
126 *It is* time for *You* to act, O LORD,
*For* they have regarded Your law as void.
127 Therefore I love Your commandments
More than gold, yes, than fine gold!
128 Therefore all *Your* precepts *concerning* all *things*
I consider *to be* right;
I hate every false way.

פ PE

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps them.
130 The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.
131 I opened my mouth and panted,
For I longed for Your commandments.
132 Look upon me and be merciful to me,

**WILL OF GOD** **2 GOD'S WILL IS REVEALED THROUGH HIS WORD**

► *See* **PSALM 119:105**

The Christian life is often compared to walking on a path. God's Word is the lamp that sheds light on that path. The Bible offers guidance and protection for life, both for today and the future. We can learn God's will for our lives as we read the Bible and apply its truth to our lives.

King David said, "I delight to do Your will, O my God, / And Your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8). As you meditate on God's law, it becomes part of who you are. Then you are able to use God's principles as a daily guide for your life. Sin in your life acts as a barrier to knowing God's will, and so you must confess and abandon your sin as it is revealed to you (see *Repentance*).

All Scripture is inspired by God and has remarkable power to transform you (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). When you live in obedience to God's Word, you are acting in agreement with His will. He is able to bring good from your life as you surrender to His will.

► *Now turn to page 491 for Psalm 25:4, 5, 9, 14 and Point 3. Living in God's Will.*

As Your custom *is* toward those who love
Your name.
133 Direct my steps by Your word,
And let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Your precepts.
135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
And teach me Your statutes.
136 Rivers of water run down from my eyes,
Because *men* do not keep Your law.

צ TSADDE
137 Righteous *are* You, O LORD,
And upright *are* Your judgments.
138 Your testimonies, *which* You have
commanded,
*Are* righteous and very faithful.
139 My zeal has consumed me,
Because my enemies have forgotten Your
words.
140 Your word *is* very pure;
Therefore Your servant loves it.
141 I *am* small and despised,
*Yet* I do not forget Your precepts.
142 Your righteousness *is* an everlasting
righteousness,
And Your law *is* truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
*Yet* Your commandments *are* my delights.
144 The righteousness of Your testimonies *is*
everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

ק QOPH
145 I cry out with *my* whole heart;
Hear me, O LORD!
I will keep Your statutes.
146 I cry out to You;
Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.
147 I rise before the dawning of the morning,
And cry for help;
I hope in Your word.
148 My eyes are awake through the *night*
watches,
That I may meditate on Your word.
149 Hear my voice according to Your
lovingkindness;
O LORD, revive me according to Your
justice.
150 They draw near who follow after
wickedness;
They are far from Your law.
151 You *are* near, O LORD,
And all Your commandments *are* truth.
152 Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that You have founded
them forever.

ר RESH
153 Consider my affliction and deliver me,
For I do not forget Your law.
154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.
156 Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your judgments.
157 Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies,
*Yet* I do not turn from Your testimonies.
158 I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,
Because they do not keep Your word.
159 Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your
lovingkindness.
160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth,
And every one of Your righteous judgments
*endures* forever.

ש SHIN
161 Princes persecute me without a cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your word.
162 I rejoice at Your word
As one who finds great treasure.
163 I hate and abhor lying,
*But* I love Your law.
164 Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.

**THE BIBLE** **5 THE BIBLE IS A GREAT TREASURE**

► *See* **PSALM 119:162**

A closed Bible, even leather-bound with gold-edged pages, is worthless until you open it and find the treasures within.

All 176 verses of Psalm 119 are a beautiful tribute to the importance and value of making God's Word part of our daily lives. The writer eloquently praises God for His Word and tells how it can transform our lives if we:

- Read it regularly (verse 123).
- Study it (verse 130).

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165 Great peace have those who love Your law,
And nothing causes them to stumble.
166 LORD, I hope for Your salvation,
And I do Your commandments.
167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways *are* before You.

ת TAU

169 Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to Your word.
170 Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.
171 My lips shall utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of Your word,
For all Your commandments *are* righteousness.
173 Let Your hand become my help,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
174 I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And Your law *is* my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise You;
And let Your judgments help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

## PSALM 120

### *Plea for Relief from Bitter Foes*

A Song of Ascents.

1 In my distress I cried to the LORD,
And He heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips
*And* from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given to you,
Or what shall be done to you,
You false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the warrior,
With coals of the broom tree!

5 Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech,
*That* I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul has dwelt too long
With one who hates peace.
7 I *am for* peace;
But when I speak, they *are* for war.

## PSALM 121

### *God the Help of Those Who Seek Him*

A Song of Ascents.

1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
From whence comes my help?
2 My help *comes* from the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
4 Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* your keeper;
The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even forevermore.

## PSALM 122

### *The Joy of Going to the House of the LORD*

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the LORD."

***THE BIBLE: 5. THE BIBLE IS A GREAT TREASURE** (continued)*

- Meditate on it (verse 97).
- Memorize it (verse 11).
- Obey it (verse 101).
- Cherish it (verse 127).

We miss great blessings if we take God's Word for granted. Stories abound of Christians in poor or persecuted countries who risk life and limb and give a month's wages or more for just a *page* of the Bible to call their own. When we learn to cherish God's Word, it has the power to change our lives.

► *Now turn to page 1147 for Hebrews 4:12 and Point 6. The Bible Is Effective for Change.*

2 Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

3 Jerusalem is built
As a city that is compact together,
4 Where the tribes go up,
The tribes of the LORD,
To the Testimony of Israel,
To give thanks to the name of the LORD.
5 For thrones are set there for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your palaces."
8 For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, "Peace *be* within you."
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God
I will seek your good.

## PSALM 123

### *Prayer for Relief from Contempt*

A Song of Ascents.

1 Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes *look* to the LORD our God,
Until He has mercy on us.

3 Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us!
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scorn of those who are at ease,
With the contempt of the proud.

## PSALM 124

### *The LORD the Defense of His People*

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1 "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,"
Let Israel now say—
2 "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
When men rose up against us,
3 Then they would have swallowed us alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us;
4 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
The stream would have gone over our soul;
5 Then the swollen waters
Would have gone over our soul."

6 Blessed *be* the LORD,
Who has not given us *as* prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;[a]
The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

## PSALM 125

### *The LORD the Strength of His People*

A Song of Ascents.

1 Those who trust in the LORD
*Are* like Mount Zion,
*Which* cannot be moved, *but* abides forever.
2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the LORD surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.

3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, to *those who are* good,
And to *those who are* upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
The LORD shall lead them away
With the workers of iniquity.

Peace *be* upon Israel!

## PSALM 126

### *A Joyful Return to Zion*

A Song of Ascents.

1 When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,
We were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing.

**124:7** [a]That is, persons who catch birds in a trap or snare

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
3 The LORD has done great things for us,
*And* we are glad.

4 Bring back our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the South.

5 Those who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
6 He who continually goes forth weeping,
Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves *with him.*

## PSALM 127

***Laboring and Prospering with the LORD***

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

1 Unless the LORD builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.
2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows;
*For* so He gives His beloved sleep.

3 Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD,
The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So *are* the children of one's youth.
5 Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them;
They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

## PSALM 128

***Blessings of Those Who Fear the LORD***

A Song of Ascents.

1 Blessed *is* every one who fears the LORD,
Who walks in His ways.

2 When you eat the labor of your hands,
You *shall be* happy, and *it shall be* well with you.
3 Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine
In the very heart of your house,
Your children like olive plants
All around your table.

4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.

5 The LORD bless you out of Zion,
And may you see the good of Jerusalem
All the days of your life.
6 Yes, may you see your children's children.

Peace *be* upon Israel!

## PSALM 129

***Song of Victory over Zion's Enemies***

A Song of Ascents.

1 "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth,"
Let Israel now say—
2 "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth;
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed on my back;
They made their furrows long."
4 The LORD *is* righteous;
He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked.

5 Let all those who hate Zion
Be put to shame and turned back.
6 Let them be as the grass *on* the housetops,
Which withers before it grows up,
7 With which the reaper does not fill his hand,
Nor he who binds sheaves, his arms.
8 Neither let those who pass by them say,
"The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you;
We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

## PSALM 130

***Waiting for the Redemption of the LORD***

A Song of Ascents.

1 Out of the depths I have cried to You,
O LORD;
2 Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.

3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
4 But *there is* forgiveness with You,
That You may be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
And in His word I do hope.
6 My soul *waits* for the Lord

More than those who watch for the
morning—
*Yes, more than* those who watch for the
morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD;
For with the LORD *there is* mercy,
And with Him *is* abundant redemption.
8 And He shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

## PSALM 131

***Simple Trust in the LORD***

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1 LORD, my heart is not haughty,
Nor my eyes lofty.
Neither do I concern myself with great
matters,
Nor with things too profound for me.

2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,
Like a weaned child with his mother;
Like a weaned child *is* my soul within me.

3 O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and forever.

## PSALM 132

***The Eternal Dwelling of God in Zion***

A Song of Ascents.

1 LORD, remember David
*And* all his afflictions;
2 How he swore to the LORD,
*And* vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my
house,
Or go up to the comfort of my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to my eyes
*Or* slumber to my eyelids,
5 Until I find a place for the LORD,
A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
We found it in the fields of the woods.[a]
7 Let us go into His tabernacle;
Let us worship at His footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place,
You and the ark of Your strength.
9 Let Your priests be clothed with
righteousness,
And let Your saints shout for joy.

10 For Your servant David's sake,
Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn *in* truth to David;
He will not turn from it:
"I will set upon your throne the fruit of your
body.
12 If your sons will keep My covenant
And My testimony which I shall teach them,
Their sons also shall sit upon your throne
forevermore."

13 For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired *it* for His dwelling place:
14 "This *is* My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation,
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There I will make the horn of David grow;
I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame,
But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

## PSALM 133

***Blessed Unity of the People of God***

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*
For brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 *It is* like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.
3 *It is* like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the
blessing—
Life forevermore.

## PSALM 134

***Praising the LORD in His House at Night***

A Song of Ascents.

1 Behold, bless the LORD,
All *you* servants of the LORD,
Who by night stand in the house of the
LORD!

**132:6** [a]Hebrew *Jaar*

2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary,
And bless the LORD.

3 The LORD who made heaven and earth
Bless you from Zion!

## PSALM 135

*Praise to God in Creation and Redemption*

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD;
Praise *Him,* O you servants of the LORD!
2 You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God,
3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good;
Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant.
4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His special treasure.

5 For I know that the LORD *is* great,
And our Lord *is* above all gods.
6 Whatever the LORD pleases He does,
In heaven and in earth,
In the seas and in all deep places.
7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

8 He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.
10 He defeated many nations
And slew mighty kings—
11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan—
12 And gave their land *as* a heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.

13 Your name, O LORD, *endures* forever,
Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.
14 For the LORD will judge His people,
And He will have compassion on His servants.

15 The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;
17 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there *any* breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them are like them;
*So is* everyone who trusts in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel!
Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!
20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi!
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 136

*Thanksgiving to God for His Enduring Mercy*

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!
For His mercy *endures* forever:

4 To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
7 To Him who made great lights,
For His mercy *endures* forever—
8 The sun to rule by day,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
9 The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His mercy *endures* forever.

10 To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
11 And brought out Israel from among them,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
13 To Him who divided the Red Sea in two,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
For His mercy *endures* forever;

16 To Him who led His people through the wilderness,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
17 To Him who struck down great kings,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
18 And slew famous kings,
For His mercy *endures* forever—
19 Sihon king of the Amorites,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
20 And Og king of Bashan,
For His mercy *endures* forever—
21 And gave their land as a heritage,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
22 A heritage to Israel His servant,
For His mercy *endures* forever.

23 Who remembered us in our lowly state,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
24 And rescued us from our enemies,
For His mercy *endures* forever;
25 Who gives food to all flesh,
For His mercy *endures* forever.

26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

## PSALM 137

### *Longing for Zion in a Foreign Land*

1 By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we wept
When we remembered Zion.
2 We hung our harps
Upon the willows in the midst of it.
3 For there those who carried us away captive
asked of us a song,
And those who plundered us *requested*
mirth,
*Saying,* "Sing us *one* of the songs of
Zion!"

4 How shall we sing the LORD's song
In a foreign land?
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget *its skill!*
6 If I do not remember you,
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my
mouth—
If I do not exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, against the sons of
Edom
The day of Jerusalem,
Who said, "Raze *it,* raze *it,*
To its very foundation!"

8 O daughter of Babylon, who are to be
destroyed,
Happy the one who repays you as you have
served us!
9 Happy the one who takes and dashes
Your little ones against the rock!

## PSALM 138

### *The LORD's Goodness to the Faithful*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 I will praise You with my whole heart;
Before the gods I will sing praises to You.
2 I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word above all
Your name.
3 In the day when I cried out, You answered
me,
*And* made me bold *with* strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise You,
O LORD,
When they hear the words of Your mouth.
5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the
LORD,
For great *is* the glory of the LORD.
6 Though the LORD *is* on high,
Yet He regards the lowly;
But the proud He knows from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You
will revive me;
You will stretch out Your hand
Against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.
8 The LORD will perfect *that which*
concerns me;
Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

## PSALM 139

### *God's Perfect Knowledge of Man*

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, You have searched me and
known *me.*

2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.
3 You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
4 For *there is* not a word on my tongue,
*But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
5 You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
8 If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are* there.
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning,
*And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall[a] on me,"
Even the night shall be light about me;
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You.*

13 For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;[a]
Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.

**139:11** [a]Vulgate and Symmachus read *cover.* **139:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *You are fearfully wonderful.*

## THE MIND — 1 God Knows Your Mind

► *See* **PSALM 139:1, 2**

God not only knows your thoughts, He knows that without Him, your thoughts are worthless: "The LORD knows the thoughts of man, / That they are futile" (Psalm 94:11).

Without God in control of your life, your thoughts are controlled by your sinful nature. Psalm 36:4 describes such a person: "He devises wickedness on his bed; / He sets himself in a way that is not good; / He does not abhor evil." Perhaps you don't "devise wickedness" on your bed, but thoughts of doubt, envy, jealousy, bitterness, adultery, or hatred are no less sinful.

The first step toward controlling your thoughts is to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. When you begin this relationship, the Holy Spirit comes to live in you, giving you the strength to master your thoughts rather than being mastered by them. If you have not yet accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*.

► *Now turn to page 587 for Proverbs 16:3 and Point 2. God Renews Your Mind.*

## ABORTION — 1 Considering Abortion

► *See* **PSALM 139:13–16**

The Bible teaches that the unborn child is fully human. The Word of God says that our lives are of inestimable worth to God, who created us in His own image (Genesis 1:26, 27); who sustains us (Job 12:10); and who reconciles us to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19).

If you are considering an abortion because you are not married, or not married to the father of your child, or because you're afraid of the responsibility, we urge you to consider having the child. Having an abortion will not eliminate your problems. It will only complicate your situation and compound your guilt. God can bring good from the experience as you commit yourself and your child to Him (Romans 8:28). If you are concerned about not being able to care for or support the child, prayerfully consider adoption.

God loves you and has compassion on you in your situation. He wants to direct your decision. Pray and ask God to give you the strength and courage to trust Him: "In You, O LORD, I put my trust; / Let me never be ashamed; / Deliver me in Your righteousness. / Bow down Your ear to me, / Deliver me speedily; / Be my rock of refuge, / A fortress of defense to save me. / For You are my rock and my fortress; / Therefore, for Your name's sake, / Lead me and guide me. / Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, / For You are my strength. / Into Your hand I commit my spirit; / You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth" (Psalm 31:1–5).

► *Now turn to page 1115 for Philippians 3:13, 14 and Point 2. Dealing with a Past Abortion.*

15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
*And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When *as yet there were* none of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
18 *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
When I awake, I am still with You.

19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God!
Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.
20 For they speak against You wickedly;
Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.[a]
21 Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

## PSALM 140

### *Prayer for Deliverance from Evil Men*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;
Preserve me from violent men,
2 Who plan evil things in *their* hearts;
They continually gather together *for* war.
3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;
The poison of asps *is* under their lips. Selah

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from violent men,
Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the wayside;
They have set traps for me. Selah

6 I said to the LORD: "You *are* my God;
Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
You have covered my head in the day of battle.
8 Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;
Do not further his *wicked* scheme,
*Lest* they be exalted. Selah

9 "*As for* the head of those who surround me,
Let the evil of their lips cover them;
10 Let burning coals fall upon them;
Let them be cast into the fire,
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
11 Let not a slanderer be established in the earth;
Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow *him.*"

12 I know that the LORD will maintain
The cause of the afflicted,
*And* justice for the poor.
13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;
The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

## PSALM 141

### *Prayer for Safekeeping from Wickedness*

A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, I cry out to You;
Make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
2 Let my prayer be set before You *as* incense,
The lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;
Keep watch over the door of my lips.
4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice wicked works
With men who work iniquity;
And do not let me eat of their delicacies.

5 Let the righteous strike me;
*It shall be* a kindness.
And let him rebuke me;
*It shall be* as excellent oil;
Let my head not refuse it.

For still my prayer *is* against the deeds of the wicked.

**139:20** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *They take your cities in vain.*

6 Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff,
And they hear my words, for they are sweet.
7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave,
As when one plows and breaks up the earth.

8 But my eyes *are* upon You, O GOD the Lord;
In You I take refuge;
Do not leave my soul destitute.
9 Keep me from the snares they have laid for me,
And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
While I escape safely.

## PSALM 142

### *A Plea for Relief from Persecutors*

A Contemplation[a] of David.
A Prayer when he was in the cave.

1 I cry out to the LORD with my voice;
With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication.
2 I pour out my complaint before Him;
I declare before Him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
Then You knew my path.
In the way in which I walk
They have secretly set a snare for me.
4 Look on *my* right hand and see,
For *there is* no one who acknowledges me;
Refuge has failed me;
No one cares for my soul.

5 I cried out to You, O LORD:
I said, "You *are* my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend to my cry,
For I am brought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may praise Your name;
The righteous shall surround me,
For You shall deal bountifully with me."

## PSALM 143

### *An Earnest Appeal for Guidance and Deliverance*

A Psalm of David.

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
Give ear to my supplications!
In Your faithfulness answer me,
*And* in Your righteousness.
2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in darkness,
Like those who have long been dead.
4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
My heart within me is distressed.

5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Your works;
I muse on the work of Your hands.
6 I spread out my hands to You;
My soul *longs* for You like a thirsty land. Selah

7 Answer me speedily, O LORD;
My spirit fails!
Do not hide Your face from me,
Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
In You I take shelter.[a]
10 Teach me to do Your will,
For You *are* my God;
Your Spirit *is* good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

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**142:title** [a]Hebrew *Maschil* **143:9** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *To You I flee.*

12 In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
And destroy all those who afflict my soul;
For I *am* Your servant.

## PSALM 144

### *A Song to the LORD Who Preserves and Prospers His People*

*A Psalm* of David.

1 Blessed *be* the LORD my Rock,
Who trains my hands for war,
*And* my fingers for battle—
2 My lovingkindness and my fortress,
My high tower and my deliverer,
My shield and *the One* in whom I take refuge,
Who subdues my people[a] under me.

3 LORD, what *is* man, that You take knowledge of him?
*Or* the son of man, that You are mindful of him?
4 Man is like a breath;
His days *are* like a passing shadow.

5 Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down;
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them;
Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.
7 Stretch out Your hand from above;
Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,
From the hand of foreigners,
8 Whose mouth speaks lying words,
And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song to You, O God;
On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
10 *The One* who gives salvation to kings,
Who delivers David His servant
From the deadly sword.

11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners,
Whose mouth speaks lying words,
And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood—
12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth;
*That* our daughters *may be* as pillars,
Sculptured in palace style;
13 *That* our barns *may be* full,
Supplying all kinds of produce;
*That* our sheep may bring forth thousands
And ten thousands in our fields;
14 *That* our oxen *may be* well laden;
*That there be* no breaking in or going out;
*That there be* no outcry in our streets.
15 Happy *are* the people who are in such a state;
Happy *are* the people whose God *is* the LORD!

## PSALM 145

### *A Song of God's Majesty and Love*

A Praise of David.

1 I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.
3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness *is* unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
5 I[a] will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
And on Your wondrous works.[b]
6 *Men* shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your righteousness.

8 The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy.
9 The LORD *is* good to all,
And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

10 All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,
And Your saints shall bless You.

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**144:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Syriac and Targum read *the peoples* (compare 18:47).
**145:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *They*. [b]Literally *on the words of Your wondrous works*

11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,
And talk of Your power,
12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
13 Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.[a]

14 The LORD upholds all who fall,
And raises up all *who are* bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
And You give them their food in due season.
16 You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
18 The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.
19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.
20 The LORD preserves all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD,
And all flesh shall bless His holy name
Forever and ever.

## PSALM 146

### *The Happiness of Those Whose Help Is the LORD*

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!
2 While I live I will praise the LORD;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Do not put your trust in princes,
*Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help.
4 His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;
In that very day his plans perish.

5 Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God,
6 Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that *is* in them;
Who keeps truth forever,
7 Who executes justice for the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

8 The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind;
The LORD raises those who are bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD watches over the strangers;
He relieves the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign forever—
Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 147

### *Praise to God for His Word and Providence*

1 Praise the LORD!
For *it is* good to sing praises to our God;
For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He heals the brokenhearted
And binds up their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars;
He calls them all by name.
5 Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding *is* infinite.
6 The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our God,
8 Who covers the heavens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth,
Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
9 He gives to the beast its food,
*And* to the young ravens that cry.

10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse;
He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
In those who hope in His mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

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**145:13** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate add *The LORD is faithful in all His words, And holy in all His works*

13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
He has blessed your children within you.
14 He makes peace *in* your borders,
*And* fills you with the finest wheat.

15 He sends out His command *to the* earth;
His word runs very swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes;
17 He casts out His hail like morsels;
Who can stand before His cold?
18 He sends out His word and melts them;
He causes His wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 He declares His word to Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments to Israel.
20 He has not dealt thus with any nation;
And *as for His* judgments, they have not known them.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 148

***Praise to the LORD from Creation***

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
2 Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light!
4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were created.
6 He also established them forever and ever;
He made a decree which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
You great sea creatures and all the depths;
8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
9 Mountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and flying fowl;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and maidens;
Old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For His name alone is exalted;
His glory *is* above the earth and heaven.
14 And He has exalted the horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints—
Of the children of Israel,
A people near to Him.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 149

***Praise to God for His Salvation and Judgment***

1 Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
*And* His praise in the assembly of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise His name with the dance;
Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory;
Let them sing aloud on their beds.
6 *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand,
7 To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute on them the written judgment—
This honor have all His saints.

Praise the LORD!

## PSALM 150

***Let All Things Praise the LORD***

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

3 Praise Him with the sound of the
trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp!
4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and
flutes!
5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with clashing cymbals!
6 Let everything that has breath praise the
LORD.

Praise the LORD!

# The Book of
# PROVERBS

### *The Beginning of Knowledge*

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David,
king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and
discretion—
5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise
counsel,
6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.

7 The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of
knowledge,
*But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

### *Shun Evil Counsel*

8 My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;
9 For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your
head,
And chains about your neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice you,
Do not consent.
11 If they say, "Come with us,
Let us lie in wait to *shed* blood;
Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without
cause;
12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,[a]
And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;
13 We shall find all *kinds* of precious
possessions,
We shall fill our houses with spoil;
14 Cast in your lot among us,
Let us all have one purse"—
15 My son, do not walk in the way with them,
Keep your foot from their path;
16 For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed blood.
17 Surely, in vain the net is spread
In the sight of any bird;
18 But they lie in wait for their *own* blood,
They lurk secretly for their *own* lives.
19 So *are* the ways of everyone who is greedy
for gain;
It takes away the life of its owners.

### *The Call of Wisdom*

20 Wisdom calls aloud outside;
She raises her voice in the open squares.
21 She cries out in the chief concourses,[a]
At the openings of the gates in the city
She speaks her words:
22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love
simplicity?
For scorners delight in their scorning,
And fools hate knowledge.
23 Turn at my rebuke;
Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.
24 Because I have called and you refused,
I have stretched out my hand and no one
regarded,
25 Because you disdained all my counsel,
And would have none of my rebuke,
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when your terror comes,
27 When your terror comes like a storm,
And your destruction comes like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish come upon you.

28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not
answer;
They will seek me diligently, but they will
not find me.
29 Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of the Lord,
30 They would have none of my counsel
*And* despised my every rebuke.
31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own
way,
And be filled to the full with their own
fancies.
32 For the turning away of the simple will slay
them,
And the complacency of fools will destroy
them;
33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,
And will be secure, without fear of evil."

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**1:12** [a]Or *the grave* **1:21** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum read *top of the walls;* Vulgate reads *the head of multitudes.*

### *The Value of Wisdom*

2 My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within you,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
*And* apply your heart to understanding;
3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
*And* lift up your voice for understanding,
4 If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as *for* hidden treasures;
5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;
7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
*He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;
8 He guards the paths of justice,
And preserves the way of His saints.
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice,
Equity *and* every good path.
10 When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
11 Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,
12 To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse things,
13 From those who leave the paths of uprightness
To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice in doing evil,
*And* delight in the perversity of the wicked;
15 Whose ways *are* crooked,
And *who are* devious in their paths;
16 To deliver you from the immoral woman,
From the seductress *who* flatters with her words,
17 Who forsakes the companion of her youth,
And forgets the covenant of her God.
18 For her house leads down to death,
And her paths to the dead;
19 None who go to her return,
Nor do they regain the paths of life—
20 So you may walk in the way of goodness,
And keep *to* the paths of righteousness.
21 For the upright will dwell in the land,
And the blameless will remain in it;
22 But the wicked will be cut off from the earth,
And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

### *Guidance for the Young*

3 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,

**REMARRIAGE** **2 CONSIDERING REMARRIAGE**

▶ *See* **PROVERBS 2:3–20**

God wants His wisdom to be your shield, to guard your path, and to deliver you from the way of evil. Be diligent in prayer and in reading God's Word—that is the way He communicates with you.

Many Christians believe that the Bible allows for remarriage in the instances in which divorce is allowed: when the spouse is unfaithful (Matthew 19:9), or when the spouse is a nonbeliever and has permanently deserted the believing spouse (1 Corinthians 7:12–16).

If you are not remarried and your former spouse has not remarried, consider that God's desire may be to restore your original marriage. This would take much yielding to His Holy Spirit in your life.

If, after seeking God's direction through prayer, Bible study, and the counsel of a mature Christian who knows you well, you believe remarriage is an option for you, invest first in your relationship with God. You cannot be a part of God's best plans outside of a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Then take your potential marriage relationship to Him. Listen to hear from God and study His Word to learn how He wants you to grow.

If the issues that led to your divorce are not thoroughly worked through, they will crop up in a new marriage, too. Seek the wise counsel of a Bible-believing pastor or Christian counselor as part of your new relationship.

If you are already remarried, and you are questioning whether you made the right decision, give your best to making your current marriage successful. Leaving your current spouse would be doubly destructive. Ask God to help you honor the commitment you have made and move forward in the plan He has for your lives together.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

4 *And* so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct[a] your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
8 It will be health to your flesh,[a]
And strength[b] to your bones.

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
Nor detest His correction;
12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects,
Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

13 Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom,
And the man *who* gains understanding;
14 For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver,
And her gain than fine gold.
15 She *is* more precious than rubies,
And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.
16 Length of days *is* in her right hand,
In her left hand riches and honor.
17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths *are* peace.
18 She *is* a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy *are all* who retain her.

19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding He established the heavens;
20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up,
And clouds drop down the dew.

21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes—
Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

**3:6** [a]Or *make smooth* or *straight* **3:8** [a]Literally *navel,* figurative of the body [b]Literally *drink* or *refreshment*

## THE HEART

### 4 Keeping the Heart Pure

► *See* **Proverbs 3:5, 6**

One way to learn to keep your heart pure is through a life based on faith. This means that you no longer live out your own desires, but you live according to God's direction. You give your heart to the Lord, not just as a once-for-all step of commitment, but as part of your life. You learn to trust in His wisdom and provision, rather than relying on your own resources.

You also keep your heart pure by living a disciplined life. Daily prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with other Christians can help you. God's Word cautions us to guard our hearts from sin (see *Temptation*). A pure heart leads to God's joy and peace. Though you will still encounter problems, disappointment, frustration, or pain, God always walks with you. God's peace will guard your heart if your heart is focused on Him (Philippians 4:6, 7).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## DISCIPLINE FROM GOD

### 2 God Disciplines as a Loving Father

► *See* **Proverbs 3:11, 12**

God's discipline marks Christians as His children. In fact, Hebrews 12:8 says, "But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons." If God did not care about us, He would not care about how we live. A human father instructs and corrects a child because he cares for that child and does not want to see him or her going astray. Our heavenly Father delights in us so much that He wants the best for us—His best—and that is what God's discipline offers us.

Pray with David, who wrote: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; / Try me, and know my anxieties; / And see if there is any wicked way in me, / And lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

22 So they will be life to your soul
And grace to your neck.
23 Then you will walk safely in your way,
And your foot will not stumble.
24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.
25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror,
Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;
26 For the LORD will be your confidence,
And will keep your foot from being caught.

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of your hand to do *so.*
28 Do not say to your neighbor,
"Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give *it,*"
When you have it with you.
29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor,
For he dwells by you for safety's sake.
30 Do not strive with a man without cause,
If he has done you no harm.

31 Do not envy the oppressor,
And choose none of his ways;
32 For the perverse *person is* an abomination to the LORD,
But His secret counsel *is* with the upright.
33 The curse of the LORD *is* on the house of the wicked,
But He blesses the home of the just.
34 Surely He scorns the scornful,
But gives grace to the humble.
35 The wise shall inherit glory,
But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

### *Security in Wisdom*

4 Hear, *my* children, the instruction of a father,
And give attention to know understanding;
2 For I give you good doctrine:
Do not forsake my law.
3 When I was my father's son,
Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,
4 He also taught me, and said to me:
"Let your heart retain my words;
Keep my commands, and live.
5 Get wisdom! Get understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
Love her, and she will keep you.
7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing;
*Therefore* get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;
She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.
9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace;
A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,
And the years of your life will be many.
11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in right paths.
12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered,
And when you run, you will not stumble.
13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go;
Keep her, for she *is* your life.

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,
And do not walk in the way of evil.
15 Avoid it, do not travel on it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
16 For they do not sleep unless they have done evil;
And their sleep is taken away unless they make *someone* fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* like the shining sun,[a]
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked *is* like darkness;
They do not know what makes them stumble.

20 My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.
21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;
Keep them in the midst of your heart;
22 For they *are* life to those who find them,
And health to all their flesh.
23 Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.
24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth,
And put perverse lips far from you.

**4:18** [a]Literally *light*

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead,
And your eyelids look right before you.
26 Ponder the path of your feet,
And let all your ways be established.
27 Do not turn to the right or the left;
Remove your foot from evil.

### *The Peril of Adultery*

5 My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,
2 That you may preserve discretion,
And your lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey,
And her mouth *is* smoother than oil;
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death,
Her steps lay hold of hell.[a]
6 Lest you ponder *her* path of life—
Her ways are unstable;
You do not know *them.*

7 Therefore hear me now, *my* children,
And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove your way far from her,
And do not go near the door of her house,
9 Lest you give your honor to others,
And your years to the cruel *one;*
10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,
And your labors *go* to the house of a foreigner;
11 And you mourn at last,
When your flesh and your body are consumed,
12 And say:
"How I have hated instruction,
And my heart despised correction!
13 I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!
14 I was on the verge of total ruin,
In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

15 Drink water from your own cistern,
And running water from your own well.
16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
17 Let them be only your own,
And not for strangers with you.
18 Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice with the wife of your youth.
19 *As a* loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.
20 For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD,
And He ponders all his paths.
22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked *man,*
And he is caught in the cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

### *Dangerous Promises*

6 My son, if you become surety for your friend,
*If* you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
2 You are snared by the words of your mouth;
You are taken by the words of your mouth.

**5:5** [a]Or *Sheol*

**DEATH** — **3 The Cause of Spiritual Death**

► *See* **Proverbs 5:21–23**

When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, it brought spiritual death into the world. Since God cannot tolerate the presence of sin, they were separated from Him. So we, too, are naturally separated from God and spiritually dead. We have inherited a sinful nature. While here on this earth, we suffer the consequences of sin; but those who have not accepted Christ as their Savior will also suffer eternal consequences for sin (see *Judgment*). God sent Jesus into the world to die on the cross as the way to bring us back into relationship with Him. As Christians, we are no longer spiritually dead.

► *Now turn to page 1003 for John 14:1–3 and Point 4. Death of the Righteous.*

3 So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;
For you have come into the hand of your friend:
Go and humble yourself;
Plead with your friend.
4 Give no sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids.
5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand *of the hunter,*
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.[a]

### *The Folly of Indolence*

6 Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise,
7 Which, having no captain,
Overseer or ruler,
8 Provides her supplies in the summer,
*And* gathers her food in the harvest.
9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep—
11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

### *The Wicked Man*

12 A worthless person, a wicked man,
Walks with a perverse mouth;
13 He winks with his eyes,
He shuffles his feet,
He points with his fingers;
14 Perversity *is* in his heart,
He devises evil continually,
He sows discord.
15 Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;
Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

16 These six *things* the LORD hates,
Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:
17 A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
18 A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
19 A false witness *who* speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.

### *Beware of Adultery*

20 My son, keep your father's command,
And do not forsake the law of your mother.
21 Bind them continually upon your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
22 When you roam, they[a] will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you;
And *when* you awake, they will speak with you.
23 For the commandment *is* a lamp,
And the law a light;
Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,
24 To keep you from the evil woman,
From the flattering tongue of a seductress.
25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.
26 For by means of a harlot
*A man is reduced* to a crust of bread;
And an adulteress[a] will prey upon his precious life.
27 Can a man take fire to his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one walk on hot coals,
And his feet not be seared?
29 So *is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

30 *People* do not despise a thief
If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.
31 Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold;
He may have to give up all the substance of his house.
32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding;
He *who* does so destroys his own soul.
33 Wounds and dishonor he will get,
And his reproach will not be wiped away.

**6:5** [a]That is, one who catches birds in a trap or snare
**6:22** [a]Literally *it* **6:26** [a]Literally *a man's wife,* that is, of another

**ADULTERY** — **3 Consequences of Adultery**

▶ *See* **Proverbs 6:26–35**

Society may treat adultery casually, but adultery has serious consequences. God always wants what is best for us—He knows us, and He established boundaries to protect us. When we rebel against those boundaries, we not only sin, but we also bring harm to ourselves and others.

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34 For jealousy *is* a husband's fury;
Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He will accept no recompense,
Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words,
And treasure my commands within you.
2 Keep my commands and live,
And my law as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers;
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Say to wisdom, "You *are* my sister,"
And call understanding *your* nearest kin,
5 That they may keep you from the immoral woman,
From the seductress *who* flatters with her words.

### *The Crafty Harlot*

6 For at the window of my house
I looked through my lattice,
7 And saw among the simple,
I perceived among the youths,
A young man devoid of understanding,
8 Passing along the street near her corner;
And he took the path to her house
9 In the twilight, in the evening,
In the black and dark night.

10 And there a woman met him,
*With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
11 She *was* loud and rebellious,
Her feet would not stay at home.
12 At times *she was* outside, at times in the open square,
Lurking at every corner.
13 So she caught him and kissed him;
With an impudent face she said to him:
14 "*I* have peace offerings with me;
Today I have paid my vows.
15 So I came out to meet you,
Diligently to seek your face,
And I have found you.
16 I have spread my bed with tapestry,
Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.
17 I have perfumed my bed
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with love.
19 For my husband *is* not at home;
He has gone on a long journey;
20 He has taken a bag of money with him,
*And* will come home on the appointed day."
21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield,
With her flattering lips she seduced him.
22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter,
Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,[a]

**7:22** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum read *as a dog to bonds;* Vulgate reads *as a lamb . . . to bonds.*

### *Adultery: 3. Consequences of Adultery (continued)*

Adultery is dishonoring to your marriage. It also causes emotional damage—guilt, fear, anxiety, and depression, to name a few—and is disrespectful of your body. Physically, adultery can lead to many of the same diseases and problems as any sexual behavior outside the will of God (see *Sexuality*). But spiritually, the sin of adultery damages your relationship with God.

God offers His complete forgiveness for you. If you have had an adulterous relationship, confess your sins, turn away from them (repent), and He will forgive them. (See *God's Forgiveness; Repentance*.) You will still have to deal with significant consequences of your sin, but God will help you through those repercussions.

If you are struggling with adultery, pray for genuine repentance in your heart. Ask God to restore your marriage from the damage you've done, and ask your pastor or a mature Christian to counsel you in your marriage relationship. A wise counselor can help you with confession and restoration with your spouse.

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19).

God will bring you a new perspective as you yield to Him, making it possible for Him to mend your life and help you reach a long-term solution in your marriage.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

23 Till an arrow struck his liver.
As a bird hastens to the snare,
He did not know it *would cost* his life.

24 Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children;
Pay attention to the words of my mouth:
25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths;
26 For she has cast down many wounded,
And all who were slain by her were strong *men.*
27 Her house *is* the way to hell,[a]
Descending to the chambers of death.

### *The Excellence of Wisdom*

8 Does not wisdom cry out,
And understanding lift up her voice?
2 She takes her stand on the top of the high hill,
Beside the way, where the paths meet.
3 She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the entrance of the doors:
4 "To you, O men, I call,
And my voice *is* to the sons of men.
5 O you simple ones, understand prudence,
And you fools, be of an understanding heart.
6 Listen, for I will speak of excellent things,
And from the opening of my lips *will come* right things;
7 For my mouth will speak truth;
Wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth *are* with righteousness;
Nothing crooked or perverse *is* in them.
9 They *are* all plain to him who understands,
And right to those who find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver,
And knowledge rather than choice gold;
11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies,
And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge *and* discretion.
13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth I hate.
14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom;
I *am* understanding, I have strength.
15 By me kings reign,
And rulers decree justice.
16 By me princes rule, and nobles,
All the judges of the earth.[a]
17 I love those who love me,
And those who seek me diligently will find me.
18 Riches and honor *are* with me,
Enduring riches and righteousness.
19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yes, than fine gold,
And my revenue than choice silver.
20 I traverse the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,
21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth,
That I may fill their treasuries.

22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way,
Before His works of old.

**7:27** [a]Or *Sheol* **8:16** [a]Masoretic Text, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *righteousness;* Septuagint, Bomberg, and some manuscripts and editions read *earth.*

**HONESTY** **5 HONESTY IN SPEECH**

► *See* **PROVERBS 8:6–8**

Your speech should also be honest, especially as it concerns God's Word. Christians have a responsibility to be honest with one another and not distort the truth. "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him" (Colossians 3:9, 10). You are a new creation in Christ—you are to be kind, but you are to be lovingly honest (Ephesians 4:25). Spreading rumors and gossip are forms of dishonest speech. When you speak about God's Word, be sure not to distort it or misrepresent it to others.

If you struggle with honesty, study the Bible and find those passages that promise God's strength and help in time of temptation. Meditate on verses and memorize them to help you keep God's principles constantly in your mind. Pray that the Lord will exchange your dishonest words and behavior with His honesty.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

23 I have been established from everlasting,
From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.
24 When *there were* no depths I was brought forth,
When *there were* no fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills, I was brought forth;
26 While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields,
Or the primal dust of the world.
27 When He prepared the heavens, I *was* there,
When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 When He established the clouds above,
When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,
29 When He assigned to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would not transgress His command,
When He marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 Then I was beside Him *as* a master craftsman;[a]
And I was daily *His* delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world,
And my delight *was* with the sons of men.

32 "Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children,
For blessed *are those who* keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction and be wise,
And do not disdain *it.*
34 Blessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
35 For whoever finds me finds life,
And obtains favor from the LORD;
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul;
All those who hate me love death."

### *The Way of Wisdom*

9 Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has slaughtered her meat,
She has mixed her wine,
She has also furnished her table.
3 She has sent out her maidens,
She cries out from the highest places of the city,
4 "Whoever *is* simple, let him turn in here!"
*As for* him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
5 "Come, eat of my bread
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Forsake foolishness and live,
And go in the way of understanding.

7 "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked *man only* harms himself.
8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise *man,* and he will love you.
9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man,* and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just *man,* and he will increase in learning.

10 "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.
11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.
12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And *if* you scoff, you will bear *it* alone."

### *The Way of Folly*

13 A foolish woman is clamorous;
*She is* simple, and knows nothing.

**8:30** [a]A Jewish tradition reads *one brought up.*

**FEAR** — **3 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "FEAR GOD"?**

► *See* **PROVERBS 9:10**

When the Bible speaks about "the fear of the LORD," it does not mean that you should be afraid of God. This use of "fear" means to have a reverence and respect, to hold in awe. "The fear of the LORD" refers to a proper perspective of God's power and sovereignty and your complete dependence on Him (see *Authority*).

► *Now turn to page 498 for Psalm 34:4 and Point 4. Responding to Fear.*

14 For she sits at the door of her house,
On a seat *by* the highest places of the city,
15 To call to those who pass by,
Who go straight on their way:
16 "Whoever *is* simple, let him turn in here";
And *as for* him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
17 "Stolen water is sweet,
And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant."
18 But he does not know that the dead *are* there,
*That* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.[a]

### *Wise Sayings of Solomon*

**10** The proverbs of Solomon:

A wise son makes a glad father,
But a foolish son *is* the grief of his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,
But righteousness delivers from death.
3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish,
But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
5 He who gathers in summer *is* a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame.

6 Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the righteous *is* blessed,
But the name of the wicked will rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commands,
But a prating fool will fall.

9 He who walks with integrity walks securely,
But he who perverts his ways will become known.

10 He who winks with the eye causes trouble,
But a prating fool will fall.

11 The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But love covers all sins.

13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,
But a rod *is* for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

14 Wise *people* store up knowledge,
But the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city;
The destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

16 The labor of the righteous *leads* to life,
The wages of the wicked to sin.

17 He who keeps instruction *is in* the way of life,
But he who refuses correction goes astray.

18 Whoever hides hatred *has* lying lips,
And whoever spreads slander *is* a fool.

19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.
20 The tongue of the righteous *is* choice silver;
The heart of the wicked *is worth* little.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools die for lack of wisdom.[a]

22 The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.

23 To do evil *is* like sport to a fool,
But a man of understanding has wisdom.
24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him,
And the desire of the righteous will be granted.
25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked *is* no *more,*
But the righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So *is* the lazy *man* to those who send him.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days,
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
28 The hope of the righteous *will be* gladness,
But the expectation of the wicked will perish.
29 The way of the LORD *is* strength for the upright,
But destruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous will never be removed,
But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

**9:18** [a]Or *Sheol* **10:21** [a]Literally *heart*

31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,
But the perverse tongue will be cut out.
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,
But the mouth of the wicked *what is* perverse.

11 Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But a just weight *is* His delight.

2 When pride comes, then comes shame;
But with the humble *is* wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.
4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.
5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct[a] his way aright,
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the unfaithful will be caught by *their* lust.

7 When a wicked man dies, *his* expectation will perish,
And the hope of the unjust perishes.
8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,
And it comes to the wicked instead.
9 The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;
And when the wicked perish, *there is* jubilation.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.

13 A talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

14 Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

15 He who is surety for a stranger will suffer,
But one who hates being surety is secure.

16 A gracious woman retains honor,
But ruthless *men* retain riches.
17 The merciful man does good for his own soul,
But *he who is* cruel troubles his own flesh.
18 The wicked *man* does deceptive work,
But he who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward.
19 As righteousness *leads* to life,
So he who pursues evil *pursues it* to his own death.
20 Those who are of a perverse heart *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But *the* blameless in their ways *are* His delight.
21 *Though they* join forces,[a] the wicked will not go unpunished;
But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

22 *As* a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
*So is* a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good,
*But* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

**11:5** [a]Or *make smooth* or *straight* **11:21** [a]Literally *hand to hand*

**HONESTY** **3 HONESTY IN YOUR LIFESTYLE**

► *See* **PROVERBS 11:3**

Honesty should be applied to every daily act, not just special circumstances. Every dishonest word or behavior, no matter how small it seems, makes you more resistant to God's truth and spoils your witness to others. Small acts of dishonesty typically grow into larger ones and eventually become the hallmark of your life.

► *Now turn to page 177 for Deuteronomy 25:13–16 and Point 4. Honesty in Transactions.*

24 There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is *one* who withholds more than is right,
But it *leads* to poverty.
25 The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.
26 The people will curse him who withholds grain,
But blessing *will be* on the head of him who sells *it.*
27 He who earnestly seeks good finds favor,
But trouble will come to him who seeks *evil.*
28 He who trusts in his riches will fall,
But the righteous will flourish like foliage.
29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind,
And the fool *will be* servant to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous *is a* tree of life,
And he who wins souls *is* wise.
31 If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth,
How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

12 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,
But he who hates correction *is* stupid.
2 A good *man* obtains favor from the LORD,
But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.
3 A man is not established by wickedness,
But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.
4 An excellent[a] wife *is* the crown of her husband,
But she who causes shame *is* like rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right,
*But* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceitful.
6 The words of the wicked *are,* "Lie in wait for blood,"
But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.
7 The wicked are overthrown and *are* no more,
But the house of the righteous will stand.
8 A man will be commended according to his wisdom,
But he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.
9 Better *is the one* who is slighted but has a servant,
Than he who honors himself but lacks bread.
10 A righteous *man* regards the life of his animal,
But the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.
11 He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread,
But he who follows frivolity *is* devoid of understanding.[a]
12 The wicked covet the catch of evil *men,*
But the root of the righteous yields *fruit.*
13 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of *his* lips,
But the righteous will come through trouble.

**12:4** [a]Literally *A wife of valor* **12:11** [a]Literally *heart*

## GENEROSITY ② The Blessings of Generosity

► *See* **Proverbs 11:24, 25**

The blessings of generosity begin with a proper perspective (see *Proper Perspective*). That perspective, one that is eternal rather than earthly, helps you understand God's economy. When you view life from an eternal perspective, it increases your desire to be generous. You do not give because you think you'll receive an earthly reward. You give because it pleases God and because you trust that God will provide all of your needs. This eternal perspective encourages you to hold loosely the things of the earth and look for ways to contribute to God's eternal kingdom. While your generosity may have an impact on others, it is primarily an act of praise and worship to God (see *Worship*).

► *Now turn to page 1123 for 1 Thessalonians 2:7, 8 and Point 3. A Call to Action.*

14 A man will be satisfied with good by the
fruit of *his* mouth,
And the recompense of a man's hands will
be rendered to him.

15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.
16 A fool's wrath is known at once,
But a prudent *man* covers shame.

17 He *who* speaks truth declares righteousness,
But a false witness, deceit.
18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of
a sword,
But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.
19 The truthful lip shall be established forever,
But a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.

21 No grave trouble will overtake the righteous,
But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
22 Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But those who deal truthfully *are* His
delight.

23 A prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the lazy *man* will be put to forced labor.

25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes
depression,
But a good word makes it glad.

26 The righteous should choose his friends
carefully,
For the way of the wicked leads them
astray.

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

## 5 Don't Be a Fool

▸ *See* **Proverbs 12:15**

If your desire is truly to make your marriage better, seek God's help with your problems. You may also need to meet with your pastor or a Christian counselor who can help you walk through your problems and strengthen and preserve your marriage. Many concessions and adjustments may need to be made by both partners to reconcile issues—a Christian counselor or pastor can help you see things more objectively.

Read and study the Bible daily, and apply what you learn to your life and marriage. Pray daily for your marriage and for your spouse. If your spouse is willing, pray together. Few things will strengthen a marriage bond more than praying together. Bible study and prayer will help you anticipate problems and make you more spiritually sensitive.

Become involved in a Bible-teaching church with your spouse and family. The relationships you form with committed Christians and with your pastor are great spiritual resources and support. God wants to bless your marriage. Ask Him for a godly and humble attitude toward your spouse and for you to reflect the love of Christ to him or her.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

THE TONGUE

## 4 The Controlled Tongue

▸ *See* **Proverbs 12:18**

Although it is impossible to totally tame the tongue in this lifetime, Proverbs says it can be controlled and used for healing. Consider these other verses from Proverbs about the tongue: the encouraging tongue (Proverbs 12:25); the gentle tongue (Proverbs 15:1); the discerning tongue (Proverbs 17:27, 28); the quiet tongue (Proverbs 10:19).

Using a concordance, look up words, such as *speak, mouth, lips, answer, words,* and *tongue*. Beginning with Psalms and Proverbs, memorize and meditate on a few of the verses you find most helpful. Pray about them and make plans for how you can apply them to your daily life and start each day with this resolve: "I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress" (Psalm 17:3). "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart / Be acceptable in Your sight, / O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

27 The lazy *man* does not roast what he took in
hunting,
But diligence *is* man's precious possession.

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life,
And in *its* pathway *there is* no death.

13 A wise son *heeds* his father's
instruction,
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

2 A man shall eat well by the fruit of *his* mouth,
But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on
violence.

3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life,
*But* he who opens wide his lips shall have
destruction.

4 The soul of a lazy *man* desires, and *has*
nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

5 A righteous *man* hates lying,
But a wicked *man* is loathsome and comes to
shame.

6 Righteousness guards *him whose* way is
blameless,
But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet *has*
nothing;
*And* one who makes himself poor, yet *has*
great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches,
But the poor does not hear rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoices,
But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

10 By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well-advised *is* wisdom.

11 Wealth *gained by* dishonesty will be
diminished,
But he who gathers by labor will increase.

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of
life.

13 He who despises the word will be
destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be
rewarded.

14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding gains favor,
But the way of the unfaithful *is* hard.

16 Every prudent *man* acts with knowledge,
But a fool lays open *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
But a faithful ambassador *brings* health.

18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who
disdains correction,
But he who regards a rebuke will be
honored.

19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul,
But *it is* an abomination to fools to depart
from evil.

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

## 4 The Problem of Pride

► *See* **Proverbs 13:10**

Take responsibility for your part in your marriage problems seriously. Do you always insist on being right or on winning an argument? Be willing to compromise. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3, 4).

Resolve issues as soon as they develop and start each day with a clean slate (Ephesians 4:26). Problems and differences are resolved through forgiveness. Often a stalemate occurs when neither partner is willing to take the first step of forgiveness or apology. Set aside your pride and approach your spouse in humility. "Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for / 'God resists the proud, / But gives grace to the humble' " (1 Peter 5:5).

Go to God and ask forgiveness for insensitivities, hurts, and offenses you have committed. Then go to your spouse in humility and ask his or her forgiveness. Take responsibility for your own behavior and attitudes. Remember, "A soft answer turns away wrath, / But a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

► *Now turn to page 583 for Proverbs 12:15 and Point 5. Don't Be a Fool.*

20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

21 Evil pursues sinners,
But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

22 A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

23 Much food *is in* the fallow *ground* of the poor,
And for lack of justice there is waste.[a]

24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul,
But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

14 The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD,
But *he who is* perverse in his ways despises Him.

3 In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride,
But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

4 Where no oxen *are,* the trough *is* clean;
But much increase *comes* by the strength of an ox.

5 A faithful witness does not lie,
But a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not *find it,*
But knowledge *is* easy to him who understands.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When you do not perceive *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way,
But the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright *there is* favor.

10 The heart knows its own bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.

11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.

12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth *may be* grief.

14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,
But a good man *will be satisfied* from above.[a]

15 The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his steps.

16 A wise *man* fears and departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is self-confident.

17 A quick-tempered *man* acts foolishly,
And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil will bow before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor *man* is hated even by his own neighbor,
But the rich *has* many friends.

21 He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

22 Do they not go astray who devise evil?
But mercy and truth *belong* to those who devise good.

23 In all labor there is profit,
But idle chatter[a] *leads* only to poverty.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches,
*But* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

25 A true witness delivers souls,
But a deceitful *witness* speaks lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD *there is* strong confidence,
And His children will have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from the snares of death.

28 In a multitude of people *is* a king's honor,
But in the lack of people *is* the downfall of a prince.

29 *He who is* slow to wrath has great understanding,
But *he who is* impulsive[a] exalts folly.

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**13:23** [a]Literally *what is swept away* **14:14** [a]Literally *from above himself* **14:23** [a]Literally *talk of the lips* **14:29** [a]Literally *short of spirit*

30 A sound heart *is* life to the body,
But envy *is* rottenness to the bones.

31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness,
But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding,
But *what is* in the heart of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people.

35 The king's favor *is* toward a wise servant,
But his wrath *is against* him who causes shame.

15 A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life,
But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

5 A fool despises his father's instruction,
But he who receives correction is prudent.

6 *In* the house of the righteous *there is* much treasure,
But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge,
But the heart of the fool *does* not *do* so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD,
But the prayer of the upright *is* His delight.

9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD,
But He loves him who follows righteousness.

10 Harsh discipline *is* for him who forsakes the way,
*And* he who hates correction will die.

11 Hell[a] and Destruction[b] *are* before the LORD;
So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.

12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him,
Nor will he go to the wise.

13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance,
But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil,
But he who is of a merry heart *has* a continual feast.

16 Better *is* a little with the fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure with trouble.

17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs[a] where love is,
Than a fatted calf with hatred.

**15:11** [a]Or *Sheol* [b]Hebrew *Abaddon* **15:17** [a]Or *vegetables*

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

## 7 Great Rewards for a God-Ordered Family

► *See* **Proverbs 15:16, 17**

One reward of a God-ordered family is peace, and a peaceful home is a source of joy to its members and to all who are touched by their lives (Psalm 133:1).

Another reward of a God-ordered family is unity and strength: "Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. / And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12). When one family member struggles, the other members can pray for, support, and encourage that one.

We all hope for happiness, or blessings, in our relationships. Blessings are a third reward and are a by-product of making Christ the Lord, both of our individual lives and of our families. "Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, / Who walks in His ways" (Psalm 128:1).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

18 A wrathful man stirs up strife,
But *he who is* slow to anger allays contention.

19 The way of the lazy *man is* like a hedge of thorns,
But the way of the upright *is* a highway.

20 A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.

21 Folly *is* joy *to him who is* destitute of discernment,
But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

22 Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth,
And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*

24 The way of life *winds* upward for the wise,
That he may turn away from hell[a] below.

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud,
But He will establish the boundary of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But the words of the pure *are* pleasant.

27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes will live.

28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
*And* a good report makes the bones healthy.[a]

31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.

32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul,
But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom,
And before honor *is* humility.

**16** The preparations of the heart *belong* to man,
But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the spirits.

3 Commit your works to the LORD,
And your thoughts will be established.

4 The LORD has made all for Himself,
Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.

5 Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD;
*Though they join* forces,[a] none will go unpunished.

6 In mercy and truth
Atonement is provided for iniquity;
And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs from evil.

**15:24** [a]Or *Sheol* **15:30** [a]Literally *fat* **16:5** [a]Literally *hand to hand*

**THE MIND** **2 God Renews Your Mind**

► *See* **Proverbs 16:3**

Once you commit your life to the Lord, you will have God's indwelling Holy Spirit to help you defeat the temptation to think sinful thoughts. The apostle Paul offers some practical advice to believers on this matter: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). Reading God's Word and memorizing it will give you the weapons to renew your mind and to help you bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Keep a constant attitude of prayer, trusting God to help you have pure thoughts: "Vindicate me, O LORD, / For I have walked in my integrity. / I have also trusted in the LORD; / I shall not slip. / Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; / Try my mind and my heart" (Psalm 26:1, 2).

► *Now turn to page 643 for Isaiah 26:3 and Point 3. God Gives Peace of Mind.*

7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace
with him.

8 Better *is* a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.

9 A man's heart plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps.

10 Divination *is* on the lips of the king;
His mouth must not transgress in judgment.
11 Honest weights and scales *are* the LORD's;
All the weights in the bag *are* His work.
12 *It is* an abomination for kings to commit
wickedness,
For a throne is established by righteousness.
13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks *what is* right.
14 As messengers of death *is* the king's wrath,
But a wise man will appease it.
15 In the light of the king's face *is* life,
And his favor *is* like a cloud of the latter
rain.

16 How much better to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen
rather than silver.

17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from
evil;
He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

18 Pride *goes* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.
19 Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly,
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He who heeds the word wisely will find
good,
And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy *is* he.

21 The wise in heart will be called prudent,
And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life to him
who has it.
But the correction of fools *is* folly.

23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,
And adds learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the
bones.

25 There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.

26 The person who labors, labors for himself,
For his *hungry* mouth drives him *on.*

27 An ungodly man digs up evil,
And *it is* on his lips like a burning fire.
28 A perverse man sows strife,
And a whisperer separates the best of friends.
29 A violent man entices his neighbor,
And leads him in a way *that is* not good.
30 He winks his eye to devise perverse things;
He purses his lips *and* brings about evil.

31 The silver-haired head *is* a crown of glory,
*If* it is found in the way of righteousness.

32 *He who is* slow to anger *is* better than the
mighty,
And he who rules his spirit than he who
takes a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap,
But its every decision *is* from the LORD.

17 Better *is* a dry morsel with quietness,
Than a house full of feasting[a] *with*
strife.

2 A wise servant will rule over a son who
causes shame,
And will share an inheritance among the
brothers.

3 The refining pot *is* for silver and the furnace
for gold,
But the LORD tests the hearts.

4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips;
A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker;
He who is glad at calamity will not go
unpunished.

6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men,
And the glory of children *is* their father.

7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool,
Much less lying lips to a prince.

8 A present *is* a precious stone in the eyes of
its possessor;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.

9 He who covers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates
friends.

**17:1** [a]Or *sacrificial meals*

10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise *man*
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

11 An evil *man* seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be sent
against him.

12 Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoever rewards evil for good,
Evil will not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife *is like* releasing water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel
starts.

15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who
condemns the just,
Both of them alike *are* an abomination to the
LORD.

16 Why *is there* in the hand of a fool the
purchase price of wisdom,
Since *he has* no heart *for it?*

17 A friend loves at all times,
And a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man devoid of understanding shakes
hands in a pledge,
*And* becomes surety for his friend.

19 He who loves transgression loves strife,
And he who exalts his gate seeks
destruction.

20 He who has a deceitful heart finds no good,
And he who has a perverse tongue falls into
evil.

21 He who begets a scoffer *does so* to his
sorrow,
And the father of a fool has no joy.

22 A merry heart does good, *like* medicine,[a]
But a broken spirit dries the bones.

23 A wicked *man* accepts a bribe behind the
back[a]
To pervert the ways of justice.

24 Wisdom *is* in the sight of him who has
understanding,
But the eyes of a fool *are* on the ends of the
earth.

25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her who bore him.

26 Also, to punish the righteous *is* not good,
*Nor* to strike princes for *their* uprightness.

27 He who has knowledge spares his words,
*And* a man of understanding is of a calm
spirit.

28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds
his peace;
*When* he shuts his lips, *he is considered*
perceptive.

18 A man who isolates himself seeks his
own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment.

2 A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart.

3 When the wicked comes, contempt comes
also;
And with dishonor *comes* reproach.

4 The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters;
The wellspring of wisdom *is* a flowing brook.

5 *It is* not good to show partiality to the wicked,
*Or* to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calls for blows.

7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction,
And his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a talebearer *are* like tasty
trifles,[a]
And they go down into the inmost body.

9 He who is slothful in his work
Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.

11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own esteem.

12 Before destruction the heart of a man is
haughty,
And before honor *is* humility.

13 He who answers a matter before he hears *it,*
It *is* folly and shame to him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain him in
sickness,
But who can bear a broken spirit?

**17:22** [a]Or *makes medicine even better* **17:23** [a]Literally *from the bosom* **18:8** [a]A Jewish tradition reads *wounds.*

15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

16 A man's gift makes room for him,
And brings him before great men.

17 The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

18 Casting lots causes contentions to cease,
And keeps the mighty apart.

19 A brother offended *is harder to win* than a strong city,
And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth;
*From* the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

22 *He who* finds a wife finds a good *thing,*
And obtains favor from the LORD.

23 The poor *man* uses entreaties,
But the rich answers roughly.

24 A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly,[a]
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

**19** Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than *one who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also it is not good *for* a soul *to be* without knowledge,
And he sins who hastens with *his* feet.

3 The foolishness of a man twists his way,
And his heart frets against the LORD.

4 Wealth makes many friends,
But the poor is separated from his friend.

5 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And *he who* speaks lies will not escape.

6 Many entreat the favor of the nobility,
And every man *is* a friend to one who gives gifts.

7 All the brothers of the poor hate him;
How much more do his friends go far from him!
He may pursue *them with* words, *yet* they abandon *him.*

8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding will find good.

9 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And *he who* speaks lies shall perish.

10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool,
Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger,
And his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.

12 The king's wrath *is* like the roaring of a lion,
But his favor *is* like dew on the grass.

13 A foolish son *is* the ruin of his father,
And the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dripping.

14 Houses and riches *are* an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Laziness casts *one* into a deep sleep,
And an idle person will suffer hunger.

16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
*But* he who is careless[a] of his ways will die.

17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD,
And He will pay back what he has given.

18 Chasten your son while there is hope,
And do not set your heart on his destruction.[a]

19 *A man of* great wrath will suffer punishment;
For if you rescue *him,* you will have to do it again.

20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter days.

21 There are many plans in a man's heart,
Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.

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**18:24** [a]Following Greek manuscripts, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *may come to ruin.* **19:16** [a]Literally *despises,* figurative of recklessness or carelessness **19:18** [a]Literally *to put him to death;* a Jewish tradition reads *on his crying.*

22 What is desired in a man is kindness,
And a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD *leads* to life,
And *he who has it* will abide in satisfaction;
He will not be visited with evil.

24 A lazy *man* buries his hand in the bowl,[a]
And will not so much as bring it to his
mouth again.

25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become
wary;
Rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he
will discern knowledge.

26 He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away
*his* mother
*Is* a son who causes shame and brings
reproach.

27 Cease listening to instruction, my son,
And you will stray from the words of
knowledge.

28 A disreputable witness scorns justice,
And the mouth of the wicked devours
iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

20 Wine *is* a mocker,
Strong drink *is* a brawler,
And whoever is led astray by it is not
wise.

2 The wrath[a] of a king *is* like the roaring of a
lion;
*Whoever* provokes him to anger sins *against*
his own life.

3 *It is* honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.

4 The lazy *man* will not plow because of winter;
He will beg during harvest and *have* nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep
water,
But a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim each his own
goodness,
But who can find a faithful man?

7 The righteous *man* walks in his integrity;
His children *are* blessed after him.

8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment
Scatters all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, "I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin"?

10 Diverse weights *and* diverse measures,
They *are* both alike, an abomination to the
LORD.

11 Even a child is known by his deeds,
Whether what he does *is* pure and right.

12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made them both.

13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty;
Open your eyes, *and* you will be satisfied
with bread.

14 "*It is* good for nothing,"[a] cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way, then he boasts.

15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies,
But the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 Take the garment of one who is surety *for* a
stranger,
And hold it as a pledge *when it* is for a
seductress.

17 Bread gained by deceit *is* sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will be filled with
gravel.

18 Plans are established by counsel;
By wise counsel wage war.

19 He who goes about *as* a talebearer reveals
secrets;
Therefore do not associate with one who
flatters with his lips.

20 Whoever curses his father or his mother,
His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

21 An inheritance gained hastily at the
beginning
Will not be blessed at the end.

22 Do not say, "I will recompense evil";
Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

23 Diverse weights *are* an abomination to the
LORD,
And dishonest scales *are* not good.

**19:24** [a]Septuagint and Syriac read *bosom;* Targum and Vulgate read *armpit.* **20:2** [a]Literally *fear* or *terror* which is produced by the king's wrath **20:14** [a]Literally *evil, evil*

24 A man's steps *are* of the LORD;
How then can a man understand his own way?

25 *It is* a snare for a man to devote rashly
*something as* holy,
And afterward to reconsider *his* vows.

26 A wise king sifts out the wicked,
And brings the threshing wheel over them.

27 The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the inner depths of his heart.[a]

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king,
And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

29 The glory of young men *is* their strength,
And the splendor of old men *is* their gray head.

30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil,
As *do* stripes the inner depths of the heart.[a]

21 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD,
*Like* the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the hearts.

3 To do righteousness and justice
*Is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 A haughty look, a proud heart,
*And* the plowing[a] of the wicked *are* sin.

5 The plans of the diligent *lead* surely to plenty,
But *those of* everyone *who is* hasty, surely to poverty.

6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue
*Is* the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.[a]

7 The violence of the wicked will destroy them,[a]
Because they refuse to do justice.

8 The way of a guilty man *is* perverse;[a]
But *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

9 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop,
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

10 The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise;
But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

12 The righteous *God* wisely considers the house of the wicked,
Overthrowing the wicked for *their* wickedness.

13 Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifies anger,
And a bribe behind the back,[a] strong wrath.

15 *It is* a joy for the just to do justice,
But destruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.

16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the dead.

17 He who loves pleasure *will be* a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous,
And the unfaithful for the upright.

19 Better to dwell in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious and angry woman.

20 *There is* desirable treasure,
And oil in the dwelling of the wise,
But a foolish man squanders it.

21 He who follows righteousness and mercy
Finds life, righteousness, and honor.

22 A wise *man* scales the city of the mighty,
And brings down the trusted stronghold.

23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.

24 A proud *and* haughty *man*—"Scoffer" *is* his name;
He acts with arrogant pride.

25 The desire of the lazy *man* kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.

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**20:27** [a]Literally *the rooms of the belly* **20:30** [a]Literally *the rooms of the belly* **21:4** [a]Or *lamp* **21:6** [a]Septuagint reads *Pursue vanity on the snares of death;* Vulgate reads *Is vain and foolish, and shall stumble on the snares of death;* Targum reads *They shall be destroyed, and they shall fall who seek death.* **21:7** [a]Literally *drag them away* **21:8** [a]Or *The way of a man is perverse and strange* **21:14** [a]Literally *in the bosom*

26 He covets greedily all day long,
But the righteous gives and does not spare.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination;
How much more *when* he brings it with wicked intent!

28 A false witness shall perish,
But the man who hears *him* will speak endlessly.

29 A wicked man hardens his face,
But *as for* the upright, he establishes[a] his way.

30 *There is* no wisdom or understanding
Or counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse *is* prepared for the day of battle,
But deliverance *is* of the LORD.

22 A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in common,
The LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself,
But the simple pass on and are punished.

4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD
*Are* riches and honor and life.

5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his soul will be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.

7 The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.

9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

11 He who loves purity of heart
*And has* grace on his lips,
The king *will be* his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the faithless.

13 The lazy *man* says, "*There is* a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!"

14 The mouth of an immoral woman *is* a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by the LORD will fall there.

15 Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

**21:29** [a]Qere and Septuagint read *understands.*

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

## 3 The Roles of Parents and Children

► See **Proverbs 22:6**

In this verse, the word *train* means to dedicate or to set aside for a spiritual purpose. Because of the responsibility to raise their children, parents have a tremendous need to depend on God's wisdom. Spending time daily in prayer and Bible study is the first step in raising children in a way that pleases God. He promises that your children will remember the way they've been trained as they grow.

Fathers are to exhibit self-control and wisdom when disciplining and teaching their children: "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). And parents need to encourage their children: "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged" (Colossians 3:21).

Children in turn are commanded to obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1, 2). Though this can sometimes be a challenge for both parents and children, God's Word is clear. Children should honor their parents and treat them with an attitude of respect throughout their lives.

► *Now turn to page 532 for Psalm 86:5 and Point 4. God Provides the Resources Families Need.*

16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his
*riches,*
*And* he who gives to the rich, *will* surely
*come* to poverty.

### *Sayings of the Wise*

17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the
wise,
And apply your heart to my knowledge;
18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if you keep them
within you;
Let them all be fixed upon your lips,
19 So that your trust may be in the LORD;
I have instructed you today, even you.
20 Have I not written to you excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,
21 That I may make you know the certainty of
the words of truth,
That you may answer words of truth
To those who send to you?

22 Do not rob the poor because he *is* poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;
23 For the LORD will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who plunder
them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,
25 Lest you learn his ways
And set a snare for your soul.

26 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in
a pledge,
One of those who is surety for debts;
27 If you have nothing *with which* to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from
under you?

28 Do not remove the ancient landmark
Which your fathers have set.

29 Do you see a man *who* excels in his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before unknown *men.*

23 When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
Consider carefully what *is* before you;
2 And put a knife to your throat
If you *are* a man given to appetite.
3 Do not desire his delicacies,
For they *are* deceptive food.

4 Do not overwork to be rich;
Because of your own understanding, cease!

5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not?
For *riches* certainly make themselves wings;
They fly away like an eagle *toward* heaven.

6 Do not eat the bread of a miser,[a]
Nor desire his delicacies;
7 For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you,
But his heart is not with you.
8 The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit
up,
And waste your pleasant words.

9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your
words.

10 Do not remove the ancient landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;
11 For their Redeemer *is* mighty;
He will plead their cause against you.

12 Apply your heart to instruction,
And your ears to words of knowledge.

13 Do not withhold correction from a child,
For *if* you beat him with a rod, he will not
die.
14 You shall beat him with a rod,
And deliver his soul from hell.[a]

15 My son, if your heart is wise,
My heart will rejoice—indeed, I myself;
16 Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.

17 Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But *be zealous* for the fear of the LORD all the
day;
18 For surely there is a hereafter,
And your hope will not be cut off.

19 Hear, my son, and be wise;
And guide your heart in the way.
20 Do not mix with winebibbers,
*Or* with gluttonous eaters of meat;
21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come
to poverty,
And drowsiness will clothe *a man* with
rags.

22 Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when she is
old.

**23:6** [a]Literally *one who has an evil eye* **23:14** [a]Or *Sheol*

23 Buy the truth, and do not sell *it,*
*Also* wisdom and instruction and
understanding.

24 The father of the righteous will greatly
rejoice,
And he who begets a wise *child* will delight
in him.
25 Let your father and your mother be glad,
And let her who bore you rejoice.

26 My son, give me your heart,
And let your eyes observe my ways.
27 For a harlot *is* a deep pit,
And a seductress *is* a narrow well.
28 She also lies in wait as *for* a victim,
And increases the unfaithful among men.

29 Who has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
30 Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine.
31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
*When* it swirls around smoothly;
32 At the last it bites like a serpent,
And stings like a viper.
33 Your eyes will see strange things,
And your heart will utter perverse things.
34 Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the
midst of the sea,
Or like one who lies at the top of the mast,
*saying:*
35 "They have struck me, *but* I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, but I did not feel *it.*
When shall I awake, that I may seek another
*drink?*"

24 Do not be envious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;
2 For their heart devises violence,
And their lips talk of troublemaking.

3 Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man *is* strong,
Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;
6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own
war,
And in a multitude of counselors *there is*
safety.

7 Wisdom *is* too lofty for a fool;
He does not open his mouth in the gate.

8 He who plots to do evil
Will be called a schemer.
9 The devising of foolishness *is* sin,
And the scoffer *is* an abomination to men.

10 *If* you faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength *is* small.

11 Deliver *those who* are drawn toward death,
And hold back *those* stumbling to the
slaughter.
12 If you say, "Surely we did not know this,"
Does not He who weighs the hearts consider
*it?*
He who keeps your soul, does He *not* know
*it?*
And will He *not* render to *each* man
according to his deeds?

13 My son, eat honey because *it is* good,
And the honeycomb *which is* sweet to your
taste;

MARRIAGE, ANTICIPATING

## 4 A Christ-Centered Home

▶ *See* **Proverbs 24:3, 4**

Study the Bible with your potential spouse to learn how to have a Christ-centered home and marriage, and seek out premarital counseling. Find a qualified pastor, marriage counselor, or Christian psychologist to counsel you in preparing for marriage, including addressing personal, spiritual, financial, and sexual matters.

Pray together with your future spouse for blessing and direction from the Lord, "Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance" (Isaiah 28:29).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul;
If you have found *it,* there is a prospect,
And your hope will not be cut off.

15 Do not lie in wait, O wicked *man,* against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not plunder his resting place;
16 For a righteous *man* may fall seven times
And rise again,
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
18 Lest the LORD see *it,* and it displease Him,
And He turn away His wrath from him.

19 Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the wicked;
20 For there will be no prospect for the evil *man;*
The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

21 My son, fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those given to change;
22 For their calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

### *Further Sayings of the Wise*

23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise:

*It is* not good to show partiality in judgment.
24 He who says to the wicked, "You *are* righteous,"
Him the people will curse;
Nations will abhor him.
25 But those who rebuke *the wicked* will have delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.

26 He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

27 Prepare your outside work,
Make it fit for yourself in the field;
And afterward build your house.

28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause,
For would you deceive[a] with your lips?
29 Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me;
I will render to the man according to his work."

30 I went by the field of the lazy *man,*
And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;
31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns;
Its surface was covered with nettles;
Its stone wall was broken down.
32 When I saw *it,* I considered *it* well;
I looked on *it and* received instruction:
33 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest;
34 So shall your poverty come *like* a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

### *Further Wise Sayings of Solomon*

25 These also *are* proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:

2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.

3 *As* the heavens for height and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from silver,
And it will go to the silversmith *for* jewelry.
5 Take away the wicked from before the king,
And his throne will be established in righteousness.

6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of the great;
7 For *it is* better that he say to you,
"Come up here,"
Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.

8 Do not go hastily to court;
For what will you do in the end,
When your neighbor has put you to shame?
9 Debate your case with your neighbor,
And do not disclose the secret to another;
10 Lest he who hears *it* expose your shame,
And your reputation be ruined.

11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold
In settings of silver.
12 *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold
*Is* a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

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**24:28** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *Do not deceive.*

13 Like the cold of snow in time of harvest
*Is* a faithful messenger to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

14 Whoever falsely boasts of giving
*Is like* clouds and wind without rain.

15 By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded,
And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

16 Have you found honey?
Eat only as much as you need,
Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house,
Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor
*Is like* a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful *man* in time of trouble
*Is like* a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

20 *Like* one who takes away a garment in cold weather,
*And like* vinegar on soda,
*Is* one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat;
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
22 For *so* you will heap coals of fire on his head,
And the LORD will reward you.

23 The north wind brings forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

24 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of a housetop,
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

25 *As* cold water to a weary soul,
So *is* good news from a far country.

26 A righteous *man* who falters before the wicked
*Is like* a murky spring and a polluted well.

27 *It is* not good to eat much honey;
So to seek one's own glory *is not* glory.

28 Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit
*Is like* a city broken down, without walls.

**26** As snow in summer and rain in harvest,
So honor is not fitting for a fool.

2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow,
So a curse without cause shall not alight.

3 A whip for the horse,
A bridle for the donkey,
And a rod for the fool's back.
4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool
Cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence.
7 *Like* the legs of the lame that hang limp
*Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.
8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling
*Is* he who gives honor to a fool.
9 *Like* a thorn *that* goes into the hand of a drunkard
*Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.
10 The great *God* who formed everything
Gives the fool *his* hire and the transgressor *his* wages.[a]
11 As a dog returns to his own vomit,
*So* a fool repeats his folly.
12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
*There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

13 The lazy *man* says, "*There is* a lion in the road!
A fierce lion *is* in the streets!"
14 *As* a door turns on its hinges,
So *does* the lazy *man* on his bed.
15 The lazy *man* buries his hand in the bowl;[a]
It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.
16 The lazy *man is* wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

17 He who passes by *and* meddles in a quarrel not his own
*Is like* one who takes a dog by the ears.

18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,
19 *Is* the man *who* deceives his neighbor,
And says, "I was only joking!"

**26:10** [a]The Hebrew is difficult; ancient and modern translators differ greatly. **26:15** [a]Compare 19:24

20 Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out;
And where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.
21 *As* charcoal *is* to burning coals, and wood to fire,
So *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.
22 The words of a talebearer *are* like tasty trifles,
And they go down into the inmost body.

23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart
*Are like* earthenware covered with silver dross.

24 He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips,
And lays up deceit within himself;
25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him,
For *there are* seven abominations in his heart;
26 *Though his* hatred is covered by deceit,
His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

28 A lying tongue hates *those who are* crushed by it,
And a flattering mouth works ruin.

27 Do not boast about tomorrow,
For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.

3 A stone *is* heavy and sand *is* weighty,
But a fool's wrath *is* heavier than both of them.

4 Wrath *is* cruel and anger a torrent,
But who *is* able to stand before jealousy?

5 Open rebuke *is* better
Than love carefully concealed.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb,
But to a hungry soul every bitter thing *is* sweet.

8 Like a bird that wanders from its nest
*Is* a man who wanders from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume delight the heart,
And the sweetness of a man's friend *gives delight* by hearty counsel.

10 Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend,
Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;
Better *is* a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,
That I may answer him who reproaches me.

12 A prudent *man* foresees evil *and* hides himself;
The simple pass on *and* are punished.

13 Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger,
And hold it in pledge *when* he is surety for a seductress.

14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning,
It will be counted a curse to him.

## THE TONGUE ③ The Lying Tongue

► *See* **Proverbs 26:28**

You might think one little "white lie" is harmless, but lying goes against God. There are no acceptable lies. God's Word teaches us to be lovingly honest, to be patient and kind. Many issues in our current society could be avoided if we did not lie. Being untruthful, whether through word or action, is the foundation of many forms of unfaithfulness; and it creates general mistrust within relationships. God does not tell us simply not to lie, He commands us to tell the truth.

This command to "speak truth" is not a license to speak without discernment. The apostle Paul advises the Ephesian believers to speak with wisdom and grace: "Therefore, putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another. . . . Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:25, 29).

► *Now turn to page 583 for Proverbs 12:18 and Point 4. The Controlled Tongue.*

15 A continual dripping on a very rainy day
And a contentious woman are alike;
16 Whoever restrains her restrains the wind,
And grasps oil with his right hand.

17 *As* iron sharpens iron,
So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit;
So he who waits on his master will be honored.

19 As in water face *reflects* face,
So a man's heart *reveals* the man.

20 Hell[a] and Destruction[b] are never full;
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 The refining pot *is* for silver and the furnace for gold,
And a man *is valued* by what others say of him.

22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain,
*Yet* his foolishness will not depart from him.

23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks,
*And* attend to your herds;
24 For riches *are* not forever,
Nor does a crown *endure* to all generations.
25 *When* the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself,
And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,
26 The lambs *will provide* your clothing,
And the goats the price of a field;
27 *You shall have* enough goats' milk for your food,
For the food of your household,
And the nourishment of your maidservants.

28 The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 Because of the transgression of a land, many *are* its princes;
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge
Right will be prolonged.

3 A poor man who oppresses the poor
*Is like* a driving rain which leaves no food.

4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
But such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD understand all.

6 Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than one perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

7 Whoever keeps the law *is* a discerning son,
But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

8 One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion
Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law,
Even his prayer *is* an abomination.

10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way,
He himself will fall into his own pit;
But the blameless will inherit good.

11 The rich man *is* wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

12 When the righteous rejoice, *there is* great glory;
But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

13 He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

14 Happy *is* the man who is always reverent,
But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

15 *Like* a roaring lion and a charging bear
*Is* a wicked ruler over poor people.

16 A ruler who lacks understanding *is* a great oppressor,
*But* he who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days.

17 A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit;
Let no one help him.

18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved,
But *he who is* perverse *in his* ways will suddenly fall.

**27:20** [a]Or *Sheol* [b]Hebrew *Abaddon*

19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

20 A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

21 To show partiality *is* not good,
Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches,
And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward
Than he who flatters with the tongue.

24 Whoever robs his father or his mother,
And says, "*It is* no transgression,"
The same *is* companion to a destroyer.

25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife,
But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered.

26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

27 He who gives to the poor will not lack,
But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

28 When the wicked arise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He who is often rebuked, *and* hardens *his* neck,
Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

### 3 Recovery from Dependency

► *See* **Proverbs 28:13**

Healing and forgiveness begin with confession. Regardless of the cause of an addiction, as Christians we can ask God to forgive us and help us to heal. You can repent from the use of chemicals and confess that using them is actually a rejection of God's mercy and grace in your life. You can confess that you need God's help to overcome temptation and that you know you cannot do it on your own.

Even after confession and repentance, recovery takes daily work to resist the temptation of dependence on drugs or alcohol. Underlying emotional issues need healing. The way chemicals have been your means of dealing with life needs to be unlearned. To continue in your recovery process, surround yourself with godly people and activities; become involved with a local church whose teaching is based on the Bible. Spend time with mature Christians who can pray for you, encourage you, and hold you accountable. You will need to stop seeing old friends who tempt you to continue in your addiction. Many people benefit from a formal rehabilitation program that helps those who are chemically dependent establish a solid foundation for recovery.

► *Now turn to page 894 for Matthew 11:28–30 and Point 4. A Victorious Life.*

## GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### 2 Confession and Repentance

► *See* **Proverbs 28:13**

To confess means to admit that you have disobeyed God. Confession is the first step in seeking God's forgiveness. You can be tempted to rationalize your own sins, but this is not confession. To deny or excuse sin creates a barrier between you and God, interfering with your relationship. This also hinders your spiritual growth and you can be burdened with guilt (see *Guilt*). Unconfessed sin also affects your spiritual influence on others. You must determine that, with God's help, you will reject sin (repent) and be obedient to His Word. You cannot do this in your own strength, but God is faithful to help you if you ask.

► *Now turn to page 543 for Psalm 103:12 and Point 3. God's Forgiveness Is Complete and Final.*

3 Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice,
But a companion of harlots wastes *his* wealth.

4 The king establishes the land by justice,
But he who receives bribes overthrows it.

5 A man who flatters his neighbor
Spreads a net for his feet.

6 By transgression an evil man is snared,
But the righteous sings and rejoices.

7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor,
*But* the wicked does not understand *such* knowledge.

8 Scoffers set a city aflame,
But wise *men* turn away wrath.

9 *If* a wise man contends with a foolish man,
Whether *the fool* rages or laughs, *there is* no peace.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,
But the upright seek his well-being.[a]

11 A fool vents all his feelings,[a]
But a wise *man* holds them back.

12 If a ruler pays attention to lies,
All his servants *become* wicked.

13 The poor *man* and the oppressor have this in common:
The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

14 The king who judges the poor with truth,
His throne will be established forever.

15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom,
But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their fall.

17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest;
Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

18 Where *there is* no revelation,[a] the people cast off restraint;
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

19 A servant will not be corrected by mere words;
For though he understands, he will not respond.

20 Do you see a man hasty in his words?
*There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

21 He who pampers his servant from childhood
Will have him as a son in the end.

22 An angry man stirs up strife,
And a furious man abounds in transgression.

23 A man's pride will bring him low,
But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

**29:10** [a]Literally *soul* **29:11** [a]Literally *spirit* **29:18** [a]Or *prophetic vision*

## ANGER — 2 Uncontrolled Anger Is Sin

► *See* **PROVERBS 29:22**

Uncontrolled anger is sin. It results in bitterness, resentment, and hostility. Just as with any other sin, uncontrolled anger affects your spiritual growth and your relationship with God. Uncontrolled anger can also lead to physical or emotional damage to other people and to you. If you struggle with uncontrolled anger, God offers forgiveness and help. "But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth" (Colossians 3:8). Confess your sin to God and pray for His transformation in your heart and mind.

Uncontrolled anger is a response that comes from your former nature and it must be unlearned. "Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and . . . put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:22–24).

If you struggle with anger:

- Renounce your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires.
- Renew your mind as you put on God's righteousness. This affirms your status as "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

► *Now turn to page 1066 for Romans 15:13 and Point 3. Hope and Power to Overcome.*

24 Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life;
He swears to tell the truth,[a] but reveals nothing.

25 The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favor,
But justice for man *comes* from the LORD.

27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the righteous,
And *he who is* upright in the way *is* an abomination to the wicked.

### *The Wisdom of Agur*

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *his* utterance. This man declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and Ucal:

2 Surely I *am* more stupid than *any* man,
And do not have the understanding of a man.
3 I neither learned wisdom
Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.

4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name,
If you know?

5 Every word of God *is* pure;
He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
6 Do not add to His words,
Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

7 Two *things* I request of You
(Deprive me not before I die):
8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me;
Give me neither poverty nor riches—
Feed me with the food allotted to me;
9 Lest I be full and deny *You,*
And say, "Who *is* the LORD?"
Or lest I be poor and steal,
And profane the name of my God.

10 Do not malign a servant to his master,
Lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

11 *There is* a generation *that* curses its father,
And does not bless its mother.

12 *There is* a generation *that is* pure in its own eyes,
*Yet* is not washed from its filthiness.
13 *There is* a generation—oh, how lofty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.
14 *There is* a generation whose teeth *are like* swords,
And whose fangs *are like* knives,
To devour the poor from off the earth,
And the needy from *among* men.

15 The leech has two daughters—
Give *and* Give!

There are three *things that* are never satisfied,
Four never say, "Enough!":
16 The grave,[a]
The barren womb,
The earth *that* is not satisfied with water—
And the fire never says, "Enough!"

17 The eye *that* mocks *his* father,
And scorns obedience to *his* mother,
The ravens of the valley will pick it out,
And the young eagles will eat it.

18 There are three *things which* are too wonderful for me,
Yes, four *which* I do not understand:
19 The way of an eagle in the air,
The way of a serpent on a rock,
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea,
And the way of a man with a virgin.

20 This *is* the way of an adulterous woman:
She eats and wipes her mouth,
And says, "I have done no wickedness."

21 For three *things* the earth is perturbed,
Yes, for four it cannot bear up:
22 For a servant when he reigns,
A fool when he is filled with food,
23 A hateful *woman* when she is married,
And a maidservant who succeeds her mistress.

24 There are four *things which* are little on the earth,
But they *are* exceedingly wise:
25 The ants *are* a people not strong,
Yet they prepare their food in the summer;

**29:24** [a]Literally *hears the adjuration* **30:16** [a]Or *Sheol*

26 The rock badgers[a] are a feeble folk,
Yet they make their homes in the crags;
27 The locusts have no king,
Yet they all advance in ranks;
28 The spider[a] skillfully grasps with its hands,
And it is in kings' palaces.

29 There are three *things which* are majestic in pace,
Yes, four *which* are stately in walk:
30 A lion, *which is* mighty among beasts
And does not turn away from any;
31 A greyhound,[a]
A male goat also,
And a king *whose* troops *are* with him.[b]

32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself,
Or if you have devised evil, *put your* hand on *your* mouth.
33 For *as* the churning of milk produces butter,
And wringing the nose produces blood,
So the forcing of wrath produces strife.

### *The Words of King Lemuel's Mother*

31 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:

2 What, my son?
And what, son of my womb?
And what, son of my vows?
3 Do not give your strength to women,
Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel,
*It is* not for kings to drink wine,
Nor for princes intoxicating drink;
5 Lest they drink and forget the law,
And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.
6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing,
And wine to those who are bitter of heart.
7 Let him drink and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.

8 Open your mouth for the speechless,
In the cause of all *who are* appointed to die.[a]
9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,
And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

### *The Virtuous Wife*

10 Who[a] can find a virtuous[b] wife?
For her worth *is* far above rubies.
11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
13 She seeks wool and flax,
And willingly works with her hands.
14 She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.
15 She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.
16 She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a vineyard.
17 She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.
18 She perceives that her merchandise *is* good,
And her lamp does not go out by night.
19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hand holds the spindle.
20 She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.
21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household *is* clothed with scarlet.
22 She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing *is* fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells *them,*
And supplies sashes for the merchants.
25 Strength and honor *are* her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
27 She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband *also,* and he praises her:
29 "Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."
30 Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing,
But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

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**30:26** [a]Or *hyraxes* **30:28** [a]Or *lizard* **30:31** [a]Exact identity unknown [b]A Jewish tradition reads *a king against whom there is no uprising.* **31:8** [a]Literally *sons of passing away* **31:10** [a]Verses 10 through 31 are an alphabetic acrostic in Hebrew (compare Psalm 119). [b]Literally *a wife of valor,* in the sense of all forms of excellence

# The Book of
# ECCLESIASTES

### *The Vanity of Life*

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David,
king in Jerusalem.

2 "Vanity[a] of vanities," says the Preacher;
"Vanity of vanities, all *is* vanity."

3 What profit has a man from all his labor
In which he toils under the sun?
4 *One* generation passes away, and *another*
generation comes;
But the earth abides forever.
5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down,
And hastens to the place where it arose.
6 The wind goes toward the south,
And turns around to the north;
The wind whirls about continually,
And comes again on its circuit.
7 All the rivers run into the sea,
Yet the sea *is* not full;
To the place from which the rivers come,
There they return again.
8 All things *are* full of labor;
Man cannot express *it.*
The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 That which has been *is* what will be,
That which *is* done is what will be done,
And *there is* nothing new under the sun.
10 Is there anything of which it may be said,
"See, this *is* new"?
It has already been in ancient times
before us.
11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things,*
Nor will there be any remembrance of *things*
that are to come
By *those* who will come after.

### *The Grief of Wisdom*

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

15 *What is* crooked cannot be made straight,
And what is lacking cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge." 17 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

18 For in much wisdom *is* much grief,
And he who increases knowledge increases
sorrow.

### *The Vanity of Pleasure*

2 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also *was* vanity. 2 I said of laughter—"Madness!"; and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?" 3 I searched in my heart *how* to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

4 I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards. 5 I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all *kinds* of fruit trees in them. 6 I made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove. 7 I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me. 8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, *and* musical instruments[a] of all kinds.

9 So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep
from them.
I did not withhold my heart from any
pleasure,
For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;
And this was my reward from all my
labor.

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**1:2** [a]Or *Absurdity, Frustration, Futility,* Nonsense; and so throughout this book **2:8** [a]Exact meaning unknown

11 Then I looked on all the works that my
hands had done
And on the labor in which I had toiled;
And indeed all *was* vanity and grasping for
the wind.
*There was* no profit under the sun.

### *The End of the Wise and the Fool*

12 Then I turned myself to consider wisdom
and madness and folly;
For what *can* the man *do* who succeeds the
king?—
*Only* what he has already done.
13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly
As light excels darkness.
14 The wise man's eyes *are* in his head,
But the fool walks in darkness.
Yet I myself perceived
That the same event happens to them all.

15 So I said in my heart,
"As it happens to the fool,
It also happens to me,
And why was I then more wise?"
Then I said in my heart,
"This also *is* vanity."
16 For *there is* no more remembrance of the
wise than of the fool forever,
Since all that now *is* will be forgotten in the
days to come.
And how does a wise *man* die?
As the fool!

17 Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun *was* distressing to me, for all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also *is* vanity. 20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. 22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? 23 For all his days *are* sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.

24 Nothing *is* better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?[a] 26 For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

### *Everything Has Its Time*

3 To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck *what is* planted;
3 A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
4 A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
5 A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
6 A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
7 A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
8 A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

### *The God-Given Task*

9 What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? 10 I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no

**2:25** [a] Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Syriac read *without Him.*

one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

12 I know that nothing *is* better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, 13 and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it *is* the gift of God.

14 I know that whatever God does,
It shall be forever.
Nothing can be added to it,
And nothing taken from it.
God does *it,* that men should fear before Him.
15 That which is has already been,
And what is to be has already been;
And God requires an account of what is past.

### *Injustice Seems to Prevail*

16 Moreover I saw under the sun:

*In* the place of judgment,
Wickedness *was* there;
And *in* the place of righteousness,
Iniquity *was* there.

17 I said in my heart,

"God shall judge the righteous and the wicked,
For *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work."

18 I said in my heart, "Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are *like* animals." 19 For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all *is* vanity. 20 All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust. 21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?[a] 22 So I perceived that nothing *is* better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that *is* his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

4 Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun:

And look! The tears of the oppressed,
But they have no comforter—
On the side of their oppressors *there is* power,
But they have no comforter.
2 Therefore I praised the dead who were already dead,
More than the living who are still alive.
3 Yet, better than both *is he* who has never existed,
Who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

### *The Vanity of Selfish Toil*

4 Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

5 The fool folds his hands
And consumes his own flesh.
6 Better a handful *with* quietness
Than both hands full, *together with* toil and grasping for the wind.

7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun:

8 There is one alone, without companion:
He has neither son nor brother.

**3:21** [a] Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *Who knows whether the spirit . . . goes upward, and whether . . . goes downward to the earth?*

**LONELINESS** **4 Effects of Loneliness**

▶ *See* **Ecclesiastes 4:8–12**

Loneliness is the painful realization that we lack meaningful relationships. This can lead to feelings of emptiness, melancholy, isolation, or even to despair. Further, a sense of rejection and low self-esteem are often present because we can't relate or we feel left out and unwanted. Loneliness becomes a vicious, downward spiral. No matter how hard we try to belong, we feel left out.

Society can contribute to loneliness by making it difficult for some people to maintain identity and meaningful relationships. Constant change tends to make people feel rootless and fragmented. Loneliness becomes more than just a state of mind. It affects the way we view God, other people, and ourselves. Those who acknowledge an ongoing issue with loneliness are admitting a deep and profound need.

▶ *Now turn to page 504 for Psalm 40:1–5 and Point 5. God's Answer for Loneliness.*

Yet *there is* no end to all his labors,
Nor is his eye satisfied with riches.
*But he never asks,*
"For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?"
This also *is* vanity and a grave misfortune.

### *The Value of a Friend*

9 Two *are* better than one,
Because they have a good reward for their labor.
10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.
But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls,
For *he has* no one to help him up.
11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm;
But how can one be warm *alone?*
12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

### *Popularity Passes Away*

13 Better a poor and wise youth
Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more.
14 For he comes out of prison to be king,
Although he was born poor in his kingdom.
15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun;
They were with the second youth who stands in his place.
16 *There was* no end of all the people over whom he was made king;
Yet those who come afterward will not rejoice in him.
Surely this also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

### *Fear God, Keep Your Vows*

5 Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.

2 Do not be rash with your mouth,
And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God.
For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth;
Therefore let your words be few.
3 For a dream comes through much activity,
And a fool's voice *is known* by *his* many words.

4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it;
For *He has* no pleasure in fools.
Pay what you have vowed—
5 Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger *of God* that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse[a] and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there is* also vanity. But fear God.

### *The Vanity of Gain and Honor*

8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.

9 Moreover the profit of the land is for all; *even* the king is served from the field.

10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver;
Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.
This also *is* vanity.

11 When goods increase,
They increase who eat them;
So what profit have the owners
Except to see *them* with their eyes?

**5:6** [a]Literally *voice*

**GAMBLING** — **3 Breaking Free from the Love of Money**

▶ *See* **Ecclesiastes 5:10**

The Bible is clear that the love of money will destroy you. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

If you realize you have a gambling addiction, you must recognize that life is out of control and assume personal responsibility for it. Jesus Christ can break the grip of sin, making all things new (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you do not have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, see *Salvation*. That is the first step.

Next, you must make a clean break, resolving

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12 The sleep of a laboring man *is* sweet,
Whether he eats little or much;
But the abundance of the rich will not
permit him to sleep.

13 There is a severe evil *which* I have seen
under the sun:
Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.
14 But those riches perish through misfortune;
When he begets a son, *there is* nothing in his
hand.
15 As he came from his mother's womb, naked
shall he return,
To go as he came;
And he shall take nothing from his labor
Which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also *is* a severe evil—
Just exactly as he came, so shall he go.
And what profit has he who has labored for
the wind?
17 All his days he also eats in darkness,
And *he has* much sorrow and sickness and
anger.

18 Here is what I have seen: *It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it *is* his heritage. 19 As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this *is* the gift of God. 20 For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men: 2 A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil affliction.

3 If a man begets a hundred *children* and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with goodness, or indeed he has no burial, I say *that* a stillborn child *is* better than he— 4 for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness. 5 Though it has not seen the sun or known *anything,* this has more rest than that man, 6 even if he lives a thousand years twice—but has not seen goodness. Do not all go to one place?

7 All the labor of man *is* for his mouth,
And yet the soul is not satisfied.
8 For what more has the wise *man* than the
fool?
What does the poor man have,
Who knows *how* to walk before the living?
9 Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the
wandering of desire.
This also *is* vanity and grasping for the
wind.

10 Whatever one is, he has been named already,
For it is known that he *is* man;
And he cannot contend with Him who is
mightier than he.
11 Since there are many things that increase
vanity,
How *is* man the better?

12 For who knows what *is* good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will happen after him under the sun?

***GAMBLING: 3. BREAKING FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY** (continued)*

never to return to the gambling table, purchase lottery tickets, play slot machines, or engage in other gambling-related activities. Trust God one day at a time in regard to the temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Abandon your old haunts and sever all relationships related to gambling. Establish new relationships. Find a local Bible-teaching church for worship, Bible study, prayer, and building new friendships to help rebuild your life.

Spend time in prayer daily. Prayer will increase your dependence on God, rather than on luck. Pray for complete deliverance from the bondage to gambling. Read and study the Bible daily, as well. As you ponder God's thoughts, a gradual transformation of your mind and life takes place. Ask for counsel from a qualified pastor or Christian psychologist who can help you deal in depth with the underlying causes that led to your addiction. Also, attending a support group for gamblers could bring very positive results.

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' " (Hebrews 13:5).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*The Value of Practical Wisdom*

7 A good name *is* better than precious ointment,
And the day of death than the day of one's birth;
2 Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting,
For that *is* the end of all men;
And the living will take *it* to heart.
3 Sorrow *is* better than laughter,
For by a sad countenance the heart is made better.
4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning,
But the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise
Than for a man to hear the song of fools.
6 For like the crackling of thorns under a pot,
So *is* the laughter of the fool.
This also is vanity.
7 Surely oppression destroys a wise *man's* reason,
And a bribe debases the heart.

8 The end of a thing *is* better than its beginning;
The patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.
9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools.
10 Do not say,
"Why were the former days better than these?"
For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance,
And profitable to those who see the sun.
12 For wisdom *is* a defense *as* money *is* a defense,
But the excellence of knowledge *is that* wisdom gives life to those who have it.

13 Consider the work of God;
For who can make straight what He has made crooked?
14 In the day of prosperity be joyful,
But in the day of adversity consider:
Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other,
So that man can find out nothing *that will come* after him.

15 I have seen everything in my days of vanity:

There is a just *man* who perishes in his righteousness,
And there is a wicked *man* who prolongs *life* in his wickedness.

16 Do not be overly righteous,
Nor be overly wise:
Why should you destroy yourself?
17 Do not be overly wicked,
Nor be foolish:
Why should you die before your time?
18 *It is* good that you grasp this,
And also not remove your hand from the other;
For he who fears God will escape them all.

19 Wisdom strengthens the wise
More than ten rulers of the city.

20 For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good
And does not sin.

21 Also do not take to heart everything people say,
Lest you hear your servant cursing you.
22 For many times, also, your own heart has known
That even you have cursed others.

23 All this I have proved by wisdom.
I said, "I will be wise";
But it *was* far from me.
24 As for that which is far off and exceedingly deep,
Who can find it out?
25 I applied my heart to know,
To search and seek out wisdom and the reason *of things,*
To know the wickedness of folly,
Even of foolishness *and* madness.
26 And I find more bitter than death
The woman whose heart *is* snares and nets,
Whose hands *are* fetters.
He who pleases God shall escape from her,
But the sinner shall be trapped by her.

27 "Here is what I have found," says the Preacher,
"*Adding* one thing to the other to find out the reason,
28 Which my soul still seeks but I cannot find:
One man among a thousand I have found,
But a woman among all these I have not found.

29 Truly, this only I have found:
That God made man upright,
But they have sought out many schemes."

8 Who *is* like a wise *man?*
And who knows the interpretation of a thing?
A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
And the sternness of his face is changed.

### *Obey Authorities for God's Sake*

2 I *say,* "Keep the king's commandment for the sake of your oath to God. 3 Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him."

4 Where the word of a king *is, there is* power;
And who may say to him, "What are you doing?"
5 He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful;
And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment,
6 Because for every matter there is a time and judgment,
Though the misery of man increases greatly.
7 For he does not know what will happen;
So who can tell him when it will occur?
8 No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit,
And no one has power in the day of death.
*There is* no release from that war,
And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.

9 All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: *There is* a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.

### *Death Comes to All*

10 Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten[a] in the city where they had so done. This also *is* vanity. 11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times,* and his *days* are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. 13 But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

14 There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also *is* vanity.

15 So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor *all* the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night, 17 then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover *it,* yet he will not find *it;* moreover, though a wise *man* attempts to know *it,* he will not be able to find *it.*

9 For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred *by* anything *they see* before them. 2 All things *come* alike to all:

One event *happens* to the righteous and the wicked;
To the good,[a] the clean, and the unclean;
To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice.
As is the good, so *is* the sinner;
He who takes an oath as *he* who fears an oath.

3 This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead. 4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they will die;
But the dead know nothing,
And they have no more reward,
For the memory of them is forgotten.
6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished;
Nevermore will they have a share
In anything done under the sun.

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**8:10** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *praised.* **9:2** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *good and bad.*

7 Go, eat your bread with joy,
And drink your wine with a merry heart;
For God has already accepted your works.
8 Let your garments always be white,
And let your head lack no oil.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.
10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with your might; for *there is* no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.
11 I returned and saw under the sun that—

The race *is* not to the swift,
Nor the battle to the strong,
Nor bread to the wise,
Nor riches to men of understanding,
Nor favor to men of skill;
But time and chance happen to them all.
12 For man also does not know his time:
Like fish taken in a cruel net,
Like birds caught in a snare,
So the sons of men *are* snared in an evil time,
When it falls suddenly upon them.

### *Wisdom Superior to Folly*

13 This wisdom I have also seen under the sun, and it *seemed* great to me: 14 *There was* a little city with few men in it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great snares[a] around it. 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.
16 Then I said:

"Wisdom *is* better than strength.
Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised,
And his words are not heard.
17 Words of the wise, *spoken* quietly, *should be* heard
Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.
18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war;
But one sinner destroys much good."

10 Dead flies putrefy[a] the perfumer's ointment,
And cause it to give off a foul odor;
*So does* a little folly to one respected for wisdom *and* honor.

2 A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand,
But a fool's heart at his left.
3 Even when a fool walks along the way,
He lacks wisdom,
And he shows everyone *that* he *is* a fool.
4 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you,
Do not leave your post;
For conciliation pacifies great offenses.

5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun,
As an error proceeding from the ruler:
6 Folly is set in great dignity,
While the rich sit in a lowly place.
7 I have seen servants on horses,
While princes walk on the ground like servants.

8 He who digs a pit will fall into it,
And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.
9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them,
*And* he who splits wood may be endangered by it.
10 If the ax is dull,
And one does not sharpen the edge,
Then he must use more strength;
But wisdom brings success.

11 A serpent may bite when *it is* not charmed;
The babbler is no different.
12 The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious,
But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up;
13 The words of his mouth begin with foolishness,
And the end of his talk *is* raving madness.
14 A fool also multiplies words.
No man knows what is to be;
Who can tell him what will be after him?
15 The labor of fools wearies them,
For they do not even know how to go to the city!

16 Woe to you, O land, when your king *is* a child,
And your princes feast in the morning!
17 Blessed *are* you, O land, when your king *is* the son of nobles,
And your princes feast at the proper time—
For strength and not for drunkenness!

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**9:14** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *bulwarks.*
**10:1** [a]Targum and Vulgate omit *putrefy.*

18 Because of laziness the building decays,
And through idleness of hands the house leaks.
19 A feast is made for laughter,
And wine makes merry;
But money answers everything.

20 Do not curse the king, even in your thought;
Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom;
For a bird of the air may carry your voice,
And a bird in flight may tell the matter.

### *The Value of Diligence*

11 Cast your bread upon the waters,
For you will find it after many days.
2 Give a serving to seven, and also to eight,
For you do not know what evil will be on the earth.

3 If the clouds are full of rain,
They empty *themselves* upon the earth;
And if a tree falls to the south or the north,
In the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie.
4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
And he who regards the clouds will not reap.

5 As you do not know what *is* the way of the wind,[a]
*Or* how the bones *grow* in the womb of her who is with child,
So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.
6 In the morning sow your seed,
And in the evening do not withhold your hand;
For you do not know which will prosper,
Either this or that,
Or whether both alike *will be* good.

7 Truly the light is sweet,
And *it is* pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun;
8 But if a man lives many years
*And* rejoices in them all,
Yet let him remember the days of darkness,
For they will be many.
All that is coming *is* vanity.

### *Seek God in Early Life*

9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,
And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
God will bring you into judgment.
10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,
And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth *are* vanity.

12 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you say,
"I have no pleasure in them":
2 While the sun and the light,
The moon and the stars,
Are not darkened,
And the clouds do not return after the rain;
3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble,
And the strong men bow down;
When the grinders cease because they are few,
And those that look through the windows grow dim;
4 When the doors are shut in the streets,
And the sound of grinding is low;
When one rises up at the sound of a bird,
And all the daughters of music are brought low.
5 Also they are afraid of height,
And of terrors in the way;
When the almond tree blossoms,
The grasshopper is a burden,
And desire fails.
For man goes to his eternal home,
And the mourners go about the streets.

6 *Remember your Creator* before the silver cord is loosed,[a]
Or the golden bowl is broken,
Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,
Or the wheel broken at the well.
7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,
And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"All *is* vanity."

**11:5** [a]Or *spirit* **12:6** [a]Following Qere and Targum; Kethib reads *removed;* Septuagint and Vulgate read *broken*.

*The Whole Duty of Man*

9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise,
he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out *and* set in order many
proverbs. 10 The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and *what was* written *was* upright—
words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like
goads, and the words of scholars[a] are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. 12 And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making
many books *there is* no end, and much study *is*
wearisome to the flesh.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.
14 For God will bring every work into
judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.

**12:11** [a] Literally *masters of the assemblies*

# The
# SONG OF SOLOMON

1 The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.

***The Banquet***

The Shulamite[a]

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
For your[b] love *is* better than wine.
3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments,
Your name *is* ointment poured forth;
Therefore the virgins love you.
4 Draw me away!

The Daughters of Jerusalem

We will run after you.[a]

The Shulamite

The king has brought me into his chambers.

The Daughters of Jerusalem

We will be glad and rejoice in you.[b]

We will remember your[c] love more than wine.

The Shulamite

Rightly do they love you.[d]

5 I *am* dark, but lovely,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
Like the tents of Kedar,
Like the curtains of Solomon.
6 Do not look upon me, because I *am* dark,
Because the sun has tanned me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
They made me the keeper of the vineyards,
*But* my own vineyard I have not kept.

(To Her Beloved)

7 Tell me, O you whom I love,
Where you feed *your flock,*
Where you make *it* rest at noon.
For why should I be as one who veils herself[a]
By the flocks of your companions?

The Beloved

8 If you do not know, O fairest among women,
Follow in the footsteps of the flock,
And feed your little goats
Beside the shepherds' tents.
9 I have compared you, my love,
To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.
10 Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments,
Your neck with chains *of gold.*

The Daughters of Jerusalem

11 We will make you[a] ornaments of gold
With studs of silver.

The Shulamite

12 While the king *is* at his table,
My spikenard sends forth its fragrance.
13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my beloved to me,
That lies all night between my breasts.
14 My beloved *is* to me a cluster of henna *blooms*
In the vineyards of En Gedi.

The Beloved

15 Behold, you *are* fair, my love!
Behold, you *are* fair!
You *have* dove's eyes.

The Shulamite

16 Behold, you *are* handsome, my beloved!
Yes, pleasant!
Also our bed *is* green.
17 The beams of our houses *are* cedar,
*And* our rafters of fir.

2 I *am* the rose of Sharon,
*And* the lily of the valleys.

The Beloved

2 Like a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.

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**1:2** [a]A Palestinian young woman (compare 6:13). The speaker and audience are identified according to the number, gender, and person of the Hebrew words. Occasionally the identity is not certain. [b]Masculine singular, that is, the Beloved **1:4** [a]Masculine singular, that is, the Beloved [b]Feminine singular, that is, the Shulamite [c]Masculine singular, that is, the Beloved [d]Masculine singular, that is, the Beloved **1:7** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *wanders*. **1:11** [a]Feminine singular, that is, the Shulamite

THE SHULAMITE

3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the
woods,
So *is* my beloved among the sons.
I sat down in his shade with great delight,
And his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.

THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

4 He brought me to the banqueting house,
And his banner over me *was* love.
5 Sustain me with cakes of raisins,
Refresh me with apples,
For I *am* lovesick.

6 His left hand *is* under my head,
And his right hand embraces me.
7 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the gazelles or by the does of the field,
Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.

### *The Beloved's Request*

THE SHULAMITE

8 The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills.
9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young
stag.
Behold, he stands behind our wall;
He is looking through the windows,
Gazing through the lattice.

10 My beloved spoke, and said to me:
"Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away.
11 For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over *and* gone.
12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.
13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs,
And the vines *with* the tender grapes
Give a *good* smell.
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away!

14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
In the secret *places* of the cliff,
Let me see your face,
Let me hear your voice;
For your voice *is* sweet,
And your face *is* lovely."

HER BROTHERS

15 Catch us the foxes,
The little foxes that spoil the vines,
For our vines *have* tender grapes.

THE SHULAMITE

16 My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his.
He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.

(TO HER BELOVED)

17 Until the day breaks
And the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved,
And be like a gazelle
Or a young stag
Upon the mountains of Bether.[a]

### *A Troubled Night*

THE SHULAMITE

3 By night on my bed I sought the one I
love;
I sought him, but I did not find him.
2 "I will rise now," *I said,*
"And go about the city;
In the streets and in the squares
I will seek the one I love."
I sought him, but I did not find him.
3 The watchmen who go about the city
found me;
*I said,*
"Have you seen the one I love?"

4 Scarcely had I passed by them,
When I found the one I love.
I held him and would not let him go,
Until I had brought him to the house of
my mother,
And into the chamber of her who
conceived me.

5 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the gazelles or by the does of the
field,
Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.

**2:17** [a]Literally *Separation*

*The Coming of Solomon*

THE SHULAMITE

6 Who *is* this coming out of the wilderness
Like pillars of smoke,
Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
With all the merchant's fragrant powders?
7 Behold, it *is* Solomon's couch,
*With* sixty valiant men around it,
Of the valiant of Israel.
8 They all hold swords,
*Being* expert in war.
Every man *has* his sword on his thigh
Because of fear in the night.

9 Of the wood of Lebanon
Solomon the King
Made himself a palanquin:[a]
10 He made its pillars *of* silver,
Its support *of* gold,
Its seat *of* purple,
Its interior paved *with* love
By the daughters of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion,
And see King Solomon with the crown
With which his mother crowned him
On the day of his wedding,
The day of the gladness of his heart.

*The Bridegroom Praises the Bride*

THE BELOVED

4 Behold, you *are* fair, my love!
Behold, you *are* fair!
You *have* dove's eyes behind your veil.
Your hair *is* like a flock of goats,
Going down from Mount Gilead.
2 Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep*
Which have come up from the washing,
Every one of which bears twins,
And none *is* barren among them.
3 Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet,
And your mouth is lovely.
Your temples behind your veil
*Are* like a piece of pomegranate.
4 Your neck *is* like the tower of David,
Built for an armory,
On which hang a thousand bucklers,
All shields of mighty men.
5 Your two breasts *are* like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle,
Which feed among the lilies.
6 Until the day breaks
And the shadows flee away,
I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh
And to the hill of frankincense.

7 You *are* all fair, my love,
And *there is* no spot in you.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse,
With me from Lebanon.
Look from the top of Amana,
From the top of Senir and Hermon,
From the lions' dens,
From the mountains of the leopards.

9 You have ravished my heart,
My sister, *my* spouse;
You have ravished my heart
With one *look* of your eyes,
With one link of your necklace.
10 How fair is your love,
My sister, *my* spouse!
How much better than wine is your love,
And the scent of your perfumes
Than all spices!
11 Your lips, O *my* spouse,
Drip as the honeycomb;
Honey and milk *are* under your tongue;
And the fragrance of your garments
*Is* like the fragrance of Lebanon.

12 A garden enclosed
*Is* my sister, *my* spouse,
A spring shut up,
A fountain sealed.
13 Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates
With pleasant fruits,
Fragrant henna with spikenard,
14 Spikenard and saffron,
Calamus and cinnamon,
With all trees of frankincense,
Myrrh and aloes,
With all the chief spices—
15 A fountain of gardens,
A well of living waters,
And streams from Lebanon.

THE SHULAMITE

16 Awake, O north *wind,*
And come, O south!
Blow upon my garden,
*That* its spices may flow out.

**3:9** [a] A portable enclosed chair

Let my beloved come to his garden
And eat its pleasant fruits.

THE BELOVED

5 I have come to my garden, my sister, *my* spouse;
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my milk.

(TO HIS FRIENDS)

Eat, O friends!
Drink, yes, drink deeply,
O beloved ones!

### *The Shulamite's Troubled Evening*

THE SHULAMITE

2 I sleep, but my heart is awake;
*It is* the voice of my beloved!
He knocks, *saying,*
"Open for me, my sister, my love,
My dove, my perfect one;
For my head is covered with dew,
My locks with the drops of the night."

3 I have taken off my robe;
How can I put it on *again?*
I have washed my feet;
How can I defile them?
4 My beloved put his hand
By the latch *of the door,*
And my heart yearned for him.
5 I arose to open for my beloved,
And my hands dripped *with* myrrh,
My fingers with liquid myrrh,
On the handles of the lock.

6 I opened for my beloved,
But my beloved had turned away *and* was gone.
My heart leaped up when he spoke.
I sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.
7 The watchmen who went about the city found me.
They struck me, they wounded me;
The keepers of the walls
Took my veil away from me.
8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
If you find my beloved,
That you tell him I *am* lovesick!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

9 What *is* your beloved
More than *another* beloved,
O fairest among women?
What *is* your beloved
More than *another* beloved,
That you so charge us?

THE SHULAMITE

10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy,
Chief among ten thousand.
11 His head *is like* the finest gold;
His locks *are* wavy,
*And* black as a raven.
12 His eyes *are* like doves
By the rivers of waters,
Washed with milk,
*And* fitly set.
13 His cheeks *are* like a bed of spices,
Banks of scented herbs.
His lips *are* lilies,
Dripping liquid myrrh.

14 His hands *are* rods of gold
Set with beryl.
His body *is* carved ivory
Inlaid *with* sapphires.
15 His legs *are* pillars of marble
Set on bases of fine gold.
His countenance *is* like Lebanon,
Excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth *is* most sweet,
Yes, he *is* altogether lovely.
This *is* my beloved,
And this *is* my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

6 Where has your beloved gone,
O fairest among women?
Where has your beloved turned aside,
That we may seek him with you?

THE SHULAMITE

2 My beloved has gone to his garden,
To the beds of spices,
To feed *his flock* in the gardens,
And to gather lilies.
3 I *am* my beloved's,
And my beloved *is* mine.
He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.

*Praise of the Shulamite's Beauty*

THE BELOVED

4 O my love, you *are as* beautiful as Tirzah,
Lovely as Jerusalem,
Awesome as *an army* with banners!
5 Turn your eyes away from me,
For they have overcome me.
Your hair *is* like a flock of goats
Going down from Gilead.
6 Your teeth *are* like a flock of sheep
Which have come up from the washing;
Every one bears twins,
And none *is* barren among them.
7 Like a piece of pomegranate
*Are* your temples behind your veil.

8 There are sixty queens
And eighty concubines,
And virgins without number.
9 My dove, my perfect one,
Is the only one,
The only one of her mother,
The favorite of the one who bore her.
The daughters saw her
And called her blessed,
The queens and the concubines,
And they praised her.

10 Who is she who looks forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon,
Clear as the sun,
Awesome as *an army* with banners?

THE SHULAMITE

11 I went down to the garden of nuts
To see the verdure of the valley,
To see whether the vine had budded
*And* the pomegranates had bloomed.
12 Before I was even aware,
My soul had made me
*As* the chariots of my noble people.[a]

THE BELOVED AND HIS FRIENDS

13 Return, return, O Shulamite;
Return, return, that we may look upon you!

THE SHULAMITE

What would you see in the Shulamite—
As it were, the dance of the two camps?[a]

*Expressions of Praise*

THE BELOVED

7 How beautiful are your feet in sandals,
O prince's daughter!
The curves of your thighs *are* like jewels,
The work of the hands of a skillful workman.
2 Your navel *is* a rounded goblet;
It lacks no blended beverage.
Your waist *is* a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.
3 Your two breasts *are* like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle.
4 Your neck *is* like an ivory tower,
Your eyes *like* the pools in Heshbon
By the gate of Bath Rabbim.
Your nose *is* like the tower of Lebanon
Which looks toward Damascus.
5 Your head *crowns* you like *Mount* Carmel,
And the hair of your head *is* like purple;
A king *is* held captive by *your* tresses.

6 How fair and how pleasant you are,
O love, with your delights!
7 This stature of yours is like a palm tree,
And your breasts *like* its clusters.
8 I said, "I will go up to the palm tree,
I will take hold of its branches."
Let now your breasts be like clusters of he vine,
The fragrance of your breath like apples,
9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine.

THE SHULAMITE

*The wine* goes *down* smoothly for my beloved,
Moving gently the lips of sleepers.[a]
10 I *am* my beloved's,
And his desire *is* toward me.

11 Come, my beloved,
Let us go forth to the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see if the vine has budded,
*Whether* the grape blossoms are open,

**6:12** [a]Hebrew *Ammi Nadib* **6:13** [a]Hebrew *Mahanaim*
**7:9** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *lips and teeth*.

*And* the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.
13 The mandrakes give off a fragrance,
And at our gates *are* pleasant *fruits,*
All manner, new and old,
Which I have laid up for you, my beloved.

8 Oh, that you were like my brother,
Who nursed at my mother's breasts!
*If* I should find you outside,
I would kiss you;
I would not be despised.
2 I would lead you *and* bring you
Into the house of my mother,
She *who* used to instruct me.
I would cause you to drink of spiced wine,
Of the juice of my pomegranate.

(To the Daughters of Jerusalem)

3 His left hand *is* under my head,
And his right hand embraces me.
4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.

### *Love Renewed in Lebanon*

A Relative

5 Who *is* this coming up from the
wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?

I awakened you under the apple tree.
There your mother brought you forth;
There she *who* bore you brought *you* forth.

The Shulamite to Her Beloved

6 Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love *is as* strong as death,
Jealousy *as* cruel as the grave;[a]
Its flames *are* flames of fire,
A most vehement flame.[b]

7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.
If a man would give for love
All the wealth of his house,
It would be utterly despised.

The Shulamite's Brothers

8 We have a little sister,
And she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
In the day when she is spoken for?
9 If she *is* a wall,
We will build upon her
A battlement of silver;
And if she *is* a door,
We will enclose her
With boards of cedar.

The Shulamite

10 I *am* a wall,
And my breasts like towers;
Then I became in his eyes
As one who found peace.
11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon;
He leased the vineyard to keepers;
Everyone was to bring for its fruit
A thousand silver *coins.*

(To Solomon)

12 My own vineyard *is* before me.
You, O Solomon, *may have* a thousand,
And those who tend its fruit two hundred.

The Beloved

13 You who dwell in the gardens,
The companions listen for your voice—
Let me hear it!

The Shulamite

14 Make haste, my beloved,
And be like a gazelle
Or a young stag
On the mountains of spices.

**8:6** [a]Or *Sheol* [b]Literally *A flame of Yah* (a poetic form of *YHWH, the Lord*)

# The Book of
# ISAIAH

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which
he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in
the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and*
Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

### *The Wickedness of Judah*

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!
For the LORD has spoken:
"I have nourished and brought up children,
And they have rebelled against Me;
3 The ox knows its owner
And the donkey its master's crib;
*But* Israel does not know,
My people do not consider."

4 Alas, sinful nation,
A people laden with iniquity,
A brood of evildoers,
Children who are corrupters!
They have forsaken the LORD,
They have provoked to anger
The Holy One of Israel,
They have turned away backward.

5 Why should you be stricken again?
You will revolt more and more.
The whole head is sick,
And the whole heart faints.
6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,
*There is* no soundness in it,
*But* wounds and bruises and putrefying sores;
They have not been closed or bound up,
Or soothed with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate,
Your cities *are* burned with fire;
Strangers devour your land in your presence;
And *it is* desolate, as overthrown by
strangers.
8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a
vineyard,
As a hut in a garden of cucumbers,
As a besieged city.
9 Unless the LORD of hosts
Had left to us a very small remnant,
We would have become like Sodom,
We would have been made like Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD,
You rulers of Sodom;
Give ear to the law of our God,
You people of Gomorrah:
11 "To what purpose *is* the multitude of your
sacrifices to Me?"
Says the LORD.
"I have had enough of burnt offerings of
rams
And the fat of fed cattle.
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
Or of lambs or goats.

12 "When you come to appear before Me,
Who has required this from your hand,
To trample My courts?
13 Bring no more futile sacrifices;
Incense is an abomination to Me.
The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the
calling of assemblies—
I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred
meeting.
14 Your New Moons and your appointed
feasts
My soul hates;
They are a trouble to Me,
I am weary of bearing *them.*
15 When you spread out your hands,
I will hide My eyes from you;
Even though you make many prayers,
I will not hear.
Your hands are full of blood.

16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Put away the evil of your doings from before
My eyes.
Cease to do evil,
17 Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Rebuke the oppressor;[a]
Defend the fatherless,
Plead for the widow.

18 "Come now, and let us reason together,"
Says the LORD,
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.

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**1:17** [a]Some ancient versions read *the oppressed.*

19 If you are willing and obedient,
You shall eat the good of the land;
20 But if you refuse and rebel,
You shall be devoured by the sword";
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*The Degenerate City*

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot!
It was full of justice;
Righteousness lodged in it,
But now murderers.
22 Your silver has become dross,
Your wine mixed with water.
23 Your princes *are* rebellious,
And companions of thieves;
Everyone loves bribes,
And follows after rewards.
They do not defend the fatherless,
Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

24 Therefore the Lord says,
The LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel,
"Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries,
And take vengeance on My enemies.
25 I will turn My hand against you,
And thoroughly purge away your dross,
And take away all your alloy.
26 I will restore your judges as at the first,
And your counselors as at the beginning.
Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city."

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice,
And her penitents with righteousness.
28 The destruction of transgressors and of sinners *shall be* together,
And those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.
29 For they[a] shall be ashamed of the terebinth trees
Which you have desired;
And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens
Which you have chosen.
30 For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades,
And as a garden that has no water.
31 The strong shall be as tinder,
And the work of it as a spark;
Both will burn together,
And no one shall quench *them*.

*The Future House of God*

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
*That* the mountain of the LORD's house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow to it.
3 Many people shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations,
And rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

*The Day of the LORD*

5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk
In the light of the LORD.

6 For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob,
Because they are filled with eastern ways;
They *are* soothsayers like the Philistines,
And they are pleased with the children of foreigners.
7 Their land is also full of silver and gold,
And there is no end to their treasures;
Their land is also full of horses,
And there is no end to their chariots.
8 Their land is also full of idols;
They worship the work of their own hands,
That which their own fingers have made.
9 People bow down,
And each man humbles himself;
Therefore do not forgive them.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,

**1:29** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts and Targum read *you*.

The haughtiness of men shall be bowed
down,
And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that
day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts
*Shall come* upon everything proud and lofty,
Upon everything lifted up—
And it shall be brought low—
13 Upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high
and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;
14 Upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills *that are* lifted up;
15 Upon every high tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
16 Upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all the beautiful sloops.
17 The loftiness of man shall be bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be
brought low;
The LORD alone will be exalted in that day,
18 But the idols He shall utterly abolish.

19 They shall go into the holes of the rocks,
And into the caves of the earth,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

20 In that day a man will cast away his idols of
silver
And his idols of gold,
Which they made, *each* for himself to
worship,
To the moles and bats,
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crags of the rugged rocks,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

22 Sever yourselves from such a man,
Whose breath *is* in his nostrils;
For of what account is he?

### *Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem*

3 For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah
The stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and the whole
supply of water;
2 The mighty man and the man of war,
The judge and the prophet,
And the diviner and the elder;
3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man,
The counselor and the skillful artisan,
And the expert enchanter.

4 "I will give children *to be* their princes,
And babes shall rule over them.
5 The people will be oppressed,
Every one by another and every one by his
neighbor;
The child will be insolent toward the elder,
And the base toward the honorable."

6 When a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father, *saying,*
"You have clothing;
You be our ruler,
And *let* these ruins *be* under your power,"[a]
7 In that day he will protest, saying,
"I cannot cure *your* ills,
For in my house *is* neither food nor clothing;
Do not make me a ruler of the people."

8 For Jerusalem stumbled,
And Judah is fallen,
Because their tongue and their doings
*Are* against the LORD,
To provoke the eyes of His glory.
9 The look on their countenance witnesses
against them,
And they declare their sin as Sodom;
They do not hide *it.*
Woe to their soul!
For they have brought evil upon themselves.

10 "Say to the righteous that *it shall be* well *with
them,*
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
11 Woe to the wicked! *It shall be* ill *with him,*
For the reward of his hands shall be given
him.
12 *As for* My people, children *are* their
oppressors,
And women rule over them.
O My people! Those who lead you cause *you*
to err,
And destroy the way of your paths."

### *Oppression and Luxury Condemned*

13 The LORD stands up to plead,
And stands to judge the people.
14 The LORD will enter into judgment

**3:6** [a]Literally *hand*

With the elders of His people
And His princes:
"For you have eaten up the vineyard;
The plunder of the poor *is* in your houses.
15 What do you mean by crushing My people
And grinding the faces of the poor?"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts.

16 Moreover the LORD says:

"Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with outstretched necks
And wanton eyes,
Walking and mincing *as* they go,
Making a jingling with their feet,
17 Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab
The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,
And the LORD will uncover their secret parts."

18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery:
The jingling anklets, the scarves, and the crescents;
19 The pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;
20 The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands;
The perfume boxes, the charms,
21 and the rings;
The nose jewels,
22 the festal apparel, and the mantles;
The outer garments, the purses,
23 and the mirrors;
The fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

24 And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench;
Instead of a sash, a rope;
Instead of well-set hair, baldness;
Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth;
And branding instead of beauty.
25 Your men shall fall by the sword,
And your mighty in the war.

26 Her gates shall lament and mourn,
And she *being* desolate shall sit on the ground.

4 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying,
"We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel;
Only let us be called by your name,
To take away our reproach."

*The Renewal of Zion*

2 In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious;
And the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and appealing
For those of Israel who have escaped.

3 And it shall come to pass that *he who is* left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. 4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, 5 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there *will be* a covering. 6 And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

*God's Disappointing Vineyard*

5 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved
A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard
On a very fruitful hill.
2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine.
He built a tower in its midst,
And also made a winepress in it;
So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes,
But it brought forth wild grapes.

3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.
4 What more could have been done to My vineyard
That I have not done in it?
Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes,
Did it bring forth wild grapes?
5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:
I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;
*And* break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
6 I will lay it waste;
It shall not be pruned or dug,

But there shall come up briers and thorns.
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain on it."

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the
house of Israel,
And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant.
He looked for justice, but behold, oppression;
For righteousness, but behold, a cry *for help.*

*Impending Judgment on Excesses*

8 Woe to those who join house to house;
They add field to field,
Till *there is* no place
Where they may dwell alone in the midst of
the land!
9 In my hearing the LORD of hosts *said,*
"Truly, many houses shall be desolate,
Great and beautiful ones, without inhabitant.
10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one
bath,
And a homer of seed shall yield one ephah."

11 Woe to those who rise early in the
morning,
*That* they may follow intoxicating drink;
Who continue until night, *till* wine inflames
them!
12 The harp and the strings,
The tambourine and flute,
And wine are in their feasts;
But they do not regard the work of the LORD,
Nor consider the operation of His hands.

13 Therefore my people have gone into
captivity,
Because *they have* no knowledge;
Their honorable men *are* famished,
And their multitude dried up with thirst.
14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself
And opened its mouth beyond measure;
Their glory and their multitude and their
pomp,
And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.
15 People shall be brought down,
Each man shall be humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.
16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in
judgment,
And God who is holy shall be hallowed in
righteousness.
17 Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture,
And in the waste places of the fat ones
strangers shall eat.

18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords
of vanity,
And sin as if with a cart rope;
19 That say, "Let Him make speed *and* hasten
His work,
That we may see *it;*
And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel
draw near and come,
That we may know *it.*"

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good
evil;
Who put darkness for light, and light for
darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for
bitter!

21 Woe to *those who are* wise in their
own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe to men mighty at drinking wine,
Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating
drink,
23 Who justify the wicked for a bribe,
And take away justice from the righteous
man!

24 Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble,
And the flame consumes the chaff,
*So* their root will be as rottenness,
And their blossom will ascend like dust;
Because they have rejected the law of the
LORD of hosts,
And despised the word of the Holy One of
Israel.
25 Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused
against His people;
He has stretched out His hand against
them
And stricken them,
And the hills trembled.
Their carcasses *were* as refuse in the midst of
the streets.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from
afar,
And will whistle to them from the end of the
earth;
Surely they shall come with speed, swiftly.
27 No one will be weary or stumble among
them,

No one will slumber or sleep;
Nor will the belt on their loins be loosed,
Nor the strap of their sandals be broken;
28 Whose arrows *are* sharp,
And all their bows bent;
Their horses' hooves will seem like flint,
And their wheels like a whirlwind.
29 Their roaring *will be* like a lion,
They will roar like young lions;
Yes, they will roar
And lay hold of the prey;
They will carry *it* away safely,
And no one will deliver.
30 In that day they will roar against them
Like the roaring of the sea.
And if *one* looks to the land,
Behold, darkness *and* sorrow;
And the light is darkened by the clouds.

### *Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet*

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. 2Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"

4And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5So I said:

"Woe *is* me, for I am undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The LORD of hosts."

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7And he touched my mouth *with it,* and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin purged."

8Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

## ANGELS — 3 Angels' Characteristics

► *See* **Isaiah 6:2, 6**

There are many opinions about angels and what they are like; we look to the Bible for God's insight on His messengers. The Bible may not tell us everything we want to know about angels; but we know God's Word is true, and from it we can glean the following. Some passages, as this one, describe angels as having wings (see also Daniel 9:21). Angels are powerful holy beings (2 Peter 2:11; Luke 9:26) who do not have physical bodies as we know them. They are usually invisible to the human eye; however, at times their appearance is glorious with the light of God surrounding them (Matthew 28:2–4). They occasionally appear in human form (Genesis 19). In fact, Hebrews 13:2 warns, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

In his book, *Angels: God's Secret Agents,* Billy Graham said, "We may not always be aware of the presence of angels. We can't always predict how they will appear. But angels have been said to be our neighbors. Often they may be our companions without our being aware of their presence. We know little of their constant ministry. The Bible assures us, however, that one day our eyes will be unscaled to see and know the full extent of the attention angels have given us (1 Corinthians 13:11, 12)."

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## WITNESSING AT WORK — 2 Preparing Yourself to Witness

► *See* **Isaiah 6:8**

Repentance and a right relationship with God are the first steps in preparing to witness. The prophet Isaiah had a vision from God in which he was overcome with his sin and the sin of his people. In the vision, God purged his sin; and Isaiah was made clean and ready to respond to the Lord: "Here am I! Send me."

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"Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?"

Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me."
9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people:

'Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

10 "Make the heart of this people dull,
And their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes;
Lest they see with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And return and be healed."

11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?"
And He answered:

"Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,
The houses are without a man,
The land is utterly desolate,
12 The LORD has removed men far away,
And the forsaken places *are* many in the midst of the land.
13 But yet a tenth *will be* in it,
And will return and be for consuming,
As a terebinth tree or as an oak,
Whose stump *remains* when it is cut down.
So the holy seed *shall be* its stump."

### *Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz*

7 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to *make* war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told to the house of David, saying, "Syria's forces are deployed in Ephraim." So his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the woods are moved with the wind.

3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub[a] your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field, 4 and say to him: 'Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear or be faint-hearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, 6 "Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel"— 7 thus says the Lord GOD:

"It shall not stand,
Nor shall it come to pass.
8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus,
And the head of Damascus *is* Rezin.
Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken,
*So that it will* not *be* a people.
9 The head of Ephraim *is* Samaria,
And the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son.
If you will not believe,
Surely you shall not be established."'"

### *The Immanuel Prophecy*

10 Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"

13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.[a] 15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings. 17 The LORD will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father's house—days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah."

**7:3** [a]Literally *A Remnant Shall Return* **7:14** [a]Literally *God-With-Us*

***WITNESSING AT WORK: 2. PREPARING YOURSELF TO WITNESS** (continued)*

If the Holy Spirit is living in you, your presence at work is Christ's presence to your coworkers. Stay close to God through prayer, Bible study, and obedience. People most often commit their lives to Christ through a relationship with a Christian in their lives.

► *Now turn to page 892 for Matthew 10:19, 20 and Point 3. Rely on the Holy Spirit.*

18 And it shall come to pass in that day
*That* the LORD will whistle for the fly
That *is* in the farthest part of the rivers of Egypt,
And for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.
19 They will come, and all of them will rest
In the desolate valleys and in the clefts of the rocks,
And on all thorns and in all pastures.

20 In the same day the Lord will shave with a hired razor,
With those from beyond the River,[a] with the king of Assyria,
The head and the hair of the legs,
And will also remove the beard.

21 It shall be in that day
*That* a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep;
22 So it shall be, from the abundance of milk they give,
That he will eat curds;
For curds and honey everyone will eat who is left in the land.

23 It shall happen in that day,
*That* wherever there could be a thousand vines
*Worth* a thousand *shekels* of silver,
It will be for briers and thorns.
24 With arrows and bows *men* will come there,
Because all the land will become briers and thorns.

25 And to any hill which could be dug with the hoe,
You will not go there for fear of briers and thorns;
But it will become a range for oxen
And a place for sheep to roam.

### *Assyria Will Invade the Land*

8 Moreover the LORD said to me, "Take a large scroll, and write on it with a man's pen concerning Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.[a] 2 And I will take for Myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

3 Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me,

**7:20** [a]That is, the Euphrates **8:1** [a]Literally *Speed the Spoil, Hasten the Booty*

**PROPHECY** **1 JESUS CHRIST IS EVIDENCE OF FULFILLED PROPHECY**

► *See* **ISAIAH 7:14**

The most persuading proof of a fulfilled prophecy concerns the Person and work of Jesus Christ, as predicted in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament. Even though Isaiah prophesied 800 years before Jesus was born, he wrote that Jesus Christ would be born of a virgin and that He would be called Immanuel. Isaiah also prophesied that Jesus Christ would be from King David's family (Isaiah 9:6, 7; 11:1) and that He would die with criminals (Isaiah 53:9, 12).

The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy in the birth of Jesus Christ is compelling, and the four Gospels offer numerous accounts of Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in the Person of Jesus. The following are only a few:

- Christ would be descended from King David's family (Psalm 89:3, 4; see Mark 12:35–37; John 7:42).
- He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; see Matthew 1:23).
- He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; see John 7:42).
- He would make a triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9; see Matthew 21:5).
- The soldiers would cast lots for His garments (Psalm 22:18; see Matthew 27:35).
- His dying words were foretold (Psalm 22:1; see Matthew 27:46).
- He would die with criminals (Isaiah 53:9, 12; see Luke 22:37).
- His death would be for the salvation of all people (Isaiah 53:6; see 1 Corinthians 15:3).
- He would rise from the dead the third day (Psalm 16:8–11; Hosea 6:1, 2). Jesus confirmed the Resurrection by referring to past Scriptures (Luke 24:46); Peter confirmed it by quoting David's prophecy (Acts 2:25–32).

The evidence of these fulfilled prophecies gives Christians reason to believe prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled. This includes the promised return of Jesus Christ.

► *Now turn to page 1200 for Revelation 22:12 and Point 2. The "Blessed Hope" Is Jesus Christ's Imminent Return.*

"Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz; 4for before the child shall have knowledge to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria."

5The LORD also spoke to me again, saying:

6 "Inasmuch as these people refused
The waters of Shiloah that flow softly,
And rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's son;
7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them
The waters of the River,[a] strong and mighty—
The king of Assyria and all his glory;
He will go up over all his channels
And go over all his banks.
8 He will pass through Judah,
He will overflow and pass over,
He will reach up to the neck;
And the stretching out of his wings
Will fill the breadth of Your land,
O Immanuel.[a]

9 "Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces!
Give ear, all you from far countries.
Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces;
Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces.
10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing;
Speak the word, but it will not stand,
For God *is* with us."[a]

### *Fear God, Heed His Word*

11For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

12 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,'
Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy,
Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.
13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow;
*Let* Him *be* your fear,
And *let* Him *be* your dread.
14 He will be as a sanctuary,
But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense
To both the houses of Israel,
As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15 And many among them shall stumble;
They shall fall and be broken,
Be snared and taken."

16 Bind up the testimony,
Seal the law among my disciples.
17 And I will wait on the LORD,
Who hides His face from the house of Jacob;
And I will hope in Him.
18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me!
*We* are for signs and wonders in Israel
From the LORD of hosts,
Who dwells in Mount Zion.

19And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek* the dead on behalf of the living? 20To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

21They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. 22Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and *they will be* driven into darkness.

### *The Government of the Promised Son*

9 Nevertheless the gloom *will* not *be* upon her who *is* distressed,
As when at first He lightly esteemed
The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
And afterward more heavily oppressed *her,*
*By* the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
In Galilee of the Gentiles.
2 The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation
*And* increased its joy;[a]
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

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**8:7** [a]That is, the Euphrates **8:8** [a]Literally *God-With-Us* **8:10** [a]Hebrew *Immanuel* **9:3** [a]Following Qere and Targum; Kethib and Vulgate read *not increased joy;* Septuagint reads *Most of the people You brought down in Your joy.*

4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor,
As in the day of Midian.
5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy
battle,
And garments rolled in blood,
Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His
shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of *His* government and
peace
*There will be* no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His
kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment
and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform
this.

### *The Punishment of Samaria*

8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob,
And it has fallen on Israel.
9 All the people will know—
Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria—
Who say in pride and arrogance of heart:
10 "The bricks have fallen down,
But we will rebuild with hewn stones;
The sycamores are cut down,
But we will replace *them* with cedars."
11 Therefore the LORD shall set up
The adversaries of Rezin against him,
And spur his enemies on,
12 The Syrians before and the Philistines
behind;
And they shall devour Israel with an open
mouth.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

13 For the people do not turn to Him who
strikes them,
Nor do they seek the LORD of hosts.
14 Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail
from Israel,
Palm branch and bulrush in one day.
15 The elder and honorable, he *is* the head;
The prophet who teaches lies, he *is* the tail.
16 For the leaders of this people cause *them*
to err,
And *those who are* led by them are
destroyed.
17 Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their
young men,
Nor have mercy on their fatherless and
widows;
For everyone *is* a hypocrite and an evildoer,
And every mouth speaks folly.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burns as the fire;
It shall devour the briers and thorns,
And kindle in the thickets of the forest;
They shall mount up *like* rising smoke.
19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts
The land is burned up,
And the people shall be as fuel for the fire;
No man shall spare his brother.
20 And he shall snatch on the right hand
And be hungry;
He shall devour on the left hand
And not be satisfied;
Every man shall eat the flesh of his own arm.
21 Manasseh *shall devour* Ephraim, and
Ephraim Manasseh;
Together they *shall be* against Judah.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

10 "Woe to those who decree unrighteous
decrees,
Who write misfortune,
*Which* they have prescribed
2 To rob the needy of justice,
And to take what is right from the poor of
My people,
That widows may be their prey,
And *that* they may rob the fatherless.
3 What will you do in the day of punishment,
And in the desolation *which* will come from
afar?
To whom will you flee for help?
And where will you leave your glory?
4 Without Me they shall bow down among the
prisoners,
And they shall fall among the slain."

For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out still.

### *Arrogant Assyria Also Judged*

5 "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger
And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.
6 I will send him against an ungodly nation,
And against the people of My wrath
I will give him charge,
To seize the spoil, to take the prey,
And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
7 Yet he does not mean so,
Nor does his heart think so;
But *it is* in his heart to destroy,
And cut off not a few nations.
8 For he says,
'*Are* not my princes altogether kings?
9 *Is* not Calno like Carchemish?
*Is* not Hamath like Arpad?
*Is* not Samaria like Damascus?
10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols,
Whose carved images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria,
11 As I have done to Samaria and her idols,
Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?'"

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *that He will say,* "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks."
13 For he says:

"By the strength of my hand I have done *it,*
And by my wisdom, for I am prudent;
Also I have removed the boundaries of the people,
And have robbed their treasuries;
So I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant *man.*
14 My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people,
And as one gathers eggs *that are* left,
I have gathered all the earth;
And there was no one who moved *his* wing,
Nor opened *his* mouth with even a peep."

15 Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it?
*Or* shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it?
As if a rod could wield *itself* against those who lift it up,
*Or* as if a staff could lift up, *as if it were* not wood!
16 Therefore the Lord, the Lord[a] of hosts,
Will send leanness among his fat ones;
And under his glory
He will kindle a burning
Like the burning of a fire.
17 So the Light of Israel will be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame;
It will burn and devour
His thorns and his briers in one day.
18 And it will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field,
Both soul and body;
And they will be as when a sick man wastes away.
19 Then the rest of the trees of his forest
Will be so few in number
That a child may write them.

### *The Returning Remnant of Israel*

20 And it shall come to pass in that day
*That* the remnant of Israel,
And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob,
Will never again depend on him who defeated them,
But will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
21 The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob,
To the Mighty God.
22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
A remnant of them will return;
The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
23 For the Lord GOD of hosts
Will make a determined end
In the midst of all the land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet a very little while and the

**10:16** [a]Following Bomberg; Masoretic Text and Dead Sea Scrolls read *YHWH* (*the* LORD).

indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction."[26] And the LORD of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; *as* His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt.

27 It shall come to pass in that day
*That* his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

28 He has come to Aiath,
He has passed Migron;
At Michmash he has attended to his equipment.
29 They have gone along the ridge,
They have taken up lodging at Geba.
Ramah is afraid,
Gibeah of Saul has fled.
30 Lift up your voice,
O daughter of Gallim!
Cause it to be heard as far as Laish—
O poor Anathoth![a]
31 Madmenah has fled,
The inhabitants of Gebim seek refuge.
32 As yet he will remain at Nob that day;
He will shake his fist at the mount of the daughter of Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord,
The LORD of hosts,
Will lop off the bough with terror;
Those of high stature *will be* hewn down,
And the haughty will be humbled.
34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron,
And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

### *The Reign of Jesse's Offspring*

11 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

3 His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,
And His resting place shall be glorious."

11 It shall come to pass in that day
*That* the Lord shall set His hand again the second time
To recover the remnant of His people who are left,
From Assyria and Egypt,
From Pathros and Cush,
From Elam and Shinar,
From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations,
And will assemble the outcasts of Israel,
And gather together the dispersed of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.

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**10:30** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *Listen to her, O Anathoth.*

13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart,
And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off;
Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.
14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west;
Together they shall plunder the people of the East;
They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab;
And the people of Ammon shall obey them.
15 The LORD will utterly destroy[a] the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;
With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River,[b]
And strike it in the seven streams,
And make *men* cross over dryshod.
16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people
Who will be left from Assyria,
As it was for Israel
In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

### *A Hymn of Praise*

12 And in that day you will say:

"O LORD, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.
2 Behold, God *is* my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
'For YAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.'"[a]

3 Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day you will say:

"Praise the LORD, call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.
5 Sing to the LORD,
For He has done excellent things;
This *is* known in all the earth.
6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

### *Proclamation Against Babylon*

13 The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

2 "Lift up a banner on the high mountain,
Raise your voice to them;
Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.
3 I have commanded My sanctified ones;
I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—
Those who rejoice in My exaltation."

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains,
Like that of many people!
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts musters
The army for battle.
5 They come from a far country,
From the end of heaven—
The LORD and His weapons of indignation,
To destroy the whole land.

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand!
It will come as destruction from the Almighty.
7 Therefore all hands will be limp,
Every man's heart will melt,
8 And they will be afraid.
Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them;*
They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;
They will be amazed at one another;
Their faces *will be like* flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes,
Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate;
And He will destroy its sinners from it.
10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations
Will not give their light;
The sun will be darkened in its going forth,
And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

11 "I will punish the world for *its* evil,
And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will halt the arrogance of the proud,

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**11:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum read *dry up*. [b]That is, the Euphrates
**12:2** [a]Exodus 15:2

And will lay low the haughtiness of the
terrible.
12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine
gold,
A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens,
And the earth will move out of her place,
In the wrath of the LORD of hosts
And in the day of His fierce anger.
14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle,
And as a sheep that no man takes up;
Every man will turn to his own people,
And everyone will flee to his own land.
15 Everyone who is found will be thrust
through,
And everyone who is captured will fall by
the sword.
16 Their children also will be dashed to pieces
before their eyes;
Their houses will be plundered
And their wives ravished.

17 "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,
Who will not regard silver;
And *as for* gold, they will not delight in it.
18 Also *their* bows will dash the young men to
pieces,
And they will have no pity on the fruit of the
womb;
Their eye will not spare children.
19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and
Gomorrah.
20 It will never be inhabited,
Nor will it be settled from generation to
generation;
Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there,
Nor will the shepherds make their
sheepfolds there.
21 But wild beasts of the desert will lie there,
And their houses will be full of owls;
Ostriches will dwell there,
And wild goats will caper there.
22 The hyenas will howl in their citadels,
And jackals in their pleasant palaces.
Her time *is* near to come,
And her days will not be prolonged."

### *Mercy on Jacob*

14 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob,
and will still choose Israel, and settle
them in their own land. The strangers
will be joined with them, and they will cling to the
house of Jacob. 2Then people will take them and
bring them to their place, and the house of Israel
will possess them for servants and maids in the
land of the LORD; they will take them captive
whose captives they were, and rule over their op-
pressors.

### *Fall of the King of Babylon*

3It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives
you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and
the hard bondage in which you were made to
serve, 4that you will take up this proverb against
the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased,
The golden[a] city ceased!
5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,
The scepter of the rulers;
6 He who struck the people in wrath with a
continual stroke,
He who ruled the nations in anger,
Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.
7 The whole earth is at rest *and* quiet;
They break forth into singing.
8 Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you,
*And* the cedars of Lebanon,
*Saying,* 'Since you were cut down,
No woodsman has come up against us.'

9 "Hell from beneath is excited about you,
To meet *you* at your coming;
It stirs up the dead for you,
All the chief ones of the earth;
It has raised up from their thrones
All the kings of the nations.
10 They all shall speak and say to you:
'Have you also become as weak as we?
Have you become like us?
11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,
*And* the sound of your stringed instruments;
The maggot is spread under you,
And worms cover you.'

### *The Fall of Lucifer*

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer,[a] son of the morning!
*How* you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!
13 For you have said in your heart:
'I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

**14:4** [a]Or *insolent* **14:12** [a]Literally *Day Star*

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'
15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit.

16 "Those who see you will gaze at you,
*And* consider you, *saying:*
'*Is* this the man who made the earth tremble,
Who shook kingdoms,
17 Who made the world as a wilderness
And destroyed its cities,
*Who* did not open the house of his prisoners?'

18 "All the kings of the nations,
All of them, sleep in glory,
Everyone in his own house;
19 But you are cast out of your grave
Like an abominable branch,
*Like* the garment of those who are slain,
Thrust through with a sword,
Who go down to the stones of the pit,
Like a corpse trodden underfoot.
20 You will not be joined with them in burial,
Because you have destroyed your land
*And* slain your people.
The brood of evildoers shall never be named.
21 Prepare slaughter for his children
Because of the iniquity of their fathers,
Lest they rise up and possess the land,
And fill the face of the world with cities."

### *Babylon Destroyed*

22 "For I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts,
"And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant,
And offspring and posterity," says the LORD.
23 "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine,
And marshes of muddy water;
I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of hosts.

### *Assyria Destroyed*

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,
"Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,
And as I have purposed, *so* it shall stand:
25 That I will break the Assyrian in My land,
And on My mountains tread him underfoot.
Then his yoke shall be removed from them,
And his burden removed from their shoulders.
26 This *is* the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth,
And this *is* the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.
27 For the LORD of hosts has purposed,
And who will annul *it?*
His hand *is* stretched out,
And who will turn it back?"

### *Philistia Destroyed*

28 This is the burden which came in the year that King Ahaz died.

29 "Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia,
Because the rod that struck you is broken;
For out of the serpent's roots will come forth a viper,
And its offspring *will be* a fiery flying serpent.
30 The firstborn of the poor will feed,
And the needy will lie down in safety;
I will kill your roots with famine,
And it will slay your remnant.
31 Wail, O gate! Cry, O city!
All you of Philistia *are* dissolved;
For smoke will come from the north,
And no one *will be* alone in his appointed times."

32 What will they answer the messengers of the nation?
That the LORD has founded Zion,
And the poor of His people shall take refuge in it.

### *Proclamation Against Moab*

15 The burden against Moab.

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste
*And* destroyed,
Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste
*And* destroyed,
2 He has gone up to the temple[a] and Dibon,
To the high places to weep.
Moab will wail over Nebo and over Medeba;

**15:2** [a]Hebrew *bayith,* literally *house*

On all their heads *will be* baldness,
*And* every beard cut off.
3 In their streets they will clothe themselves
with sackcloth;
On the tops of their houses
And in their streets
Everyone will wail, weeping bitterly.
4 Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out,
Their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz;
Therefore the armed soldiers[a] of Moab will
cry out;
His life will be burdensome to him.

5 "My heart will cry out for Moab;
His fugitives *shall flee* to Zoar,
*Like* a three-year-old heifer.[a]
For by the Ascent of Luhith
They will go up with weeping;
For in the way of Horonaim
They will raise up a cry of destruction,
6 For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate,
For the green grass has withered away;
The grass fails, there is nothing green.
7 Therefore the abundance they have
gained,
And what they have laid up,
They will carry away to the Brook of the
Willows.
8 For the cry has gone all around the borders
of Moab,
Its wailing to Eglaim
And its wailing to Beer Elim.
9 For the waters of Dimon[a] will be full of
blood;
Because I will bring more upon Dimon,[b]
Lions upon him who escapes from Moab,
And on the remnant of the land."

### *Moab Destroyed*

16 Send the lamb to the ruler of the land,
From Sela to the wilderness,
To the mount of the daughter of Zion.
2 For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown
out of the nest;
*So* shall be the daughters of Moab at the
fords of the Arnon.

3 "Take counsel, execute judgment;
Make your shadow like the night in the
middle of the day;
Hide the outcasts,
Do not betray him who escapes.
4 Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab;
Be a shelter to them from the face of the
spoiler.
For the extortioner is at an end,
Devastation ceases,
The oppressors are consumed out of the
land.
5 In mercy the throne will be established;
And One will sit on it in truth, in the
tabernacle of David,
Judging and seeking justice and hastening
righteousness."

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab—
*He is* very proud—
Of his haughtiness and his pride and his
wrath;
*But* his lies *shall* not *be* so.
7 Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab;
Everyone shall wail.
For the foundations of Kir Hareseth you
shall mourn;
Surely *they are* stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish,
*And* the vine of Sibmah;
The lords of the nations have broken down
its choice plants,
Which have reached to Jazer
And wandered through the wilderness.
Her branches are stretched out,
They are gone over the sea.
9 Therefore I will bewail the vine of
Sibmah,
With the weeping of Jazer;
I will drench you with my tears,
O Heshbon and Elealeh;
For battle cries have fallen
Over your summer fruits and your
harvest.

10 Gladness is taken away,
And joy from the plentiful field;
In the vineyards there will be no singing,
Nor will there be shouting;
No treaders will tread out wine in the
presses;
I have made their shouting cease.

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**15:4** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *loins*. **15:5** [a]Or *The Third Eglath,* an unknown city (compare Jeremiah 48:34) **15:9** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls and Vulgate read *Dibon;* Septuagint reads *Rimon*. [b]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls and Vulgate read *Dibon;* Septuagint reads *Rimon.*

11 Therefore my heart shall resound like a harp
for Moab,
And my inner being for Kir Heres.

12 And it shall come to pass,
When it is seen that Moab is weary on the
high place,
That he will come to his sanctuary to pray;
But he will not prevail.

13 This *is* the word which the LORD has spoken
concerning Moab since that time. 14 But now the
LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as
the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be
despised with all that great multitude, and the
remnant *will be* very small *and* feeble."

### *Proclamation Against Syria and Israel*

17 The burden against Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus will cease from
*being* a city,
And it will be a ruinous heap.
2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken;[a]
They will be for flocks
Which lie down, and no one will make *them*
afraid.
3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim,
The kingdom from Damascus,
And the remnant of Syria;
They will be as the glory of the children of
Israel,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

4 "In that day it shall come to pass
*That* the glory of Jacob will wane,
And the fatness of his flesh grow lean.
5 It shall be as when the harvester gathers the
grain,
And reaps the heads with his arm;
It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain
In the Valley of Rephaim.
6 Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it,
Like the shaking of an olive tree,
Two *or* three olives at the top of the
uppermost bough,
Four *or* five in its most fruitful branches,"
Says the LORD God of Israel.

7 In that day a man will look to his Maker,
And his eyes will have respect for the Holy
One of Israel.
8 He will not look to the altars,
The work of his hands;
He will not respect what his fingers have
made,
Nor the wooden images[a] nor the incense
altars.

9 In that day his strong cities will be as a
forsaken bough[a]
And an uppermost branch,[b]
Which they left because of the children of
Israel;
And there will be desolation.

10 Because you have forgotten the God of your
salvation,
And have not been mindful of the Rock of
your stronghold,
Therefore you will plant pleasant plants
And set out foreign seedlings;
11 In the day you will make your plant to
grow,
And in the morning you will make your seed
to flourish;
*But* the harvest *will be* a heap of ruins
In the day of grief and desperate sorrow.

12 Woe to the multitude of many people
*Who* make a noise like the roar of the seas,
And to the rushing of nations
*That* make a rushing like the rushing of
mighty waters!
13 The nations will rush like the rushing of
many waters;
But *God* will rebuke them and they will flee
far away,
And be chased like the chaff of the
mountains before the wind,
Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
14 Then behold, at eventide, trouble!
*And* before the morning, he *is* no more.
This *is* the portion of those who plunder us,
And the lot of those who rob us.

### *Proclamation Against Ethiopia*

18 Woe to the land shadowed with buzzing
wings,
Which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia,
2 Which sends ambassadors by sea,
Even in vessels of reed on the waters, *saying,*

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**17:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *It shall be forsaken forever;* Targum reads *Its cities shall be forsaken and desolate*. **17:8** [a]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities
**17:9** [a]Septuagint reads *Hivites;* Targum reads *laid waste;* Vulgate reads *as the plows*. [b]Septuagint reads *Amorites;* Targum reads *in ruins;* Vulgate reads *corn*.

"Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and
smooth *of skin,*
To a people terrible from their beginning
onward,
A nation powerful and treading down,
Whose land the rivers divide."

3 All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on
the earth:
When he lifts up a banner on the mountains,
you see *it;*
And when he blows a trumpet, you hear *it.*
4 For so the LORD said to me,
"I will take My rest,
And I will look from My dwelling place
Like clear heat in sunshine,
Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."
5 For before the harvest, when the bud is
perfect
And the sour grape is ripening in the flower,
He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning
hooks
And take away *and* cut down the branches.
6 They will be left together for the mountain
birds of prey
And for the beasts of the earth;
The birds of prey will summer on them,
And all the beasts of the earth will winter on
them.

7 In that time a present will be brought to the
LORD of hosts
From[a] a people tall and smooth *of skin,*
And from a people terrible from their
beginning onward,
A nation powerful and treading down,
Whose land the rivers divide—
To the place of the name of the LORD of
hosts,
To Mount Zion.

### *Proclamation Against Egypt*

**19** The burden against Egypt.

Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud,
And will come into Egypt;
The idols of Egypt will totter at His
presence,
And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.

2 "I will set Egyptians against Egyptians;
Everyone will fight against his brother,
And everyone against his neighbor,
City against city, kingdom against kingdom.
3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst;
I will destroy their counsel,
And they will consult the idols and the
charmers,
The mediums and the sorcerers.
4 And the Egyptians I will give
Into the hand of a cruel master,
And a fierce king will rule over them,"
Says the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

5 The waters will fail from the sea,
And the river will be wasted and dried up.
6 The rivers will turn foul;
The brooks of defense will be emptied and
dried up;
The reeds and rushes will wither.
7 The papyrus reeds by the River,[a] by the
mouth of the River,
And everything sown by the River,
Will wither, be driven away, and be no more.
8 The fishermen also will mourn;
All those will lament who cast hooks into the
River,
And they will languish who spread nets on
the waters.
9 Moreover those who work in fine flax
And those who weave fine fabric will be
ashamed;
10 And its foundations will be broken.
All who make wages *will be* troubled of
soul.

11 Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools;
Pharaoh's wise counselors give foolish
counsel.
How do you say to Pharaoh, "I *am* the son of
the wise,
The son of ancient kings?"
12 Where *are* they?
Where are your wise men?
Let them tell you now,
And let them know what the LORD of hosts
has purposed against Egypt.
13 The princes of Zoan have become fools;
The princes of Noph[a] are deceived;
They have also deluded Egypt,
*Those who are* the mainstay of its tribes.
14 The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in
her midst;

**18:7** [a]Following Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text omits *From;* Targum reads *To.* **19:7** [a]That is, the Nile **19:13** [a]That is, ancient Memphis

And they have caused Egypt to err in all her
work,
As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.
15 Neither will there be *any* work for Egypt,
Which the head or tail,
Palm branch or bulrush, may do.[a]

16In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He waves over it. 17And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt; everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts which He has determined against it.

### *Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed*

18In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear by the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of Destruction.[a]

19In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. 20And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. 21Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the LORD and perform *it.* 22And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal *it;* they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them.

23In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians.

24In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, 25whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed *is* Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

### *The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia*

20 In the year that Tartan[a] came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it, 2at the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3Then the LORD said, "Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, 4so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. 6And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, 'Surely such *is* our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?'"

### *The Fall of Babylon Proclaimed*

21 The burden against the Wilderness of the Sea.

As whirlwinds in the South pass through,
*So* it comes from the desert, from a terrible
land.
2 A distressing vision is declared to me;
The treacherous dealer deals
treacherously,
And the plunderer plunders.
Go up, O Elam!
Besiege, O Media!
All its sighing I have made to cease.

3 Therefore my loins are filled with pain;
Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs
of a woman in labor.
I was distressed when *I* heard *it;*
I was dismayed when *I* saw *it.*
4 My heart wavered, fearfulness
frightened me;
The night for which I longed He turned into
fear for me.
5 Prepare the table,
Set a watchman in the tower,
Eat and drink.
Arise, you princes,
Anoint the shield!

6 For thus has the Lord said to me:
"Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he sees."
7 And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of
horsemen,

**19:15** [a]Compare Isaiah 9:14–16 **19:18** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts, Arabic, Dead Sea Scrolls, Targum, and Vulgate read *Sun;* Septuagint reads *Asedek* (literally *Righteousness*).
**20:1** [a]Or *the Commander in Chief*

A chariot of donkeys, *and* a chariot of camels,
And he listened earnestly with great care.
8 Then he cried, "A lion,[a] my Lord!
I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime;
I have sat at my post every night.
9 And look, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen!"
Then he answered and said,
"Babylon is fallen, is fallen!
And all the carved images of her gods
He has broken to the ground."

10 Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor!
That which I have heard from the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel,
I have declared to you.

### *Proclamation Against Edom*

11 The burden against Dumah.

He calls to me out of Seir,
"Watchman, what of the night?
Watchman, what of the night?"
12 The watchman said,
"The morning comes, and also the night.
If you will inquire, inquire;
Return! Come back!"

### *Proclamation Against Arabia*

13 The burden against Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,
O you traveling companies of Dedanites.
14 O inhabitants of the land of Tema,
Bring water to him who is thirsty;
With their bread they met him who fled.
15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword,
From the bent bow, and from the distress of war.

16 For thus the LORD has said to me: "Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of Kedar will fail; 17 and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, will be diminished; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken *it.*"

### *Proclamation Against Jerusalem*

22 The burden against the Valley of Vision.

What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops,
2 You who are full of noise,
A tumultuous city, a joyous city?
Your slain *men are* not slain with the sword,
Nor dead in battle.
3 All your rulers have fled together;
They are captured by the archers.
All who are found in you are bound together;
They have fled from afar.
4 Therefore I said, "Look away from me,
I will weep bitterly;
Do not labor to comfort me
Because of the plundering of the daughter of my people."

5 For *it is* a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity
By the Lord GOD of hosts
In the Valley of Vision—
Breaking down the walls
And of crying to the mountain.
6 Elam bore the quiver
With chariots of men *and* horsemen,
And Kir uncovered the shield.
7 It shall come to pass *that* your choicest valleys
Shall be full of chariots,
And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

8 He removed the protection of Judah.
You looked in that day to the armor of the House of the Forest;
9 You also saw the damage to the city of David,
That it was great;
And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.
10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem,
And the houses you broke down
To fortify the wall.
11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls
For the water of the old pool.
But you did not look to its Maker,
Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts
Called for weeping and for mourning,
For baldness and for girding with sackcloth.
13 But instead, joy and gladness,

**21:8** [a]Dead Sea Scrolls read *Then the observer cried.*

Slaying oxen and killing sheep,
Eating meat and drinking wine:
"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

14 Then it was revealed in my hearing by the LORD of hosts,
"Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you,
Even to your death," says the Lord GOD of hosts.

### *The Judgment on Shebna*

15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts:

"Go, proceed to this steward,
To Shebna, who *is* over the house, *and say:*
16 'What have you here, and whom have you here,
That you have hewn a sepulcher here,
*As* he who hews himself a sepulcher on high,
Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?
17 Indeed, the LORD will throw you away violently,
O mighty man,
And will surely seize you.
18 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball
Into a large country;
There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots
*Shall be* the shame of your master's house.
19 So I will drive you out of your office,
And from your position he will pull you down.[a]

20 'Then it shall be in that day,
That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;
21 I will clothe him with your robe
And strengthen him with your belt;
I will commit your responsibility into his hand.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
And to the house of Judah.
22 The key of the house of David
I will lay on his shoulder;
So he shall open, and no one shall shut;
And he shall shut, and no one shall open.
23 I will fasten him *as* a peg in a secure place,
And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.
24 "They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers. 25 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that *was* on it will be cut off; for the LORD has spoken.'"

### *Proclamation Against Tyre*

23 The burden against Tyre.

Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
For it is laid waste,
So that there is no house, no harbor;
From the land of Cyprus[a] it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coastland,
You merchants of Sidon,
Whom those who cross the sea have filled.[a]
3 And on great waters the grain of Shihor,
The harvest of the River,[a] *is* her revenue;
And she is a marketplace for the nations.

4 Be ashamed, O Sidon;
For the sea has spoken,
The strength of the sea, saying,
"I do not labor, nor bring forth children;
Neither do I rear young men,
*Nor* bring up virgins."
5 When the report *reaches* Egypt,
They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre.

6 Cross over to Tarshish;
Wail, you inhabitants of the coastland!
7 *Is* this your joyous *city,*
Whose antiquity *is* from ancient days,
Whose feet carried her far off to dwell?
8 Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city,*
Whose merchants *are* princes,
Whose traders *are* the honorable of the earth?
9 The LORD of hosts has purposed it,
To bring to dishonor the pride of all glory,

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**22:19** [a]Septuagint omits *he will pull you down;* Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *I will pull you down*. **23:1** [a]Hebrew *Kittim,* western lands, especially Cyprus **23:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint and Targum read *Passing over the water;* Dead Sea Scrolls read *Your messengers passing over the sea*. **23:3** [a]That is, the Nile

To bring into contempt all the honorable of
the earth.

10 Overflow through your land like the River,[a]
O daughter of Tarshish;
*There is* no more strength.
11 He stretched out His hand over the sea,
He shook the kingdoms;
The LORD has given a commandment against
Canaan
To destroy its strongholds.
12 And He said, "You will rejoice no more,
O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon.
Arise, cross over to Cyprus;
There also you will have no rest."

13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans,
This people *which* was not;
Assyria founded it for wild beasts of the
desert.
They set up its towers,
They raised up its palaces,
*And* brought it to ruin.

14 Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
For your strength is laid waste.

15 Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as *in* the song of the harlot:

16 "Take a harp, go about the city,
You forgotten harlot;
Make sweet melody, sing many songs,
That you may be remembered."

17 And it shall be, at the end of seventy years, that the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. 18 Her gain and her pay will be set apart for the LORD; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

### *Impending Judgment on the Earth*

24 Behold, the LORD makes the earth
empty and makes it waste,
Distorts its surface
And scatters abroad its inhabitants.
2 And it shall be:
As with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the creditor, so with the debtor.
3 The land shall be entirely emptied and
utterly plundered,
For the LORD has spoken this word.

4 The earth mourns *and* fades away,
The world languishes *and* fades away;
The haughty people of the earth languish.
5 The earth is also defiled under its
inhabitants,
Because they have transgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance,
Broken the everlasting covenant.
6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth,
And those who dwell in it are desolate.
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are
burned,
And few men *are* left.

7 The new wine fails, the vine languishes,
All the merry-hearted sigh.
8 The mirth of the tambourine ceases,
The noise of the jubilant ends,
The joy of the harp ceases.
9 They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.
10 The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, so that none may go
in.
11 *There is* a cry for wine in the streets,
All joy is darkened,
The mirth of the land is gone.
12 In the city desolation is left,
And the gate is stricken with destruction.
13 When it shall be thus in the midst of the
land among the people,
*It shall be* like the shaking of an olive tree,
Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage
is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing;
For the majesty of the LORD
They shall cry aloud from the sea.
15 Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning
light,
The name of the LORD God of Israel in the
coastlands of the sea.
16 From the ends of the earth we have heard
songs:

**23:10** [a]That is, the Nile

"Glory to the righteous!"
But I said, "I am ruined, ruined!
Woe to me!
The treacherous dealers have dealt
treacherously,
Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt
very treacherously."

17 Fear and the pit and the snare
*Are* upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.
18 And it shall be
*That* he who flees from the noise of the fear
Shall fall into the pit,
And he who comes up from the midst of
the pit
Shall be caught in the snare;
For the windows from on high are open,
And the foundations of the earth are
shaken.

19 The earth is violently broken,
The earth is split open,
The earth is shaken exceedingly.
20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a
drunkard,
And shall totter like a hut;
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it,
And it will fall, and not rise again.

21 It shall come to pass in that day
*That* the LORD will punish on high the host
of exalted ones,
And on the earth the kings of the earth.
22 They will be gathered together,
*As* prisoners are gathered in the pit,
And will be shut up in the prison;
After many days they will be punished.
23 Then the moon will be disgraced
And the sun ashamed;
For the LORD of hosts will reign
On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
And before His elders, gloriously.

***Praise to God***

25 O LORD, You *are* my God.
I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name,
For You have done wonderful *things;*
*Your* counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and*
truth.
2 For You have made a city a ruin,
A fortified city a ruin,
A palace of foreigners to be a city no more;
It will never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore the strong people will glorify You;
The city of the terrible nations will fear You.
4 For You have been a strength to the poor,
A strength to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm,
A shade from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm
*against* the wall.
5 You will reduce the noise of aliens,
As heat in a dry place;
*As* heat in the shadow of a cloud,
The song of the terrible ones will be
diminished.

6 And in this mountain
The LORD of hosts will make for all people
A feast of choice pieces,
A feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines on the lees.
7 And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over all
people,
And the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from
all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the earth;
For the LORD has spoken.

9 And it will be said in that day:
"Behold, this *is* our God;
We have waited for Him, and He will
save us.
This *is* the LORD;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

10 For on this mountain the hand of the LORD
will rest,
And Moab shall be trampled down under
Him,
As straw is trampled down for the refuse
heap.
11 And He will spread out His hands in their
midst
As a swimmer reaches out to swim,
And He will bring down their pride
Together with the trickery of their hands.
12 The fortress of the high fort of your walls
He will bring down, lay low,
*And* bring to the ground, down to the dust.

*A Song of Salvation*

26 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city;
*God* will appoint salvation *for* walls and bulwarks.
2 Open the gates,
That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.
3 You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
*Whose* mind *is* stayed *on You,*
Because he trusts in You.
4 Trust in the LORD forever,
For in YAH, the LORD, *is* everlasting strength.[a]
5 For He brings down those who dwell on high,
The lofty city;
He lays it low,
He lays it low to the ground,
He brings it down to the dust.
6 The foot shall tread it down—
The feet of the poor
*And* the steps of the needy."
7 The way of the just *is* uprightness;
O Most Upright,
You weigh the path of the just.
8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments,
O LORD, we have waited for You;
The desire of *our* soul *is* for Your name
And for the remembrance of You.
9 With my soul I have desired You in the night,
Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;
For when Your judgments *are* in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
10 Let grace be shown to the wicked,
*Yet* he will not learn righteousness;
In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,
And will not behold the majesty of the LORD.
11 LORD, *when* Your hand is lifted up, they will not see.
But they will see and be ashamed
For *their* envy of people;

**26:4** [a]Or *Rock of Ages*

## ANXIETY — 3 TRUSTING GOD

▶ *See* **ISAIAH 26:3**

You can experience peace only as you trust God and keep your attention focused on Him. Regardless of your circumstances, you can trust that God is not only able, but also willing, to replace your anxiety with His peace. While you may have anxiety about how a situation will work out, God already knows the outcome, and He will use that outcome for your good. Focus on God through daily prayer and Bible study. Keep your attention focused on God through friendships with other believers. As you face difficult circumstances, pray specifically, and ask others to pray, also, that God would help you know what to do and provide His peace. This is according to God's will, and you can trust that He will answer (see *Will of God*).

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, / And lean not on your own understanding; / In all your ways acknowledge Him, / And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

▶ *Now turn to page 506 for Psalm 43:5 and Point 4. Encouragement in Anxiety.*

## THE MIND — 3 GOD GIVES PEACE OF MIND

▶ *See* **ISAIAH 26:3**

The key to having peace of mind is to keep your mind on God and the things of God. When wrong thoughts creep into your mind, take the apostle Paul's advice to replace those thoughts with godly thoughts: "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Begin a regular, daily time of prayer and reading God's Word. Then God's Word will be there to help and guide you whenever you need it: "Your word I have hidden in my heart, / That I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour
them.

12 LORD, You will establish peace for us,
For You have also done all our works in us.
13 O LORD our God, masters besides You
Have had dominion over us;
*But* by You only we make mention of Your
name.
14 *They are* dead, they will not live;
*They are* deceased, they will not rise.
Therefore You have punished and destroyed
them,
And made all their memory to perish.
15 You have increased the nation, O LORD,
You have increased the nation;
You are glorified;
You have expanded all the borders of the land.

16 LORD, in trouble they have visited You,
They poured out a prayer *when* Your
chastening *was* upon them.
17 As a woman with child
Is in pain and cries out in her pangs,
*When* she draws near the time of her delivery,
So have we been in Your sight, O LORD.
18 We have been with child, we have been in
pain;
We have, as it were, brought forth wind;
We have not accomplished any deliverance in
the earth,
Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Your dead shall live;
*Together with* my dead body[a] they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;
For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead.

### *Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment*

20 Come, my people, enter your chambers,
And shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,
Until the indignation is past.
21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for
their iniquity;
The earth will also disclose her blood,
And will no more cover her slain.

27 In that day the LORD with His severe
sword, great and strong,
Will punish Leviathan the fleeing
serpent,
Leviathan that twisted serpent;
And He will slay the reptile that *is* in the sea.

### *The Restoration of Israel*

2 In that day sing to her,
"A vineyard of red wine![a]
3 I, the LORD, keep it,
I water it every moment;
Lest any hurt it,
I keep it night and day.
4 Fury *is* not in Me.
Who would set briers *and* thorns
Against Me in battle?
I would go through them,
I would burn them together.
5 Or let him take hold of My strength,
*That* he may make peace with Me;
*And* he shall make peace with Me."

6 Those who come He shall cause to take root
in Jacob;
Israel shall blossom and bud,
And fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Has He struck Israel as He struck those who
struck him?
Or has He been slain according to the
slaughter of those who were slain
by Him?
8 In measure, by sending it away,
You contended with it.
He removes *it* by His rough wind
In the day of the east wind.
9 Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will
be covered;
And this *is* all the fruit of taking away his
sin:
When he makes all the stones of the altar
Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust,
Wooden images[a] and incense altars shall not
stand.

10 Yet the fortified city *will be* desolate,
The habitation forsaken and left like a
wilderness;
There the calf will feed, and there it will lie
down
And consume its branches.

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**26:19** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Syriac and Targum read *their dead bodies;* Septuagint reads *those in the tombs*.
**27:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text (Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica*), Bomberg, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text (*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*), some Hebrew manuscripts, and Septuagint read *delight;* Targum reads *choice vineyard*. **27:9** [a]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities

11 When its boughs are withered, they will be
broken off;
The women come *and* set them on fire.
For it *is* a people of no understanding;
Therefore He who made them will not have
mercy on them,
And He who formed them will show them
no favor.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day
*That* the LORD will thresh,
From the channel of the River[a] to the Brook
of Egypt;
And you will be gathered one by one,
O you children of Israel.

13 So it shall be in that day:
The great trumpet will be blown;
They will come, who are about to perish in
the land of Assyria,
And they who are outcasts in the land of
Egypt,
And shall worship the LORD in the holy
mount at Jerusalem.

### *Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem*

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the
drunkards of Ephraim,
Whose glorious beauty *is* a fading
flower
Which *is* at the head of the verdant valleys,
To those who are overcome with wine!
2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one,
Like a tempest of hail and a destroying
storm,
Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing,
Who will bring *them* down to the earth with
*His* hand.
3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of
Ephraim,
Will be trampled underfoot;
4 And the glorious beauty is a fading flower
Which *is* at the head of the verdant valley,
Like the first fruit before the summer,
Which an observer sees;
He eats it up while it is still in his hand.

5 In that day the LORD of hosts will be
For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty
To the remnant of His people,
6 For a spirit of justice to him who sits in
judgment,
And for strength to those who turn back the
battle at the gate.

7 But they also have erred through wine,
And through intoxicating drink are out of
the way;
The priest and the prophet have erred
through intoxicating drink,
They are swallowed up by wine,
They are out of the way through intoxicating
drink;
They err in vision, they stumble *in*
judgment.
8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filth;
No place *is clean.*

9 "Whom will he teach knowledge?
And whom will he make to understand the
message?
Those *just* weaned from milk?
Those *just* drawn from the breasts?
10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept
upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little."

11 For with stammering lips and another
tongue
He will speak to this people,
12 To whom He said, "This *is* the rest *with
which*
You may cause the weary to rest,"
And, "This *is* the refreshing";
Yet they would not hear.
13 But the word of the LORD was to them,
"Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little,"
That they might go and fall backward, and
be broken
And snared and caught.

14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you
scornful men,
Who rule this people who *are* in Jerusalem,
15 Because you have said, "We have made a
covenant with death,
And with Sheol we are in agreement.
When the overflowing scourge passes
through,
It will not come to us,
For we have made lies our refuge,
And under falsehood we have hidden
ourselves."

**27:12** [a]That is, the Euphrates

*A Cornerstone in Zion*

16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation,
A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;
Whoever believes will not act hastily.
17 Also I will make justice the measuring line,
And righteousness the plummet;
The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,
And the waters will overflow the hiding place.
18 Your covenant with death will be annulled,
And your agreement with Sheol will not stand;
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
Then you will be trampled down by it.
19 As often as it goes out it will take you;
For morning by morning it will pass over,
And by day and by night;
It will be a terror just to understand the report."

20 For the bed is too short to stretch out *on,*
And the covering so narrow that one cannot wrap himself *in it.*
21 For the LORD will rise up as *at* Mount Perazim,
He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon—
That He may do His work, His awesome work,
And bring to pass His act, His unusual act.
22 Now therefore, do not be mockers,
Lest your bonds be made strong;
For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts,
A destruction determined even upon the whole earth.

*Listen to the Teaching of God*

23 Give ear and hear my voice,
Listen and hear my speech.
24 Does the plowman keep plowing all day to sow?
Does he keep turning his soil and breaking the clods?
25 When he has leveled its surface,
Does he not sow the black cummin
And scatter the cummin,
Plant the wheat in rows,
The barley in the appointed place,
And the spelt in its place?
26 For He instructs him in right judgment,
His God teaches him.
27 For the black cummin is not threshed with a threshing sledge,
Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin;
But the black cummin is beaten out with a stick,
And the cummin with a rod.
28 Bread *flour* must be ground;
Therefore he does not thresh it forever,
Break *it with* his cartwheel,
Or crush it *with* his horsemen.
29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,
*Who* is wonderful in counsel *and* excellent in guidance.

*Woe to Jerusalem*

29 "Woe to Ariel,[a] to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt!
Add year to year;
Let feasts come around.
2 Yet I will distress Ariel;
There shall be heaviness and sorrow,
And it shall be to Me as Ariel.
3 I will encamp against you all around,
I will lay siege against you with a mound,
And I will raise siegeworks against you.
4 You shall be brought down,
You shall speak out of the ground;
Your speech shall be low, out of the dust;
Your voice shall be like a medium's, out of the ground;
And your speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 "Moreover the multitude of your foes
Shall be like fine dust,
And the multitude of the terrible ones
Like chaff that passes away;
Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.
6 You will be punished by the LORD of hosts
With thunder and earthquake and great noise,
*With* storm and tempest
And the flame of devouring fire.
7 The multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel,
Even all who fight against her and her fortress,
And distress her,

**29:1** [a]That is, Jerusalem

Shall be as a dream of a night vision.
8 It shall even be as when a hungry man
dreams,
And look—he eats;
But he awakes, and his soul is still empty;
Or as when a thirsty man dreams,
And look—he drinks;
But he awakes, and indeed *he is* faint,
And his soul still craves:
So the multitude of all the nations shall be,
Who fight against Mount Zion."

### *The Blindness of Disobedience*

9 Pause and wonder!
Blind yourselves and be blind!
They are drunk, but not with wine;
They stagger, but not with intoxicating
drink.
10 For the LORD has poured out on you
The spirit of deep sleep,
And has closed your eyes, namely, the
prophets;
And He has covered your heads, *namely,* the
seers.

11The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please."
And he says, "I cannot, for it *is* sealed."
12Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please."
And he says, "I am not literate."
13Therefore the Lord said:

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with
their mouths
And honor Me with their lips,
But have removed their hearts far from Me,
And their fear toward Me is taught by the
commandment of men,
14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a
marvelous work
Among this people,
A marvelous work and a wonder;
For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall
perish,
And the understanding of their prudent *men*
shall be hidden."

15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their
counsel far from the LORD,
And their works are in the dark;
They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who
knows us?"
16 Surely you have things turned around!
Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;
For shall the thing made say of him who
made it,
"He did not make me"?
Or shall the thing formed say of him who
formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

### *Future Recovery of Wisdom*

17 *Is* it not yet a very little while
Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful
field,
And the fruitful field be esteemed as a
forest?
18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of
the book,
And the eyes of the blind shall see out of
obscurity and out of darkness.
19 The humble also shall increase *their* joy in
the LORD,
And the poor among men shall rejoice
In the Holy One of Israel.
20 For the terrible one is brought to nothing,
The scornful one is consumed,
And all who watch for iniquity are cut off—
21 Who make a man an offender by a word,
And lay a snare for him who reproves in the
gate,
And turn aside the just by empty words.

22Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

"Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
Nor shall his face now grow pale;
23 But when he sees his children,
The work of My hands, in his midst,
They will hallow My name,
And hallow the Holy One of Jacob,
And fear the God of Israel.
24 These also who erred in spirit will come to
understanding,
And those who complained will learn
doctrine."

### *Futile Confidence in Egypt*

30 "Woe to the rebellious children," says
the LORD,
"Who take counsel, but not of Me,
And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit,
That they may add sin to sin;
2 Who walk to go down to Egypt,
And have not asked My advice,

To strengthen themselves in the strength of
Pharaoh,
And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!
3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh
Shall be your shame,
And trust in the shadow of Egypt
Shall be *your* humiliation.
4 For his princes were at Zoan,
And his ambassadors came to Hanes.
5 They were all ashamed of a people *who*
could not benefit them,
Or be help or benefit,
But a shame and also a reproach."

6 The burden against the beasts of the South.

Through a land of trouble and anguish,
From which *came* the lioness and lion,
The viper and fiery flying serpent,
They will carry their riches on the backs of
young donkeys,
And their treasures on the humps of camels,
To a people *who* shall not profit;
7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to
no purpose.
Therefore I have called her
Rahab-Hem-Shebeth.[a]

### *A Rebellious People*

8 Now go, write it before them on a tablet,
And note it on a scroll,
That it may be for time to come,
Forever and ever:
9 That this *is* a rebellious people,
Lying children,
Children *who* will not hear the law of the
LORD;
10 Who say to the seers, "Do not see,"
And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us
right things;
Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.
11 Get out of the way,
Turn aside from the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel
To cease from before us."

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

"Because you despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perversity,
And rely on them,
13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you
Like a breach ready to fall,
A bulge in a high wall,
Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an
instant.
14 And He shall break it like the breaking of the
potter's vessel,
Which is broken in pieces;
He shall not spare.
So there shall not be found among its
fragments
A shard to take fire from the hearth,
Or to take water from the cistern."

15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

"In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence shall be your
strength."
But you would not,
16 And you said, "No, for we will flee on
horses"—
Therefore you shall flee!
And, "We will ride on swift *horses*"—
Therefore those who pursue you shall be
swift!

17 One thousand *shall flee* at the threat
of one,
At the threat of five you shall flee,
Till you are left as a pole on top of a
mountain
And as a banner on a hill.

### *God Will Be Gracious*

18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be
gracious to you;
And therefore He will be exalted, that He
may have mercy on you.
For the LORD *is* a God of justice;
Blessed *are* all those who wait for Him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at
Jerusalem;
You shall weep no more.
He will be very gracious to you at the sound
of your cry;
When He hears it, He will answer you.
20 And *though* the Lord gives you
The bread of adversity and the water of
affliction,
Yet your teachers will not be moved into a
corner anymore,
But your eyes shall see your teachers.

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**30:7** [a] Literally *Rahab Sits Idle*

21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you,
saying,
"This *is* the way, walk in it,"
Whenever you turn to the right hand
Or whenever you turn to the left.
22 You will also defile the covering of your
images of silver,
And the ornament of your molded images of
gold.
You will throw them away as an unclean
thing;
You will say to them, "Get away!"

23 Then He will give the rain for your seed
With which you sow the ground,
And bread of the increase of the earth;
It will be fat and plentiful.
In that day your cattle will feed
In large pastures.
24 Likewise the oxen and the young donkeys
that work the ground
Will eat cured fodder,
Which has been winnowed with the shovel
and fan.
25 There will be on every high mountain
And on every high hill
Rivers *and* streams of waters,
In the day of the great slaughter,
When the towers fall.
26 Moreover the light of the moon will be as the
light of the sun,
And the light of the sun will be sevenfold,
As the light of seven days,
In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise
of His people
And heals the stroke of their wound.

### *Judgment on Assyria*

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from
afar,
Burning *with* His anger,
And *His* burden *is* heavy;
His lips are full of indignation,
And His tongue like a devouring fire.
28 His breath is like an overflowing stream,
Which reaches up to the neck,
To sift the nations with the sieve of futility;
And *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the
people,
Causing *them* to err.

29 You shall have a song
As in the night *when* a holy festival is kept,
And gladness of heart as when one goes with
a flute,
To come into the mountain of the LORD,
To the Mighty One of Israel.
30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be
heard,
And show the descent of His arm,
With the indignation of *His* anger
And the flame of a devouring fire,
*With* scattering, tempest, and hailstones.
31 For through the voice of the LORD
Assyria will be beaten down,
As He strikes with the rod.
32 And *in* every place where the staff of
punishment passes,
Which the LORD lays on him,
*It* will be with tambourines and harps;
And in battles of brandishing He will fight
with it.
33 For Tophet *was* established of old,
Yes, for the king it is prepared.
He has made *it* deep and large;
Its pyre *is* fire with much wood;
The breath of the LORD, like a stream of
brimstone,
Kindles it.

### *The Folly of Not Trusting God*

31 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for
help,
*And* rely on horses,
Who trust in chariots because *they are* many,
And in horsemen because they are very
strong,
But who do not look to the Holy One of
Israel,
Nor seek the LORD!
2 Yet He also *is* wise and will bring disaster,
And will not call back His words,
But will arise against the house of evildoers,
And against the help of those who work
iniquity.
3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God;
And their horses are flesh, and not spirit.
When the LORD stretches out His hand,
Both he who helps will fall,
And he who is helped will fall down;
They all will perish together.

### *God Will Deliver Jerusalem*

4 For thus the LORD has spoken to me:
"As a lion roars,
And a young lion over his prey

(When a multitude of shepherds is
summoned against him,
*He* will not be afraid of their voice
Nor be disturbed by their noise),
So the LORD of hosts will come down
To fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.
5 Like birds flying about,
So will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem.
Defending, He will also deliver *it;*
Passing over, He will preserve *it.*"

6 Return *to Him* against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. 7 For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold—sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

8 "Then Assyria shall fall by a sword not of
man,
And a sword not of mankind shall devour
him.
But he shall flee from the sword,
And his young men shall become forced
labor.
9 He shall cross over to his stronghold for fear,
And his princes shall be afraid of the
banner,"
Says the LORD,
Whose fire *is* in Zion
And whose furnace *is* in Jerusalem.

### *A Reign of Righteousness*

32 Behold, a king will reign in
righteousness,
And princes will rule with justice.
2 A man will be as a hiding place from the
wind,
And a cover from the tempest,
As rivers of water in a dry place,
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary
land.
3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim,
And the ears of those who hear will listen.
4 Also the heart of the rash will understand
knowledge,
And the tongue of the stammerers will be
ready to speak plainly.

5 The foolish person will no longer be called
generous,
Nor the miser said *to be* bountiful;
6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness,
And his heart will work iniquity:
To practice ungodliness,
To utter error against the LORD,
To keep the hungry unsatisfied,
And he will cause the drink of the thirsty
to fail.
7 Also the schemes of the schemer *are* evil;
He devises wicked plans
To destroy the poor with lying words,
Even when the needy speaks justice.
8 But a generous man devises generous things,
And by generosity he shall stand.

### *Consequences of Complacency*

9 Rise up, you women who are at ease,
Hear my voice;
You complacent daughters,
Give ear to my speech.
10 In a year and *some* days
You will be troubled, you complacent
women;
For the vintage will fail,
The gathering will not come.
11 Tremble, you *women* who are at ease;
Be troubled, you complacent ones;
Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare,
And gird *sackcloth* on *your* waists.

12 People shall mourn upon their breasts
For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.
13 On the land of my people will come up
thorns *and* briers,
Yes, on all the happy homes *in* the joyous
city;
14 Because the palaces will be forsaken,
The bustling city will be deserted.
The forts and towers will become lairs
forever,
A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks—
15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on
high,
And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.

### *The Peace of God's Reign*

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness remain in the fruitful
field.
17 The work of righteousness will be peace,
And the effect of righteousness, quietness
and assurance forever.
18 My people will dwell in a peaceful
habitation,
In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting
places,

19 Though hail comes down on the forest,
And the city is brought low in humiliation.

20 Blessed *are* you who sow beside all
waters,
Who send out freely the feet of the ox and
the donkey.

### *A Prayer in Deep Distress*

33 Woe to you who plunder, though you
*have* not *been* plundered;
And you who deal treacherously,
though they have not dealt
treacherously with you!
When you cease plundering,
You will be plundered;
When you make an end of dealing
treacherously,
They will deal treacherously with you.

2 O LORD, be gracious to us;
We have waited for You.
Be their[a] arm every morning,
Our salvation also in the time of trouble.
3 At the noise of the tumult the people shall
flee;
When You lift Yourself up, the nations shall
be scattered;
4 And Your plunder shall be gathered
*Like* the gathering of the caterpillar;
As the running to and fro of locusts,
He shall run upon them.

5 The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high;
He has filled Zion with justice and
righteousness.
6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability
of your times,
*And* the strength of salvation;
The fear of the LORD *is* His treasure.

7 Surely their valiant ones shall cry outside,
The ambassadors of peace shall weep
bitterly.
8 The highways lie waste,
The traveling man ceases.
He has broken the covenant,
He has despised the cities,[a]
He regards no man.
9 The earth mourns *and* languishes,
Lebanon is shamed *and* shriveled;
Sharon is like a wilderness,
And Bashan and Carmel shake off *their
fruits.*

### *Impending Judgment on Zion*

10 "Now I will rise," says the LORD;
"Now I will be exalted,
Now I will lift Myself up.
11 You shall conceive chaff,
You shall bring forth stubble;
Your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.
12 And the people shall be *like* the burnings of
lime;
*Like* thorns cut up they shall be burned in
the fire.
13 Hear, you *who are* afar off, what I have done;
And you *who are* near, acknowledge My
might."

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites:
"Who among us shall dwell with the
devouring fire?
Who among us shall dwell with everlasting
burnings?"
15 He who walks righteously and speaks
uprightly,
He who despises the gain of oppressions,
Who gestures with his hands, refusing
bribes,
Who stops his ears from hearing of
bloodshed,
And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:
16 He will dwell on high;
His place of defense *will be* the fortress of
rocks;
Bread will be given him,
His water *will be* sure.

### *The Land of the Majestic King*

17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty;
They will see the land that is very far off.
18 Your heart will meditate on terror:
"Where *is* the scribe?
Where *is* he who weighs?
Where *is* he who counts the towers?"
19 You will not see a fierce people,
A people of obscure speech, beyond
perception,
Of a stammering tongue *that you* cannot
understand.

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed
feasts;

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**33:2** [a]Septuagint omits *their;* Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *our*. **33:8** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls read *witnesses;* Septuagint omits *cities;* Targum reads *They have been removed from their cities*.

Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home,
A tabernacle *that* will not be taken down;
Not one of its stakes will ever be removed,
Nor will any of its cords be broken.
21 But there the majestic LORD *will be* for us
A place of broad rivers *and* streams,
In which no galley with oars will sail,
Nor majestic ships pass by
22 (For the LORD *is* our Judge,
The LORD *is* our Lawgiver,
The LORD *is* our King;
He will save us);
23 Your tackle is loosed,
They could not strengthen their mast,
They could not spread the sail.

Then the prey of great plunder is divided;
The lame take the prey.
24 And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick";
The people who dwell in it *will be* forgiven
*their* iniquity.

### *Judgment on the Nations*

34 Come near, you nations, to hear;
And heed, you people!
Let the earth hear, and all that is in it,
The world and all things that come forth
from it.
2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* against all
nations,
And *His* fury against all their armies;
He has utterly destroyed them,
He has given them over to the slaughter.
3 Also their slain shall be thrown out;
Their stench shall rise from their corpses,
And the mountains shall be melted with
their blood.
4 All the host of heaven shall be dissolved,
And the heavens shall be rolled up like a
scroll;
All their host shall fall down
As the leaf falls from the vine,
And as *fruit* falling from a fig tree.

5 "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven;
Indeed it shall come down on Edom,
And on the people of My curse, for
judgment.
6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,
It is made overflowing with fatness,
With the blood of lambs and goats,
With the fat of the kidneys of rams.
For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah,
And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
7 The wild oxen shall come down with them,
And the young bulls with the mighty bulls;
Their land shall be soaked with blood,
And their dust saturated with fatness."

8 For *it is* the day of the LORD's vengeance,
The year of recompense for the cause of
Zion.
9 Its streams shall be turned into pitch,
And its dust into brimstone;
Its land shall become burning pitch.
10 It shall not be quenched night or day;
Its smoke shall ascend forever.
From generation to generation it shall lie
waste;
No one shall pass through it forever and
ever.
11 But the pelican and the porcupine shall
possess it,
Also the owl and the raven shall dwell in it.
And He shall stretch out over it
The line of confusion and the stones of
emptiness.
12 They shall call its nobles to the kingdom,
But none *shall be* there, and all its princes
shall be nothing.

13 And thorns shall come up in its palaces,
Nettles and brambles in its fortresses;
It shall be a habitation of jackals,
A courtyard for ostriches.
14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet
with the jackals,
And the wild goat shall bleat to its
companion;
Also the night creature shall rest there,
And find for herself a place of rest.
15 There the arrow snake shall make her nest
and lay *eggs*
And hatch, and gather *them* under her
shadow;
There also shall the hawks be gathered,
Every one with her mate.

16 "Search from the book of the LORD, and read:
Not one of these shall fail;
Not one shall lack her mate.
For My mouth has commanded it, and His
Spirit has gathered them.
17 He has cast the lot for them,
And His hand has divided it among them
with a measuring line.

They shall possess it forever;
From generation to generation they shall dwell in it."

### *The Future Glory of Zion*

35 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;
2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice,
Even with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
The excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
And make firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance,
*With* the recompense of God;
He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
And the tongue of the dumb sing.
For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the desert.
7 The parched ground shall become a pool,
And the thirsty land springs of water;
In the habitation of jackals, where each lay,
*There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

8 A highway shall be there, and a road,
And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.
The unclean shall not pass over it,
But it *shall be* for others.
Whoever walks the road, although a fool,
Shall not go astray.
9 No lion shall be there,
Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it;
It shall not be found there.
But the redeemed shall walk *there,*
10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### *Sennacherib Boasts Against the LORD*

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. 2Then the king of Assyria sent *the* Rabshakeh[a] with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. And he stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field. 3And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.

4Then *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence is this in which you trust? 5I say you speak of having plans and power for war; but *they are* mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? 6Look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

7"But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' *is it* not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'?"' 8Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them! 9How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen? 10Have I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'"

11Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to *the* Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand *it;* and do not speak to us in Hebrew[a] in the hearing of the people who *are* on the wall."

12But *the* Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?"

13Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! 14Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive

**36:2** [a]A title, probably *Chief of Staff* or *Governor* **36:11** [a]Literally *Judean*

you, for he will not be able to deliver you; [15]nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."' [16]Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make *peace* with me *by a* present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; [17]until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. [18]*Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria? [19]Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand? [20]Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'"

[21]But they held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him." [22]Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn, and told him the words of *the* Rabshakeh.

### *Isaiah Assures Deliverance*

37 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard *it,* that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. [2]Then he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. [3]And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day *is* a day of trouble and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but *there is* no strength to bring them forth. [4]It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of *the* Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that is left.'"

[5]So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. [6]And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. [7]Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."'"

### *Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer*

[8]Then *the* Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish. [9]And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to make war with you." So when he heard *it,* he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, [10]"Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." [11]Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? [12]Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who *were* in Telassar? [13]Where *is* the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?'"

[14]And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. [15]Then Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying: [16]"O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, *the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You *are* God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. [17]Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. [18]Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, [19]and have cast their gods into the fire; for they *were* not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. [20]Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD, You alone."

### *The Word of the LORD Concerning Sennacherib*

[21]Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, [22]this *is* the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him:

"The virgin, the daughter of Zion,
Has despised you, laughed you to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
Has shaken *her* head behind your back!

23 "Whom have you reproached and
blasphemed?
Against whom have you raised *your* voice,
And lifted up your eyes on high?
Against the Holy One of Israel.
24 By your servants you have reproached the
Lord,
And said, 'By the multitude of my chariots
I have come up to the height of the
mountains,
To the limits of Lebanon;
I will cut down its tall cedars
*And* its choice cypress trees;
I will enter its farthest height,
To its fruitful forest.
25 I have dug and drunk water,
And with the soles of my feet I have dried up
All the brooks of defense.'

26 "Did you not hear long ago
*How* I made it,
From ancient times that I formed it?
Now I have brought it to pass,
That you should be
For crushing fortified cities *into* heaps of
ruins.
27 Therefore their inhabitants *had* little power;
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were *as* the grass of the field
And the green herb,
*As* the grass on the housetops
And grain blighted before it is grown.

28 "But I know your dwelling place,
Your going out and your coming in,
And your rage against Me.
29 Because your rage against Me and your
tumult
Have come up to My ears,
Therefore I will put My hook in your nose
And My bridle in your lips,
And I will turn you back
By the way which you came."'

30"This *shall be* a sign to you:

You shall eat this year such as grows of itself,
And the second year what springs from the
same;
Also in the third year sow and reap,
Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.
31 And the remnant who have escaped of the
house of Judah
Shall again take root downward,
And bear fruit upward.
32 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant,
And those who escape from Mount Zion.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

33"Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria:

'He shall not come into this city,
Nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with shield,
Nor build a siege mound against it.
34 By the way that he came,
By the same shall he return;
And he shall not come into this city,'
Says the LORD.
35 'For I will defend this city, to save it
For My own sake and for My servant David's
sake.'"

### *Sennacherib's Defeat and Death*

36Then the angel[a] of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. 37So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned *home,* and remained at Nineveh. 38Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

### *Hezekiah's Life Extended*

38 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

2Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, 3and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what is* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4And the word of the LORD came to Isaiah,

**37:36** [a]Or *Angel*

saying, 5"Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years. 6I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city."' 7And this *is* the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing which He has spoken: 8Behold, I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward." So the sun returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down.

9This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

10 I said,
"In the prime of my life
I shall go to the gates of Sheol;
I am deprived of the remainder of my years."
11 I said,
"I shall not see YAH,
The LORD[a] in the land of the living;
I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants of the world.[b]
12 My life span is gone,
Taken from me like a shepherd's tent;
I have cut off my life like a weaver.
He cuts me off from the loom;
From day until night You make an end of me.
13 I have considered until morning—
Like a lion,
So He breaks all my bones;
From day until night You make an end of me.
14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so I chattered;
I mourned like a dove;
My eyes fail *from looking* upward.
O LORD,[a] I am oppressed;
Undertake for me!
15 "What shall I say?
He has both spoken to me,[a]
And He Himself has done *it.*
I shall walk carefully all my years
In the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these *things men* live;
And in all these *things is* the life of my spirit;
So You will restore me and make me live.
17 Indeed *it was* for *my own* peace
*That* I had great bitterness;
But You have lovingly *delivered* my soul from the pit of corruption,
For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.
18 For Sheol cannot thank You,
Death cannot praise You;
Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth.
19 The living, the living man, he shall praise You,
As I *do* this day;
The father shall make known Your truth to the children.

**38:11** [a]Hebrew *YAH, YAH* [b]Following some Hebrew manuscripts; Masoretic Text and Vulgate read *rest;* Septuagint omits *among the inhabitants of the world;* Targum reads *land.*
**38:14** [a]Following Bomberg; Masoretic Text and Dead Sea Scrolls read *Lord.* **38:15** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls and Targum read *And shall I say to Him;* Septuagint omits first half of this verse.

## BITTERNESS ③ LETTING GRUDGES GO

▶ *See* **ISAIAH 38:17**

Bitterness is a sin. To ignore it prevents any real solution. But to repent from it and confess it to God will result in forgiveness and restoration of your fellowship with God. (See *Repentance; Restoration*.)

When you have made yourself right with God, then it is appropriate to make things right with others as much as possible, as well. If a relationship has been damaged, seek reconciliation with that person so that you may have "a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16).

If reconciliation takes place, God will be pleased, and both you and the other party will be spiritually healed. If your attempts to reconcile are not successful, you have been obedient to God in your effort and can live with a clear conscience. Pray and ask God to fill you with love for the other person whether or not reconciliation occurs: "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4–6).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

20 "The LORD *was ready* to save me;
Therefore we will sing my songs with
stringed instruments
All the days of our life, in the house of the
LORD."

21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a lump of figs, and apply *it* as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover."

22 And Hezekiah had said, "What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?"

### *The Babylonian Envoys*

39 At that time Merodach-Baladan[a] the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. 2 And Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his treasures—the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory—all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

3 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?"

So Hezekiah said, "They came to me from a far country, from Babylon."

4 And he said, "What have they seen in your house?"

So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that *is* in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: 6 'Behold, the days are coming when all that *is* in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD. 7 'And they shall take away *some* of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"

8 So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken *is* good!" For he said, "At least there will be peace and truth in my days."

### *God's People Are Comforted*

40 "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!"
Says your God.
2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and
cry out to her,
That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned;
For she has received from the LORD's hand
Double for all her sins."

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert[a]
A highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made
straight
And the rough places smooth;
5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see *it* together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

6 The voice said, "Cry out!"
And he[a] said, "What shall I cry?"

"All flesh *is* grass,
And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of
the field.
7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the LORD blows
upon it;
Surely the people *are* grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."

9 O Zion,
You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem,
You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with strength,
Lift *it* up, be not afraid;
Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your
God!"

10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a
strong *hand,*
And His arm shall rule for Him;
Behold, His reward *is* with Him,
And His work before Him.
11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry *them* in His bosom,
*And* gently lead those who are with
young.

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**39:1** [a]Spelled *Berodach-Baladan* in 2 Kings 20:12
**40:3** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint omits *in the desert*. **40:6** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, and Vulgate read *I*.

12 Who has measured the waters[a] in the hollow
of His hand,
Measured heaven with a span
And calculated the dust of the earth in a
measure?
Weighed the mountains in scales
And the hills in a balance?
13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD,
Or *as* His counselor has taught Him?
14 With whom did He take counsel, and *who*
instructed Him,
And taught Him in the path of justice?
Who taught Him knowledge,
And showed Him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket,
And are counted as the small dust on the
scales;
Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little
thing.
16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn,
Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt
offering.
17 All nations before Him *are* as nothing,
And they are counted by Him less than
nothing and worthless.

18 To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare to Him?
19 The workman molds an image,
The goldsmith overspreads it with gold,
And the silversmith casts silver chains.
20 Whoever *is* too impoverished for *such* a
contribution
Chooses a tree *that* will not rot;
He seeks for himself a skillful workman
To prepare a carved image *that* will not
totter.

21 Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the
foundations of the earth?
22 *It is* He who sits above the circle of the earth,
And its inhabitants *are* like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a
curtain,
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.
23 He brings the princes to nothing;
He makes the judges of the earth useless.

24 Scarcely shall they be planted,
Scarcely shall they be sown,
Scarcely shall their stock take root in the
earth,
When He will also blow on them,
And they will wither,
And the whirlwind will take them away like
stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken Me,
Or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy
One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these *things,*
Who brings out their host by number;
He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might

**40:12** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls read *waters of the sea;* Targum reads *waters of the world.*

NEW AGE MOVEMENT

## 2 A Person or a Force?

▸ *See* **Isaiah 40:21–23**

God is eternal. He is divine; His creation is not. To the New Age follower, God is merely an impersonal consciousness or force, a divine "essence" that is inseparable from the earth and universe. New Age adherents see themselves as a part of God, and many seek altered states of consciousness through meditation or hypnosis in order to more fully experience their divine nature.

In contrast to the New Age, Christianity says that God is a Person, not a force or essence. He exists eternally and possesses the qualities of a person. He loves (John 3:16; 1 John 4:8), He speaks (Genesis 28:15; 1 Samuel 3:10), He has wisdom and knowledge (Romans 11:33), and He acts (Deuteronomy 11:7; Psalm 145:4, 6, 12).

Christianity teaches that God reveals Himself to humans in three ways: through His creation (Genesis 1:1; Romans 1:20); through His word (Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12); and through Jesus Christ, His Son (Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 1:1, 2).

▸ *Now turn to page 1050 for Romans 1:18–25 and Point 3. Creator or Creation?*

And the strength of *His* power;
Not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
And speak, O Israel:
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
And my just claim is passed over by my God"?
28 Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary.
His understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the weak,
And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall,
31 But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

### *Israel Assured of God's Help*

41 "Keep silence before Me, O coastlands,
And let the people renew *their* strength!
Let them come near, then let them speak;
Let us come near together for judgment.

2 "Who raised up one from the east?
Who in righteousness called him to His feet?
Who gave the nations before him,
And made *him* rule over kings?
Who gave *them* as the dust *to* his sword,
As driven stubble to his bow?
3 Who pursued them, *and* passed safely
By the way *that* he had not gone with his feet?
4 Who has performed and done *it,*
Calling the generations from the beginning?
'I, the LORD, am the first;
And with the last I *am* He.'"

5 The coastlands saw *it* and feared,
The ends of the earth were afraid;
They drew near and came.
6 Everyone helped his neighbor,
And said to his brother,
"Be of good courage!"
7 So the craftsman encouraged the goldsmith;
He who smooths *with* the hammer *inspired* him who strikes the anvil,
Saying, "It *is* ready for the soldering";
Then he fastened it with pegs,
*That* it might not totter.

8 "But you, Israel, *are* My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The descendants of Abraham My friend.
9 *You* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,
And called from its farthest regions,
And said to you,
'You *are* My servant,
I have chosen you and have not cast you away:
10 Fear not, for I *am* with you;
Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

11 "Behold, all those who were incensed against you
Shall be ashamed and disgraced;
They shall be as nothing,
And those who strive with you shall perish.
12 You shall seek them and not find them—
Those who contended with you.
Those who war against you
Shall be as nothing,
As a nonexistent thing.
13 For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand,
Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

14 "Fear not, you worm Jacob,
You men of Israel!
I will help you," says the LORD
And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
15 "Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth;
You shall thresh the mountains and beat *them* small,
And make the hills like chaff.
16 You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away,
And the whirlwind shall scatter them;
You shall rejoice in the LORD,
*And* glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 "The poor and needy seek water, but *there is* none,
Their tongues fail for thirst.

I, the LORD, will hear them;
*I,* the God of Israel, will not forsake them.
18 I will open rivers in desolate heights,
And fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
And the dry land springs of water.
19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree,
The myrtle and the oil tree;
I will set in the desert the cypress tree *and* the pine
And the box tree together,
20 That they may see and know,
And consider and understand together,
That the hand of the LORD has done this,
And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

### *The Futility of Idols*

21 "Present your case," says the LORD.
"Bring forth your strong *reasons,*" says the King of Jacob.
22 "Let them bring forth and show us what will happen;
Let them show the former things, what they *were,*
That we may consider them,
And know the latter end of them;
Or declare to us things to come.
23 Show the things that are to come hereafter,
That we may know that you *are* gods;
Yes, do good or do evil,
That we may be dismayed and see *it* together.
24 Indeed you *are* nothing,
And your work *is* nothing;
*He who* chooses you *is* an abomination.

25 "I have raised up one from the north,
And he shall come;
From the rising of the sun he shall call on My name;
And he shall come against princes as *though* mortar,
As the potter treads clay.
26 Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know?
And former times, that we may say, 'He *is* righteous'?
Surely *there is* no one who shows,
Surely *there is* no one who declares,
Surely *there is* no one who hears your words.
27 The first time *I said* to Zion,
'Look, there they are!'
And I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good tidings.
28 For I looked, and *there was* no man;
I looked among them, but *there was* no counselor,
Who, when I asked of them, could answer a word.
29 Indeed they *are* all worthless;[a]
Their works *are* nothing;
Their molded images *are* wind and confusion.

### *The Servant of the LORD*

42 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
2 He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice,*
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
3 A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth.
4 He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

5 Thus says God the LORD,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,
Who gives breath to the people on it,
And spirit to those who walk on it:
6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness,
And will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles,
7 To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the prison,
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.
8 I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name;
And My glory I will not give to another,
Nor My praise to carved images.
9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,
And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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**41:29** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls, Syriac, and Targum read *nothing;* Septuagint omits the first line.

*Praise to the Lord*

10 Sing to the Lord a new song,
*And* His praise from the ends of the earth,
You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,
You coastlands and you inhabitants of them!
11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up *their voice,*
The villages *that* Kedar inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing,
Let them shout from the top of the mountains.
12 Let them give glory to the Lord,
And declare His praise in the coastlands.
13 The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man;
He shall stir up *His* zeal like a man of war.
He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud;
He shall prevail against His enemies.

*Promise of the Lord's Help*

14 "I have held My peace a long time,
I have been still and restrained Myself.
*Now* I will cry like a woman in labor,
I will pant and gasp at once.
15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills,
And dry up all their vegetation;
I will make the rivers coastlands,
And I will dry up the pools.
16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know;
I will lead them in paths they have not known.
I will make darkness light before them,
And crooked places straight.
These things I will do for them,
And not forsake them.
17 They shall be turned back,
They shall be greatly ashamed,
Who trust in carved images,
Who say to the molded images,
'You *are* our gods.'
18 "Hear, you deaf;
And look, you blind, that you may see.
19 Who *is* blind but My servant,
Or deaf as My messenger *whom* I send?
Who *is* blind as *he who is* perfect,
And blind as the Lord's servant?
20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe;
Opening the ears, but he does not hear."

*Israel's Obstinate Disobedience*

21 The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake;
He will exalt the law and make *it* honorable.
22 But this *is* a people robbed and plundered;
All of them are snared in holes,
And they are hidden in prison houses;
They are for prey, and no one delivers;
For plunder, and no one says, "Restore!"
23 Who among you will give ear to this?
*Who* will listen and hear for the time to come?
24 Who gave Jacob for plunder, and Israel to the robbers?
Was it not the Lord,
He against whom we have sinned?
For they would not walk in His ways,
Nor were they obedient to His law.
25 Therefore He has poured on him the fury of His anger
And the strength of battle;
It has set him on fire all around,
Yet he did not know;
And it burned him,
Yet he did not take *it* to heart.

*The Redeemer of Israel*

43 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called *you* by your name;
You *are* Mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you.
3 For I *am* the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I gave Egypt for your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.
4 Since you were precious in My sight,
You have been honored,
And I have loved you;
Therefore I will give men for you,
And people for your life.
5 Fear not, for I *am* with you;
I will bring your descendants from the east,
And gather you from the west;
6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'
Bring My sons from afar,

And My daughters from the ends of the earth—
7 Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

8 Bring out the blind people who have eyes,
And the deaf who have ears.
9 Let all the nations be gathered together,
And let the people be assembled.
Who among them can declare this,
And show us former things?
Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified;
Or let them hear and say, "*It is* truth."
10 "You *are* My witnesses," says the LORD,
"And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and believe Me,
And understand that I *am* He.
Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.
11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD,
And besides Me *there is* no savior.
12 I have declared and saved,
I have proclaimed,
And *there was* no foreign *god* among you;
Therefore you *are* My witnesses,"
Says the LORD, "that I *am* God.
13 Indeed before the day *was,* I *am* He;
And *there is* no one who can deliver out of My hand;
I work, and who will reverse it?"

14 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
"For your sake I will send to Babylon,
And bring them all down as fugitives—
The Chaldeans, who rejoice in their ships.
15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel, your King."

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea
And a path through the mighty waters,
17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse,
The army and the power
(They shall lie down together, they shall not rise;
They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):
18 "Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
*And* rivers in the desert.
20 The beast of the field will honor Me,
The jackals and the ostriches,
Because I give waters in the wilderness
*And* rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My people, My chosen.
21 This people I have formed for Myself;
They shall declare My praise.

### *Pleading with Unfaithful Israel*

22 "But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob;
And you have been weary of Me, O Israel.
23 You have not brought Me the sheep for your burnt offerings,
Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices.
I have not caused you to serve with grain offerings,
Nor wearied you with incense.
24 You have bought Me no sweet cane with money,
Nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices;
But you have burdened Me with your sins,
You have wearied Me with your iniquities.

25 "I, *even* I, *am* He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake;
And I will not remember your sins.
26 Put Me in remembrance;
Let us contend together;
State your *case,* that you may be acquitted.
27 Your first father sinned,
And your mediators have transgressed against Me.
28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary;
I will give Jacob to the curse,
And Israel to reproaches.

### *God's Blessing on Israel*

**44** "Yet hear me now, O Jacob My servant,
And Israel whom I have chosen.
2 Thus says the LORD who made you
And formed you from the womb, *who* will help you:
'Fear not, O Jacob My servant;
And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,
And floods on the dry ground;

I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
And My blessing on your offspring;
4 They will spring up among the grass
Like willows by the watercourses.'
5 One will say, 'I *am* the LORD's';
Another will call *himself* by the name of Jacob;
Another will write *with* his hand, 'The LORD's,'
And name *himself* by the name of Israel.

### *There Is No Other God*

6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
'I *am* the First and I *am* the Last;
Besides Me *there is* no God.
7 And who can proclaim as I do?
Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,
Since I appointed the ancient people.
And the things that are coming and shall come,
Let them show these to them.
8 Do not fear, nor be afraid;
Have I not told you from that time, and declared *it?*
You *are* My witnesses.
Is there a God besides Me?
Indeed *there is* no other Rock;
I know not *one.*'"

### *Idolatry Is Foolishness*

9 Those who make an image, all of them *are* useless,
And their precious things shall not profit;
They *are* their own witnesses;
They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.
10 Who would form a god or mold an image
*That* profits him nothing?
11 Surely all his companions would be ashamed;
And the workmen, they *are* mere men.
Let them all be gathered together,
Let them stand up;
Yet they shall fear,
They shall be ashamed together.

12 The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals,
Fashions it with hammers,
And works it with the strength of his arms.
Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails;
He drinks no water and is faint.

13 The craftsman stretches out *his* rule,
He marks one out with chalk;
He fashions it with a plane,
He marks it out with the compass,
And makes it like the figure of a man,
According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.
14 He cuts down cedars for himself,
And takes the cypress and the oak;
He secures *it* for himself among the trees of the forest.
He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes *it.*

15 Then it shall be for a man to burn,
For he will take some of it and warm himself;
Yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread;
Indeed he makes a god and worships *it;*
He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it.
16 He burns half of it in the fire;
With this half he eats meat;
He roasts a roast, and is satisfied.
He even warms *himself* and says,
"Ah! I am warm,
I have seen the fire."
17 And the rest of it he makes into a god,
His carved image.
He falls down before it and worships *it,*
Prays to it and says,
"Deliver me, for you *are* my god!"

18 They do not know nor understand;
For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see,
*And* their hearts, so that they cannot understand.
19 And no one considers in his heart,
Nor *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say,
"I have burned half of it in the fire,
Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals;
I have roasted meat and eaten *it;*
And shall I make the rest of it an abomination?
Shall I fall down before a block of wood?"
20 He feeds on ashes;
A deceived heart has turned him aside;
And he cannot deliver his soul,
Nor say, "*Is there* not a lie in my right hand?"

*Israel Is Not Forgotten*

21 "Remember these, O Jacob,
And Israel, for you *are* My servant;
I have formed you, you *are* My servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!
22 I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions,
And like a cloud, your sins.
Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

23 Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done *it!*
Shout, you lower parts of the earth;
Break forth into singing, you mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
And glorified Himself in Israel.

*Judah Will Be Restored*

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
And He who formed you from the womb:
"I *am* the LORD, who makes all *things,*
Who stretches out the heavens all alone,
Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;
25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers,
And drives diviners mad;
Who turns wise men backward,
And makes their knowledge foolishness;
26 Who confirms the word of His servant,
And performs the counsel of His messengers;
Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,'
To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,'
And I will raise up her waste places;
27 Who says to the deep, 'Be dry!
And I will dry up your rivers';
28 Who says of Cyrus, '*He is* My shepherd,
And he shall perform all My pleasure,
Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built,"
And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."'

*Cyrus, God's Instrument*

45 "Thus says the LORD to His anointed,
To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—
To subdue nations before him
And loose the armor of kings,
To open before him the double doors,
So that the gates will not be shut:
2 'I will go before you
And make the crooked places[a] straight;
I will break in pieces the gates of bronze
And cut the bars of iron.
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden riches of secret places,
That you may know that I, the LORD,
Who call *you* by your name,
*Am* the God of Israel.
4 For Jacob My servant's sake,
And Israel My elect,
I have even called you by your name;
I have named you, though you have not known Me.
5 I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other;
*There is* no God besides Me.
I will gird you, though you have not known Me,
6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting
That *there is* none besides Me.
I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other;
7 I form the light and create darkness,
I make peace and create calamity;
I, the LORD, do all these *things.*'

8 "Rain down, you heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation,
And let righteousness spring up together.
I, the LORD, have created it.

9 "Woe to him who strives with his Maker!
*Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth!
Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?'
Or shall your handiwork *say,* 'He has no hands'?
10 Woe to him who says to *his* father, 'What are you begetting?'
Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'"

11 Thus says the LORD,
The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:
"Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons;
And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.
12 I have made the earth,
And created man on it.
I—My hands—stretched out the heavens,
And all their host I have commanded.

**45:2** [a]Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint read *mountains;* Targum reads *I will trample down the walls;* Vulgate reads *I will humble the great ones of the earth.*

13 I have raised him up in righteousness,
And I will direct all his ways;
He shall build My city
And let My exiles go free,
Not for price nor reward,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

### *The LORD, the Only Savior*

14 Thus says the LORD:

"The labor of Egypt and merchandise of Cush
And of the Sabeans, men of stature,
Shall come over to you, and they shall be yours;
They shall walk behind you,
They shall come over in chains;
And they shall bow down to you.
They will make supplication to you, *saying,*
'Surely God *is* in you,
And *there is* no other;
*There is* no other God.'"

15 Truly You *are* God, who hide Yourself,
O God of Israel, the Savior!
16 They shall be ashamed
And also disgraced, all of them;
They shall go in confusion together,
*Who are* makers of idols.
17 *But* Israel shall be saved by the LORD
With an everlasting salvation;
You shall not be ashamed or disgraced
Forever and ever.

18 For thus says the LORD,
Who created the heavens,
Who is God,
Who formed the earth and made it,
Who has established it,
Who did not create it in vain,
Who formed it to be inhabited:
"I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other.
19 I have not spoken in secret,
In a dark place of the earth;
I did not say to the seed of Jacob,
'Seek Me in vain';
I, the LORD, speak righteousness,
I declare things that are right.

20 "Assemble yourselves and come;
Draw near together,
You *who have* escaped from the nations.
They have no knowledge,
Who carry the wood of their carved image,
And pray to a god *that* cannot save.
21 Tell and bring forth *your case;*
Yes, let them take counsel together.
Who has declared this from ancient time?
*Who* has told it from that time?
*Have* not I, the LORD?
And *there is* no other God besides Me,
A just God and a Savior;
*There is* none besides Me.

22 "Look to Me, and be saved,
All you ends of the earth!
For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.
23 I have sworn by Myself;
The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness,
And shall not return,
That to Me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall take an oath.
24 He shall say,
'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.
To Him *men* shall come,
And all shall be ashamed
Who are incensed against Him.
25 In the LORD all the descendants of Israel
Shall be justified, and shall glory.'"

### *Dead Idols and the Living God*

46 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops;
Their idols were on the beasts and on the cattle.
Your carriages *were* heavily loaded,
A burden to the weary *beast.*
2 They stoop, they bow down together;
They could not deliver the burden,
But have themselves gone into captivity.

3 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
Who have been upheld *by Me* from birth,
Who have been carried from the womb:
4 Even to *your* old age, I *am* He,
And *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you!*
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver *you.*

5 "To whom will you liken Me, and make *Me* equal
And compare Me, that we should be alike?
6 They lavish gold out of the bag,
And weigh silver on the scales;
They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god;
They prostrate themselves, yes, they worship.
7 They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it

And set it in its place, and it stands;
From its place it shall not move.
Though *one* cries out to it, yet it cannot answer
Nor save him out of his trouble.

8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men;
Recall to mind, O you transgressors.
9 Remember the former things of old,
For I *am* God, and *there is* no other;
*I am* God, and *there is* none like Me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done,
Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,'
11 Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man who executes My counsel, from a far country.
Indeed I have spoken *it;*
I will also bring it to pass.
I have purposed *it;*
I will also do it.

12 "Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted,
Who *are* far from righteousness:
13 I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off;
My salvation shall not linger.
And I will place salvation in Zion,
For Israel My glory.

### *The Humiliation of Babylon*

47 "Come down and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon;
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans!
For you shall no more be called
Tender and delicate.
2 Take the millstones and grind meal.
Remove your veil,
Take off the skirt,
Uncover the thigh,
Pass through the rivers.
3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered,
Yes, your shame will be seen;
I will take vengeance,
And I will not arbitrate with a man."

4 *As for* our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* His name,
The Holy One of Israel.

5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For you shall no longer be called
The Lady of Kingdoms.
6 I was angry with My people;
I have profaned My inheritance,
And given them into your hand.
You showed them no mercy;
On the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily.
7 And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,'
*So* that you did not take these *things* to heart,
Nor remember the latter end of them.

8 "Therefore hear this now, *you who are* given to pleasures,
Who dwell securely,
Who say in your heart, 'I *am,* and *there is* no one else besides me;
I shall not sit *as* a widow,
Nor shall I know the loss of children';
9 But these two *things* shall come to you
In a moment, in one day:

**TRUSTING GOD** **1 THE CHARACTER OF GOD**

▶ *See* **ISAIAH 46:9–11**

God is completely unlimited and completely powerful. His wisdom and knowledge are infinite. He is able to see every situation with perfect understanding and to know what is best. He allows events to happen that we do not understand, but His reasons are guided by His unfailing love for us and His perfect wisdom.

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33). What God does may be "unsearchable" to our human minds. Only Someone who can see the past and future as clearly as the present can fully understand why certain events belong to a higher wisdom and purpose.

We can take comfort knowing that the events of our lives are not just random, senseless acts of nature or of human failure. God, who is far wiser and more powerful than we are, is in control and is carrying out His wise plans.

▶ *Now turn to page 508 for Psalm 46:1 and Point 2. Against Our Nature.*

The loss of children, and widowhood.
They shall come upon you in their fullness
Because of the multitude of your sorceries,
For the great abundance of your enchantments.

10 "For you have trusted in your wickedness;
You have said, 'No one sees me';
Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you;
And you have said in your heart,
'I *am,* and *there is* no one else besides me.'
11 Therefore evil shall come upon you;
You shall not know from where it arises.
And trouble shall fall upon you;
You will not be able to put it off.
And desolation shall come upon you suddenly,
*Which* you shall not know.

12 "Stand now with your enchantments
And the multitude of your sorceries,
In which you have labored from your youth—
Perhaps you will be able to profit,
Perhaps you will prevail.
13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels;
Let now the astrologers, the stargazers,
*And* the monthly prognosticators
Stand up and save you
From what shall come upon you.
14 Behold, they shall be as stubble,
The fire shall burn them;
They shall not deliver themselves
From the power of the flame;
*It shall* not *be* a coal to be warmed by,
*Nor* a fire to sit before!
15 Thus shall they be to you
With whom you have labored,
Your merchants from your youth;
They shall wander each one to his quarter.
No one shall save you.

### *Israel Refined for God's Glory*

48 "Hear this, O house of Jacob,
Who are called by the name of Israel,
And have come forth from the wellsprings of Judah;
Who swear by the name of the LORD,
And make mention of the God of Israel,
*But* not in truth or in righteousness;
2 For they call themselves after the holy city,
And lean on the God of Israel;
The LORD of hosts *is* His name:

3 "I have declared the former things from the beginning;
They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it.
Suddenly I did *them,* and they came to pass.
4 Because I knew that you *were* obstinate,
And your neck *was* an iron sinew,
And your brow bronze,
5 Even from the beginning I have declared *it* to you;
Before it came to pass I proclaimed *it* to you,
Lest you should say, 'My idol has done them,
And my carved image and my molded image
Have commanded them.'

6 "You have heard;
See all this.
And will you not declare *it?*
I have made you hear new things from this time,
Even hidden things, and you did not know them.
7 They are created now and not from the beginning;
And before this day you have not heard them,
Lest you should say, 'Of course I knew them.'
8 Surely you did not hear,
Surely you did not know;
Surely from long ago your ear was not opened.
For I knew that you would deal very treacherously,
And were called a transgressor from the womb.

9 "For My name's sake I will defer My anger,
And *for* My praise I will restrain it from you,
So that I do not cut you off.
10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.
11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do *it;*
For how should *My name* be profaned?
And I will not give My glory to another.

### *God's Ancient Plan to Redeem Israel*

12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob,
And Israel, My called:
I *am* He, I *am* the First,
I *am* also the Last.

13 Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth,
And My right hand has stretched out the heavens;
*When* I call to them,
They stand up together.

14 "All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear!
Who among them has declared these *things?*
The LORD loves him;
He shall do His pleasure on Babylon,
And His arm *shall be against* the Chaldeans.
15 I, *even* I, have spoken;
Yes, I have called him,
I have brought him, and his way will prosper.

16 "Come near to Me, hear this:
I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;
From the time that it was, I *was* there.
And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit
Have[a] sent Me."

17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
"I *am* the LORD your God,
Who teaches you to profit,
Who leads you by the way you should go.
18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments!
Then your peace would have been like a river,
And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.
19 Your descendants also would have been like the sand,
And the offspring of your body like the grains of sand;
His name would not have been cut off
Nor destroyed from before Me."

20 Go forth from Babylon!
Flee from the Chaldeans!
With a voice of singing,
Declare, proclaim this,
Utter it to the end of the earth;
Say, "The LORD has redeemed
His servant Jacob!"
21 And they did not thirst
When He led them through the deserts;
He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them;
He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out.

22 "*There is* no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

### *The Servant, the Light to the Gentiles*

49 "Listen, O coastlands, to Me,
And take heed, you peoples from afar!
The LORD has called Me from the womb;
From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.
2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword;
In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me,
And made Me a polished shaft;
In His quiver He has hidden Me."

3 "And He said to me,
'You *are* My servant, O Israel,
In whom I will be glorified.'
4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain;
Yet surely my just reward *is* with the LORD,
And my work with my God.'"

5 "And now the LORD says,
Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him,
So that Israel is gathered to Him[a]
(For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD,
And My God shall be My strength),
6 Indeed He says,
'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
And to restore the preserved ones of Israel;
I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles,
That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

7 Thus says the LORD,
The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One,
To Him whom man despises,
To Him whom the nation abhors,
To the Servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise,
Princes also shall worship,

**48:16** [a]The Hebrew verb is singular. **49:5** [a]Qere, Dead Sea Scrolls, and Septuagint read *is gathered to Him;* Kethib reads *is not gathered.*

Because of the LORD who is faithful,
The Holy One of Israel;
And He has chosen You."

8 Thus says the LORD:

"In an acceptable time I have heard You,
And in the day of salvation I have helped You;
I will preserve You and give You
As a covenant to the people,
To restore the earth,
To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;
9 That You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,'
To those who *are* in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

"They shall feed along the roads,
And their pastures *shall be* on all desolate heights.
10 They shall neither hunger nor thirst,
Neither heat nor sun shall strike them;
For He who has mercy on them will lead them,
Even by the springs of water He will guide them.
11 I will make each of My mountains a road,
And My highways shall be elevated.
12 Surely these shall come from afar;
Look! Those from the north and the west,
And these from the land of Sinim."

13 Sing, O heavens!
Be joyful, O earth!
And break out in singing, O mountains!
For the LORD has comforted His people,
And will have mercy on His afflicted.

### *God Will Remember Zion*

14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
And my Lord has forgotten me."

15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,
And not have compassion on the son of her womb?
Surely they may forget,
Yet I will not forget you.
16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms *of My hands;*
Your walls *are* continually before Me.
17 Your sons[a] shall make haste;
Your destroyers and those who laid you waste
Shall go away from you.
18 Lift up your eyes, look around and see;
All these gather together *and* come to you.
*As* I live," says the LORD,
"You shall surely clothe yourselves with them all as an ornament,
And bind them *on you* as a bride *does.*

19 "For your waste and desolate places,
And the land of your destruction,
Will even now be too small for the inhabitants;
And those who swallowed you up will be far away.
20 The children you will have,
After you have lost the others,
Will say again in your ears,
'The place *is* too small for me;
Give me a place where I may dwell.'
21 Then you will say in your heart,
'Who has begotten these for me,
Since I have lost my children and am desolate,
A captive, and wandering to and fro?
And who has brought these up?
There I was, left alone;
But these, where *were* they?'"

22 Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations,
And set up My standard for the peoples;
They shall bring your sons in *their* arms,
And your daughters shall be carried on *their* shoulders;
23 Kings shall be your foster fathers,
And their queens your nursing mothers;
They shall bow down to you with *their* faces to the earth,
And lick up the dust of your feet.
Then you will know that I *am* the LORD,
For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me."

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty,
Or the captives of the righteous[a] be delivered?

25 But thus says the LORD:

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**49:17** [a]Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *builders*. **49:24** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Dead Sea Scrolls, Syriac, and Vulgate read *the mighty;* Septuagint reads *unjustly*.

"Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
And the prey of the terrible be delivered;
For I will contend with him who contends with you,
And I will save your children.
26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh,
And they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine.
All flesh shall know
That I, the LORD, *am* your Savior,
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

### *The Servant, Israel's Hope*

50 Thus says the LORD:

"Where *is* the certificate of your mother's divorce,
Whom I have put away?
Or which of My creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you?
For your iniquities you have sold yourselves,
And for your transgressions your mother has been put away.
2 Why, when I came, *was there* no man?
*Why,* when I called, *was there* none to answer?
Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem?
Or have I no power to deliver?
Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea,
I make the rivers a wilderness;
Their fish stink because *there is* no water,
And die of thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,
And I make sackcloth their covering."

4 "The Lord GOD has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to *him who is* weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.
5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.
6 I gave My back to those who struck *Me,*
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.
7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.
8 *He is* near who justifies Me;
Who will contend with Me?
Let us stand together.
Who *is* My adversary?
Let him come near Me.
9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me;
Who *is* he *who* will condemn Me?
Indeed they will all grow old like a garment;
The moth will eat them up.

10 "Who among you fears the LORD?
Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
Who walks in darkness
And has no light?
Let him trust in the name of the LORD
And rely upon his God.
11 Look, all you who kindle a fire,
Who encircle *yourselves* with sparks:
Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled—
This you shall have from My hand:
You shall lie down in torment.

### *The LORD Comforts Zion*

51 "Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness,
You who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock *from which* you were hewn,
And to the hole of the pit *from which* you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father,
And to Sarah *who* bore you;
For I called him alone,
And blessed him and increased him."

3 For the LORD will comfort Zion,
He will comfort all her waste places;
He will make her wilderness like Eden,
And her desert like the garden of the LORD;
Joy and gladness will be found in it,
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

4 "Listen to Me, My people;
And give ear to Me, O My nation:
For law will proceed from Me,
And I will make My justice rest
As a light of the peoples.
5 My righteousness *is* near,
My salvation has gone forth,
And My arms will judge the peoples;

The coastlands will wait upon Me,
And on My arm they will trust.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look on the earth beneath.
For the heavens will vanish away like smoke,
The earth will grow old like a garment,
And those who dwell in it will die in like manner;
But My salvation will be forever,
And My righteousness will not be abolished.

7 "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,
You people in whose heart *is* My law:
Do not fear the reproach of men,
Nor be afraid of their insults.
8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment,
And the worm will eat them like wool;
But My righteousness will be forever,
And My salvation from generation to generation."

9 Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD!
Awake as in the ancient days,
In the generations of old.
*Are* You not *the arm* that cut Rahab apart,
*And* wounded the serpent?

10 *Are* You not *the One* who dried up the sea,
The waters of the great deep;
That made the depths of the sea a road
For the redeemed to cross over?
11 So the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness;
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

12 "I, *even* I, *am* He who comforts you.
Who *are* you that you should be afraid
Of a man *who* will die,
And of the son of a man *who* will be made like grass?
13 And you forget the LORD your Maker,
Who stretched out the heavens
And laid the foundations of the earth;
You have feared continually every day
Because of the fury of the oppressor,
When *he has* prepared to destroy.
And where *is* the fury of the oppressor?
14 The captive exile hastens, that he may be loosed,
That he should not die in the pit,
And that his bread should not fail.
15 But I *am* the LORD your God,
Who divided the sea whose waves roared—
The LORD of hosts *is* His name.
16 And I have put My words in your mouth;
I have covered you with the shadow of My hand,
That I may plant the heavens,
Lay the foundations of the earth,
And say to Zion, 'You *are* My people.'"

### *God's Fury Removed*

17 Awake, awake!
Stand up, O Jerusalem,
You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD
The cup of His fury;
You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling,
*And* drained *it* out.
18 *There is* no one to guide her
Among all the sons she has brought forth;
Nor *is there any* who takes her by the hand
Among all the sons she has brought up.
19 These two *things* have come to you;
Who will be sorry for you?—
Desolation and destruction, famine and sword—
By whom will I comfort you?
20 Your sons have fainted,
They lie at the head of all the streets,
Like an antelope in a net;
They are full of the fury of the LORD,
The rebuke of your God.

21 Therefore please hear this, you afflicted,
And drunk but not with wine.
22 Thus says your Lord,
The LORD and your God,
*Who* pleads the cause of His people:
"See, I have taken out of your hand
The cup of trembling,
The dregs of the cup of My fury;
You shall no longer drink it.
23 But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you,
Who have said to you,[a]
'Lie down, that we may walk over you.'
And you have laid your body like the ground,
And as the street, for those who walk over."

**51:23** [a]Literally *your soul*

### *God Redeems Jerusalem*

52 Awake, awake!
Put on your strength, O Zion;
Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city!
For the uncircumcised and the unclean
Shall no longer come to you.
2 Shake yourself from the dust, arise;
Sit down, O Jerusalem!
Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion!

3 For thus says the LORD:

"You have sold yourselves for nothing,
And you shall be redeemed without money."

4 For thus says the Lord GOD:

"My people went down at first
Into Egypt to dwell there;
Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
5 Now therefore, what have I here," says the LORD,
"That My people are taken away for nothing?
Those who rule over them
Make them wail,"[a] says the LORD,
"And My name *is* blasphemed continually every day.
6 Therefore My people shall know My name;
Therefore *they shall know* in that day
That I *am* He who speaks:
'Behold, *it is* I.'"

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good *things,*
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
8 Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices,
With their voices they shall sing together;
For they shall see eye to eye
When the LORD brings back Zion.
9 Break forth into joy, sing together,
You waste places of Jerusalem!
For the LORD has comforted His people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has made bare His holy arm
In the eyes of all the nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall see
The salvation of our God.

11 Depart! Depart! Go out from there,
Touch no unclean *thing;*
Go out from the midst of her,
Be clean,
You who bear the vessels of the LORD.
12 For you shall not go out with haste,
Nor go by flight;
For the LORD will go before you,
And the God of Israel *will* be your rear guard.

### *The Sin-Bearing Servant*

13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
14 Just as many were astonished at you,
So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men;
15 So shall He sprinkle[a] many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
For what had not been told them they shall see,
And what they had not heard they shall consider.

53 Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground.
He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him,
*There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.
3 He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

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**52:5** [a]Dead Sea Scrolls read *Mock;* Septuagint reads *Marvel and wail;* Targum reads *Boast themselves;* Vulgate reads *Treat them unjustly.* **52:15** [a]Or *startle*

5 But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
*He was* bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation?
For He was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
9 And they[a] made His grave with the wicked—
But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;
He has put *Him* to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.
11 He shall see the labor of His soul,[a] *and* be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
Because He poured out His soul unto death,
And He was numbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

### *A Perpetual Covenant of Peace*

54 "Sing, O barren,
You *who* have not borne!
Break forth into singing, and cry aloud,
You *who* have not labored with child!
For more *are* the children of the desolate
Than the children of the married woman,"
says the LORD.
2 "Enlarge the place of your tent,
And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings;
Do not spare;
Lengthen your cords,
And strengthen your stakes.
3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left,
And your descendants will inherit the nations,
And make the desolate cities inhabited.

4 "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;
Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame;
For you will forget the shame of your youth,
And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.
5 For your Maker *is* your husband,
The LORD of hosts *is* His name;

**53:9** [a]Literally *he* or *He* **53:11** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint read *From the labor of His soul He shall see light.*

**AIDS/HIV** **4 TRUSTING GOD IN SUFFERING**

► *See* **ISAIAH 53:5, 6**

We can't explain all the reasons why God allows us to suffer in this life. But we know He allowed His only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer greatly. Even though He is God, Jesus Christ suffered more than any human will ever suffer, so He understands how we feel when we suffer. God never promised us freedom from suffering during this short time of life on earth.

It's very normal to feel bitter about having a terrible disease, but do not let such bitterness stand in the way of your relationship with God. He is your advocate and source of strength. Pray and ask Him to enable you to trust Him in your suffering.

► *Now turn to page 913 for Matthew 25:43, 45 and Point 5. Help for Family and Friends.*

And your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of
Israel;
He is called the God of the whole earth.
6 For the LORD has called you
Like a woman forsaken and grieved in
spirit,
Like a youthful wife when you were refused,"
Says your God.
7 "For a mere moment I have forsaken you,
But with great mercies I will gather you.
8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for
a moment;
But with everlasting kindness I will have
mercy on you,"
Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

9 "For this *is* like the waters of Noah to Me;
For as I have sworn
That the waters of Noah would no longer
cover the earth,
So have I sworn
That I would not be angry with you, nor
rebuke you.
10 For the mountains shall depart
And the hills be removed,
But My kindness shall not depart from you,
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,"
Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

11 "O you afflicted one,
Tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted,
Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful
gems,
And lay your foundations with sapphires.
12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies,
Your gates of crystal,
And all your walls of precious stones.
13 All your children *shall be* taught by the LORD,
And great *shall be* the peace of your children.
14 In righteousness you shall be established;
You shall be far from oppression, for you
shall not fear;
And from terror, for it shall not come
near you.
15 Indeed they shall surely assemble, *but* not
because of Me.
Whoever assembles against you shall fall for
your sake.

16 "Behold, I have created the blacksmith
Who blows the coals in the fire,
Who brings forth an instrument for his work;
And I have created the spoiler to destroy.
17 No weapon formed against you shall
prosper,
And every tongue *which* rises against you in
judgment
You shall condemn.
This *is* the heritage of the servants of the
LORD,
And their righteousness *is* from Me,"
Says the LORD.

## HEALING — 3 GOD'S PREROGATIVE

► *See* **ISAIAH 55:8, 9**

God's ways are beyond our ways. We will not always understand why He allows certain things or why He heals one person and not another. We do know that whatever our circumstances, God uses them for good in our lives (Romans 8:28).

The apostle Paul prayed fervently for the removal of an affliction (2 Corinthians 12:8–10). But God didn't heal Paul. He did, however, provide grace and strength for him in the situation. The glorious will and ways of God came into focus in Paul's life when Christ revealed to him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (verse 9). Paul replied, "Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (verses 9, 10).

If you desire healing from God, take stock of your life. Make sure you are in right relationship with Him. Ask for God's help in getting your life under control—pray for victory over the choices with which you struggle and for restoration to health. Also assess whether your illness is related to a lack of harmony with God's will. Repent from any anger, bitterness, resentment, or other unconfessed sin. Commit to live in close relationship with Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31). And pray in faith with other believers for healing. Whether you are healed or not, God can give you joy, peace, and resolution as you learn to depend on His Word and prayer. These will provide great encouragement in the face of illness or adversity.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*An Invitation to Abundant Life*

55 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters;
And you who have no money,
Come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread,
And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
3 Incline your ear, and come to Me.
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—
The sure mercies of David.
4 Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people,
A leader and commander for the people.
5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,
And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you,
Because of the LORD your God,
And the Holy One of Israel;
For He has glorified you."

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
7 Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

8 "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD.
9 "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,
11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

12 "For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;
And it shall be to the LORD for a name,
For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off."

**LORDSHIP** **3 TRUSTING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE**

► *See* **ISAIAH 55:8, 9**

When you trust the lordship of Christ, you trust the God of the entire universe. God is not bound by time or space. He is never surprised. He cannot be fooled. No matter what is ahead for you, God is sovereign and in control. This is good news for the Christian. You are not entrusting your life to someone who is unprepared or unable to handle it. God has appointed Christ "heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:2, 3). And in Philippians 2:9–11, the apostle Paul leaves no doubt that Jesus is worthy to be called our Lord: "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

► *Now turn to page 955 for Luke 6:46–49 and Point 4. The Fruits of Lordship.*

*Salvation for the Gentiles*

56 Thus says the LORD:
"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
For My salvation *is* about to come,
And My righteousness to be revealed.
2 Blessed *is* the man *who* does this,
And the son of man *who* lays hold on it;
Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,
And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

3 Do not let the son of the foreigner
Who has joined himself to the LORD
Speak, saying,
"The LORD has utterly separated me from His people";
Nor let the eunuch say,
"Here I am, a dry tree."
4 For thus says the LORD:
"To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths,
And choose what pleases Me,
And hold fast My covenant,
5 Even to them I will give in My house
And within My walls a place and a name
Better than that of sons and daughters;
I will give them[a] an everlasting name
That shall not be cut off.

6 "Also the sons of the foreigner
Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,
And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—
Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,
And holds fast My covenant—
7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
*Will be* accepted on My altar;
For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."
8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,
"Yet I will gather to him
*Others* besides those who are gathered to him."

*Israel's Irresponsible Leaders*

9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour,
All you beasts in the forest.
10 His watchmen *are* blind,
They are all ignorant;
They *are* all dumb dogs,
They cannot bark;
Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.
11 Yes, *they are* greedy dogs
*Which* never have enough.
And they *are* shepherds
Who cannot understand;
They all look to their own way,
Every one for his own gain,
From his *own* territory.
12 "Come," *one says,* "I will bring wine,
And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink;
Tomorrow will be as today,
*And* much more abundant."

*Israel's Futile Idolatry*

57 The righteous perishes,
And no man takes *it* to heart;
Merciful men *are* taken away,
While no one considers
That the righteous is taken away from evil.
2 He shall enter into peace;
They shall rest in their beds,
*Each one* walking *in* his uprightness.

3 "But come here,
You sons of the sorceress,
You offspring of the adulterer and the harlot!
4 Whom do you ridicule?
Against whom do you make a wide mouth
*And* stick out the tongue?
*Are* you not children of transgression,
Offspring of falsehood,
5 Inflaming yourselves with gods under every green tree,
Slaying the children in the valleys,
Under the clefts of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth *stones* of the stream
*Is* your portion;
They, they, *are* your lot!
Even to them you have poured a drink offering,
You have offered a grain offering.
Should I receive comfort in these?

7 "On a lofty and high mountain
You have set your bed;
Even there you went up
To offer sacrifice.

**56:5** [a]Literally *him*

8 Also behind the doors and their posts
You have set up your remembrance;
For you have uncovered yourself *to those other* than Me,
And have gone up to them;
You have enlarged your bed
And made *a covenant* with them;
You have loved their bed,
Where you saw *their* nudity.[a]
9 You went to the king with ointment,
And increased your perfumes;
You sent your messengers far off,
And *even* descended to Sheol.
10 You are wearied in the length of your way;
*Yet* you did not say, 'There is no hope.'
You have found the life of your hand;
Therefore you were not grieved.

11 "And of whom have you been afraid, or feared,
That you have lied
And not remembered Me,
Nor taken *it* to your heart?
Is it not because I have held My peace from of old
That you do not fear Me?
12 I will declare your righteousness
And your works,
For they will not profit you.
13 When you cry out,
Let your collection *of idols* deliver you.
But the wind will carry them all away,
A breath will take *them.*
But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land,
And shall inherit My holy mountain."

### *Healing for the Backslider*

14 And one shall say,
"Heap it up! Heap it up!
Prepare the way,
Take the stumbling block out of the way of My people."

15 For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy *place,*
With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
16 For I will not contend forever,
Nor will I always be angry;
For the spirit would fail before Me,
And the souls *which* I have made.
17 For the iniquity of his covetousness
I was angry and struck him;
I hid and was angry,
And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.
18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him;
I will also lead him,
And restore comforts to him
And to his mourners.

19 "I create the fruit of the lips:
Peace, peace to *him who is* far off and to *him who is* near,"
Says the LORD,
"And I will heal him."
20 But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea,
When it cannot rest,
Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 "*There is* no peace,"
Says my God, "for the wicked."

### *Fasting that Pleases God*

58 "Cry aloud, spare not;
Lift up your voice like a trumpet;
Tell My people their transgression,
And the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet they seek Me daily,
And delight to know My ways,
As a nation that did righteousness,
And did not forsake the ordinance of their God.
They ask of Me the ordinances of justice;
They take delight in approaching God.
3 'Why have we fasted,' *they say,* 'and You have not seen?
*Why* have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?'

"In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure,
And exploit all your laborers.
4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate,
And to strike with the fist of wickedness.
You will not fast as *you do* this day,
To make your voice heard on high.
5 Is it a fast that I have chosen,
A day for a man to afflict his soul?
*Is it* to bow down his head like a bulrush,
And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?

**57:8** [a]Literally *hand,* a euphemism

Would you call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 "*Is* this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the heavy burdens,
To let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?
7 *Is it* not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I *am*.'

"If you take away the yoke from your midst,
The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
10 *If* you extend your soul to the hungry
And satisfy the afflicted soul,
Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,
And your darkness shall *be* as the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you continually,
And satisfy your soul in drought,
And strengthen your bones;
You shall be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.
12 Those from among you
Shall build the old waste places;
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

13 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath,
*From* doing your pleasure on My holy day,
And call the Sabbath a delight,
The holy *day* of the LORD honorable,
And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways,
Nor finding your own pleasure,
Nor speaking *your own* words,
14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD;
And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth,
And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.
The mouth of the LORD has spoken."

### *Separated from God*

59 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened,
That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy,
That it cannot hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden *His* face from you,
So that He will not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with blood,
And your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken lies,
Your tongue has muttered perversity.
4 No one calls for justice,
Nor does *any* plead for truth.
They trust in empty words and speak lies;

**LONELINESS** **1 ALIENATION FROM GOD**

► *See* **ISAIAH 59:2**

One result of Adam and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden is that humankind became alienated from God. This alienation caused Adam and Eve to hide from God and to try to cover up their sin. Only as we find forgiveness in Christ are we relieved of the loneliness resulting from this alienation from God.

The psalmist rejoiced in God's work in his life by writing, "He restores my soul" (Psalm 23:3). This restoration, which removes the causes of our alienation, is available to everyone through a relationship with Christ (Colossians 1:19, 20). When we are restored to fellowship with God, the Holy Spirit lives within us (1 Corinthians 6:19). Thus, we are complete in Him: "and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power" (Colossians 2:10). For more information about having this relationship with God, see *Salvation*.

► *Now turn to page 3 for Genesis 2:18 and Point 2. Created for Companionship.*

They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the
spider's web;
He who eats of their eggs dies,
And *from* that which is crushed a viper
breaks out.
6 Their webs will not become garments,
Nor will they cover themselves with their
works;
Their works *are* works of iniquity,
And the act of violence *is* in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed innocent blood;
Their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity;
Wasting and destruction *are* in their paths.
8 The way of peace they have not known,
And *there is* no justice in their ways;
They have made themselves crooked paths;
Whoever takes that way shall not know
peace.

### *Sin Confessed*

9 Therefore justice is far from us,
Nor does righteousness overtake us;
We look for light, but there is darkness!
For brightness, *but* we walk in blackness!
10 We grope for the wall like the blind,
And we grope as if *we had* no eyes;
We stumble at noonday as at twilight;
*We are* as dead *men* in desolate places.
11 We all growl like bears,
And moan sadly like doves;
We look for justice, but *there is* none;
For salvation, *but* it is far from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied
before You,
And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions *are* with us,
And *as for* our iniquities, we know them:
13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD,
And departing from our God,
Speaking oppression and revolt,
Conceiving and uttering from the heart
words of falsehood.
14 Justice is turned back,
And righteousness stands afar off;
For truth is fallen in the street,
And equity cannot enter.
15 So truth fails,
And he *who* departs from evil makes himself
a prey.

### *The Redeemer of Zion*

Then the LORD saw *it,* and it displeased Him
That *there was* no justice.
16 He saw that *there was* no man,
And wondered that *there was* no intercessor;
Therefore His own arm brought salvation for
Him;
And His own righteousness, it sustained
Him.
17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
And a helmet of salvation on His head;
He put on the garments of vengeance for
clothing,
And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
18 According to *their* deeds, accordingly He will
repay,

**PEACE** **1 Peace with God Is Not Our Natural Legacy**

► *See* **Isaiah 59:2**

Adam forfeited peace with God through disobedience. The consequences of his sin were immediate, and he was separated from the Holy Creator with whom he had experienced daily fellowship. Through Adam's one act, all humanity was subject to condemnation and separation from God. Since that day, the human race has tried to regain peace in this relationship and to remove sin's curse. But because we are separated from God, we do not automatically experience His peace. (See Romans 5:12, 18.)

Peace with God is not obtainable through human effort. "There is a way that seems right to a man, / But its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Billy Graham has said that "all humanity is seeking the answer to the confusion, the moral sickness, the spiritual emptiness that oppresses the world. All mankind is crying out for guidance, for comfort, for peace."

Since Adam, people have been running in search of peace. With each new direction, we tell ourselves, "This is the path to peace." But each time, apart from God's path, we have been wrong. The Word of God affirms this truth and declares that peace with God cannot be attained through human effort.

► *Now turn to page 1053 for Romans 5:1 and Point 2. We Can Experience Peace with God.*

Fury to His adversaries,
Recompense to His enemies;
The coastlands He will fully repay.
19 So shall they fear
The name of the LORD from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun;
When the enemy comes in like a flood,
The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,"
Says the LORD.

21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this *is* My covenant with them: My Spirit who *is* upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

### *The Gentiles Bless Zion*

60 Arise, shine;
For your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
3 The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, they come to you;
Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side.
5 Then you shall see and become radiant,
And your heart shall swell with joy;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.
6 The multitude of camels shall cover your *land,*
The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba shall come;
They shall bring gold and incense,
And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.
7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you,
The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar,
And I will glorify the house of My glory.

8 "Who *are* these *who* fly like a cloud,
And like doves to their roosts?
9 Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me;
And the ships of Tarshish *will come* first,
To bring your sons from afar,
Their silver and their gold with them,
To the name of the LORD your God,
And to the Holy One of Israel,
Because He has glorified you.

10 "The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls,
And their kings shall minister to you;
For in My wrath I struck you,
But in My favor I have had mercy on you.
11 Therefore your gates shall be open continually;
They shall not be shut day or night,
That *men* may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles,
And their kings in procession.
12 For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish,
And *those* nations shall be utterly ruined.

13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
The cypress, the pine, and the box tree together,
To beautify the place of My sanctuary;
And I will make the place of My feet glorious.
14 Also the sons of those who afflicted you
Shall come bowing to you,
And all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet;
And they shall call you The City of the LORD,
Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
So that no one went through *you,*
I will make you an eternal excellence,
A joy of many generations.
16 You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles,
And milk the breast of kings;
You shall know that I, the LORD, *am* your Savior

And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of
Jacob.

17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
Instead of iron I will bring silver,
Instead of wood, bronze,
And instead of stones, iron.
I will also make your officers peace,
And your magistrates righteousness.
18 Violence shall no longer be heard in your
land,
Neither wasting nor destruction within your
borders;
But you shall call your walls Salvation,
And your gates Praise.

### *God the Glory of His People*

19 "The sun shall no longer be your light
by day,
Nor for brightness shall the moon give light
to you;
But the LORD will be to you an everlasting
light,
And your God your glory.
20 Your sun shall no longer go down,
Nor shall your moon withdraw itself;
For the LORD will be your everlasting light,
And the days of your mourning shall be
ended.
21 Also your people *shall* all *be* righteous;
They shall inherit the land forever,
The branch of My planting,
The work of My hands,
That I may be glorified.
22 A little one shall become a thousand,
And a small one a strong nation.
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

### *The Good News of Salvation*

61 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is*
upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to *those who
are* bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of
heaviness;
That they may be called trees of
righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be
glorified."

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.
5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And the sons of the foreigner
*Shall be* your plowmen and your
vinedressers.
6 But you shall be named the priests of the
LORD,
They shall call you the servants of our God.
You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,
And in their glory you shall boast.
7 Instead of your shame *you shall have* double
*honor,*
And *instead of* confusion they shall rejoice in
their portion.
Therefore in their land they shall possess
double;
Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 "For I, the LORD, love justice;
I hate robbery for burnt offering;
I will direct their work in truth,
And will make with them an everlasting
covenant.
9 Their descendants shall be known among
the Gentiles,
And their offspring among the people.
All who see them shall acknowledge them,
That they *are* the posterity *whom* the LORD
has blessed."

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of
salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks *himself* with
ornaments,
And as a bride adorns *herself* with her
jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things that are
sown in it to spring forth,

So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness
and praise to spring forth before all the
nations.

### *Assurance of Zion's Salvation*

62 For Zion's sake I will not hold My
peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes forth as
brightness,
And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns.
2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory.
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.
3 You shall also be a crown of glory
In the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God.
4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,
Nor shall your land any more be termed
Desolate;
But you shall be called Hephzibah,[a] and your
land Beulah;[b]
For the LORD delights in you,
And your land shall be married.
5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin,
*So* shall your sons marry you;
And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the
bride,
*So* shall your God rejoice over you.

6 I have set watchmen on your walls,
O Jerusalem;
They shall never hold their peace day or
night.
You who make mention of the LORD, do not
keep silent,
7 And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the
earth.

8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand
And by the arm of His strength:
"Surely I will no longer give your grain
*As* food for your enemies;
And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink
your new wine,
For which you have labored.
9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it,
And praise the LORD;
Those who have brought it together shall
drink it in My holy courts."

10 Go through,
Go through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people;
Build up,
Build up the highway!
Take out the stones,
Lift up a banner for the peoples!

11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed
To the end of the world:
"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Surely your salvation is coming;
Behold, His reward *is* with Him,
And His work before Him.'"
12 And they shall call them The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
And you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

### *The LORD in Judgment and Salvation*

63 Who *is* this who comes from Edom,
With dyed garments from Bozrah,
This *One who is* glorious in His
apparel,
Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—

"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to
save."

2 Why *is* Your apparel red,
And Your garments like one who treads in
the winepress?

3 "I have trodden the winepress alone,
And from the peoples no one *was* with Me.
For I have trodden them in My anger,
And trampled them in My fury;
Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments,
And I have stained all My robes.
4 For the day of vengeance *is* in My heart,
And the year of My redeemed has come.
5 I looked, but *there was* no one to help,
And I wondered
That *there was* no one to uphold;
Therefore My own arm brought salvation
for Me;
And My own fury, it sustained Me.
6 I have trodden down the peoples in My
anger,
Made them drunk in My fury,
And brought down their strength to the
earth."

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**62:4** [a]Literally *My Delight Is in Her* [b]Literally *Married*

*God's Mercy Remembered*

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD
*And* the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us,
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies,
According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.
8 For He said, "Surely they *are* My people,
Children *who* will not lie."
So He became their Savior.
9 In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the Angel of His Presence saved them;
In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And He bore them and carried them
All the days of old.
10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,
*And* He fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old,
Moses *and* his people, *saying:*
"Where *is* He who brought them up out of the sea
With the shepherd of His flock?
Where *is* He who put His Holy Spirit within them,
12 Who led *them* by the right hand of Moses,
With His glorious arm,
Dividing the water before them
To make for Himself an everlasting name,
13 Who led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness,
*That* they might not stumble?"

14 As a beast goes down into the valley,
*And* the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest,
So You lead Your people,
To make Yourself a glorious name.

*A Prayer of Penitence*

15 Look down from heaven,
And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious.
Where *are* Your zeal and Your strength,
The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me?
Are they restrained?
16 Doubtless You *are* our Father,
Though Abraham was ignorant of us,
And Israel does not acknowledge us.
You, O LORD, *are* our Father;
Our Redeemer from Everlasting *is* Your name.
17 O LORD, why have You made us stray from Your ways,
*And* hardened our heart from Your fear?
Return for Your servants' sake,
The tribes of Your inheritance.
18 Your holy people have possessed *it* but a little while;
Our adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary.
19 We have become *like* those of old, over whom You never ruled,
Those who were never called by Your name.

64 Oh, that You would rend the heavens!
That You would come down!
That the mountains might shake at Your presence—
2 As fire burns brushwood,
As fire causes water to boil—
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
*That* the nations may tremble at Your presence!
3 When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,
You came down,
The mountains shook at Your presence.
4 For since the beginning of the world
*Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.
5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,
*Who* remembers You in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
In these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.

6 But we are all like an unclean *thing,*
And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf,

And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away.
7 And *there is* no one who calls on Your name,
Who stirs himself up to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us,
And have consumed us because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and You our potter;
And all we *are* the work of Your hand.
9 Do not be furious, O LORD,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Indeed, please look—we all *are* Your people!
10 Your holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
11 Our holy and beautiful temple,
Where our fathers praised You,
Is burned up with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid waste.
12 Will You restrain Yourself because of these *things,* O LORD?
Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

### *The Righteousness of God's Judgment*

65 "I was sought by *those who* did not ask *for Me;*
I was found by *those who* did not seek Me.
I said, 'Here I am, here I am,'
To a nation *that* was not called by My name.
2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people,
Who walk in a way *that is* not good,
According to their own thoughts;
3 A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face;
Who sacrifice in gardens,
And burn incense on altars of brick;
4 Who sit among the graves,
And spend the night in the tombs;
Who eat swine's flesh,
And the broth of abominable things is *in* their vessels;
5 Who say, 'Keep to yourself,
Do not come near me,
For I am holier than you!'
These *are* smoke in My nostrils,
A fire that burns all the day.

6 "Behold, *it is* written before Me:
I will not keep silence, but will repay—
Even repay into their bosom—
7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together,"
Says the LORD,
"Who have burned incense on the mountains
And blasphemed Me on the hills;
Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom."

8 Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,
And *one* says, 'Do not destroy it,
For a blessing *is* in it,'
So will I do for My servants' sake,
That I may not destroy them all.
9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
And from Judah an heir of My mountains;
My elect shall inherit it,
And My servants shall dwell there.
10 Sharon shall be a fold of flocks,
And the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down,
For My people who have sought Me.

**GOD THE FATHER** — **1 THE CREATOR**

► *See* **ISAIAH 64:8**

When the Bible talks about God the Father, it often refers to God as the Creator just as the prophet Isaiah does in this passage. God is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3), and He is the Father of all believers in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18). He is unique: there is only one God. He is the originator of all things. "There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live" (1 Corinthians 8:6).

► *Now turn to page 964 for Luke 12:6, 7 and Point 2. Knows His Creation.*

11 "But you *are* those who forsake the LORD,
Who forget My holy mountain,
Who prepare a table for Gad,[a]
And who furnish a drink offering for Meni.[b]
12 Therefore I will number you for the sword,
And you shall all bow down to the slaughter;
Because, when I called, you did not answer;
When I spoke, you did not hear,
But did evil before My eyes,
And chose *that* in which I do not delight."

13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, My servants shall eat,
But you shall be hungry;
Behold, My servants shall drink,
But you shall be thirsty;
Behold, My servants shall rejoice,
But you shall be ashamed;
14 Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart,
But you shall cry for sorrow of heart,
And wail for grief of spirit.
15 You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen;
For the Lord GOD will slay you,
And call His servants by another name;
16 So that he who blesses himself in the earth
Shall bless himself in the God of truth;
And he who swears in the earth
Shall swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are forgotten,
And because they are hidden from My eyes.

### *The Glorious New Creation*

17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem *as* a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.

20 "No more shall an infant from there *live but a few* days,
Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days;
For the child shall die one hundred years old,
But the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed.
21 They shall build houses and inhabit *them;*
They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
They shall not plant and another eat;
For as the days of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people,
And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labor in vain,
Nor bring forth children for trouble;
For they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the LORD,
And their offspring with them.

24 "It shall come to pass
That before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
And dust *shall be* the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,"
Says the LORD.

### *True Worship and False*

66 Thus says the LORD:

"Heaven *is* My throne,
And earth *is* My footstool.
Where *is* the house that you will build Me?
And where *is* the place of My rest?
2 For all those *things* My hand has made,
And all those *things* exist,"
Says the LORD.
"But on this *one* will I look:
On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit,
And who trembles at My word.

3 "He who kills a bull *is as if* he slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb, *as if* he breaks a dog's neck;
He who offers a grain offering, *as if he offers* swine's blood;
He who burns incense, *as if* he blesses an idol.
Just as they have chosen their own ways,
And their soul delights in their abominations,

**65:11** [a]Literally *Troop* or *Fortune,* a pagan deity [b]Literally *Number* or *Destiny,* a pagan deity

4 So will I choose their delusions,
And bring their fears on them;
Because, when I called, no one answered,
When I spoke they did not hear;
But they did evil before My eyes,
And chose *that* in which I do not delight."

### *The Lord Vindicates Zion*

5 Hear the word of the Lord,
You who tremble at His word:
"Your brethren who hated you,
Who cast you out for My name's sake,
said,
'Let the Lord be glorified,
That we may see your joy.'
But they shall be ashamed."

6 The sound of noise from the city!
A voice from the temple!
The voice of the Lord,
Who fully repays His enemies!

7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth;
Before her pain came,
She delivered a male child.
8 Who has heard such a thing?
Who has seen such things?
Shall the earth be made to give birth in
one day?
*Or* shall a nation be born at once?
For as soon as Zion was in labor,
She gave birth to her children.
9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not
cause delivery?" says the Lord.
"Shall I who cause delivery shut up *the
womb?*" says your God.
10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem,
And be glad with her, all you who
love her;
Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn
for her;
11 That you may feed and be satisfied
With the consolation of her bosom,
That you may drink deeply and be
delighted
With the abundance of her glory."

12 For thus says the Lord:

"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a
river,
And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing
stream.
Then you shall feed;
On *her* sides shall you be carried,
And be dandled on *her* knees.
13 As one whom his mother comforts,
So I will comfort you;
And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

### *The Reign and Indignation of God*

14 When you see *this,* your heart shall
rejoice,
And your bones shall flourish like grass;
The hand of the Lord shall be known to His
servants,
And *His* indignation to His enemies.
15 For behold, the Lord will come with fire
And with His chariots, like a whirlwind,
To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.
16 For by fire and by His sword
The Lord will judge all flesh;
And the slain of the Lord shall be many.

17 "Those who sanctify themselves and purify
themselves,
*To go* to the gardens
After an *idol* in the midst,
Eating swine's flesh and the abomination
and the mouse,
Shall be consumed together," says the Lord.

18 "For I *know* their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: *to* Tarshish and Pul[a] and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, *to* the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the Lord, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. 21 And I will also take some of them for priests *and* Levites," says the Lord.

22 "For as the new heavens and the new
earth
Which I will make shall remain before Me,"
says the Lord,

**66:19** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint reads *Put* (compare Jeremiah 46:9).

"So shall your descendants and your name
remain.
23 And it shall come to pass
*That* from one New Moon to another,
And from one Sabbath to another,
All flesh shall come to worship before Me,"
says the LORD.

24 "And they shall go forth and look
Upon the corpses of the men
Who have transgressed against Me.
For their worm does not die,
And their fire is not quenched.
They shall be an abhorrence to all
flesh."

# The Book of
# JEREMIAH

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

### *The Prophet Is Called*

4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I sanctified you;
I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then said I:

"Ah, Lord GOD!
Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth."

7 But the LORD said to me:

"Do not say, 'I *am* a youth,'
For you shall go to all to whom I send you,
And whatever I command you, you shall speak.
8 Do not be afraid of their faces,
For I *am* with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me:

"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.
10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To root out and to pull down,
To destroy and to throw down,
To build and to plant."

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"

And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

13 And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?"

And I said, "I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north."

14 Then the LORD said to me:

"Out of the north calamity shall break forth
On all the inhabitants of the land.
15 For behold, I am calling
All the families of the kingdoms of the north," says the LORD;
"They shall come and each one set his throne
At the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem,
Against all its walls all around,
And against all the cities of Judah.
16 I will utter My judgments
Against them concerning all their wickedness,
Because they have forsaken Me,
Burned incense to other gods,
And worshiped the works of their own hands.

17 "Therefore prepare yourself and arise,
And speak to them all that I command you.
Do not be dismayed before their faces,
Lest I dismay you before them.
18 For behold, I have made you this day
A fortified city and an iron pillar,
And bronze walls against the whole land—
Against the kings of Judah,
Against its princes,
Against its priests,
And against the people of the land.
19 They will fight against you,
But they shall not prevail against you.
For I *am* with you," says the LORD, "to deliver you."

### *God's Case Against Israel*

2 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD:

"I remember you,
The kindness of your youth,
The love of your betrothal,
When you went after Me in the wilderness,
In a land not sown.
3 Israel *was* holiness to the LORD,
The firstfruits of His increase.
All that devour him will offend;
Disaster will come upon them," says the LORD.'"

4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob
and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus
says the LORD:

"What injustice have your fathers found in Me,
That they have gone far from Me,
Have followed idols,
And have become idolaters?
6 Neither did they say, 'Where *is* the LORD,
Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
Who led us through the wilderness,
Through a land of deserts and pits,
Through a land of drought and the shadow
of death,
Through a land that no one crossed
And where no one dwelt?'
7 I brought you into a bountiful country,
To eat its fruit and its goodness.
But when you entered, you defiled My land
And made My heritage an abomination.
8 The priests did not say, 'Where *is* the LORD?'
And those who handle the law did not know
Me;
The rulers also transgressed against Me;
The prophets prophesied by Baal,
And walked after *things that* do not profit.

9 "Therefore I will yet bring charges against
you," says the LORD,
"And against your children's children I will
bring charges.
10 For pass beyond the coasts of Cyprus[a] and
see,
Send to Kedar[b] and consider diligently,
And see if there has been such *a thing.*
11 Has a nation changed *its* gods,
Which *are* not gods?
But My people have changed their Glory
For *what* does not profit.
12 Be astonished, O heavens, at this,
And be horribly afraid;
Be very desolate," says the LORD.
13 "For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living
waters,
*And* hewn themselves cisterns—broken
cisterns that can hold no water.

14 "*Is* Israel a servant?
*Is* he a homeborn *slave?*
Why is he plundered?
15 The young lions roared at him, *and* growled;
They made his land waste;
His cities are burned, without inhabitant.
16 Also the people of Noph[a] and Tahpanhes
Have broken the crown of your head.
17 Have you not brought this on yourself,
In that you have forsaken the LORD your God
When He led you in the way?
18 And now why take the road to Egypt,
To drink the waters of Sihor?
Or why take the road to Assyria,
To drink the waters of the River?[a]
19 Your own wickedness will correct you,
And your backslidings will rebuke you.

**2:10** [a]Hebrew *Kittim,* western lands, especially Cyprus [b]In the northern Arabian desert, representative of the eastern cultures **2:16** [a]That is, Memphis in ancient Egypt **2:18** [a]That is, the Euphrates

WAYWARD CHRISTIANS

## 2 Circumstances That Lead to Waywardness

► *See* **JEREMIAH 2:17, 19**

Often, an inconsistent relationship with Christ or ignoring the place of God's Word, prayer, and witnessing in your Christian life will lead you to wander away from God. Ignorance of your spiritual responsibility and practice, or disobedience to God's will, or unconfessed sin are all issues that may lead to spiritual indifference. Sometimes disappointment because of the inconsistencies seen or imagined in other Christians also plays a role.

Billy Graham has said, "If you are a true believer in Christ, you are going to be at war. The lusts of the flesh, the influence of the world, and the devil are going to war against your Christian life. The flesh will fight against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and there will be constant conflict. The only time you will have perfect peace is when you are totally committed and yielded to Christ in every phase of your life. Too many people want to have one foot in the world and one foot in the kingdom of God, and it is like straddling a fence. You are not happy either way. Declare yourself for Christ."

► *Now to turn page 925 for Mark 4:3–8, 13–20 and Point 3. Overcome by Cares of the World.*

Know therefore and see that *it is* an evil and bitter *thing*
That you have forsaken the LORD your God,
And the fear of Me *is* not in you,"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts.

20 "For of old I have broken your yoke *and* burst your bonds;
And you said, 'I will not transgress,'
When on every high hill and under every green tree
You lay down, playing the harlot.
21 Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a seed of highest quality.
How then have you turned before Me
Into the degenerate plant of an alien vine?
22 For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap,
*Yet* your iniquity is marked before Me," says the Lord GOD.

23 "How can you say, 'I am not polluted,
I have not gone after the Baals'?
See your way in the valley;
Know what you have done:
*You are* a swift dromedary breaking loose in her ways,
24 A wild donkey used to the wilderness,
*That* sniffs at the wind in her desire;
In her time of mating, who can turn her away?
All those who seek her will not weary themselves;
In her month they will find her.
25 Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst.
But you said, 'There is no hope.
No! For I have loved aliens, and after them I will go.'

26 "As the thief is ashamed when he is found out,
So is the house of Israel ashamed;
They and their kings and their princes, and their priests and their prophets,
27 Saying to a tree, 'You *are* my father,'
And to a stone, 'You gave birth to me.'
For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face.
But in the time of their trouble
They will say, 'Arise and save us.'
28 But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves?
Let them arise,
If they can save you in the time of your trouble;
For *according to* the number of your cities
Are your gods, O Judah.

29 "Why will you plead with Me?
You all have transgressed against Me," says the LORD.
30 "In vain I have chastened your children;
They received no correction.
Your sword has devoured your prophets
Like a destroying lion.

31 "O generation, see the word of the LORD!
Have I been a wilderness to Israel,
Or a land of darkness?
Why do My people say, 'We are lords;
We will come no more to You'?
32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments,
*Or* a bride her attire?
Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

33 "Why do you beautify your way to seek love?
Therefore you have also taught
The wicked women your ways.
34 Also on your skirts is found
The blood of the lives of the poor innocents.
I have not found it by secret search,
But plainly on all these things.
35 Yet you say, 'Because I am innocent,
Surely His anger shall turn from me.'
Behold, I will plead My case against you,
Because you say, 'I have not sinned.'
36 Why do you gad about so much to change your way?
Also you shall be ashamed of Egypt as you were ashamed of Assyria.
37 Indeed you will go forth from him
With your hands on your head;
For the LORD has rejected your trusted allies,
And you will not prosper by them.

### *Israel Is Shameless*

3 "They say, 'If a man divorces his wife,
And she goes from him
And becomes another man's,
May he return to her again?'
Would not that land be greatly polluted?
But you have played the harlot with many lovers;
Yet return to Me," says the LORD.

2 "Lift up your eyes to the desolate heights and see:
Where have you not lain *with men?*
By the road you have sat for them
Like an Arabian in the wilderness;
And you have polluted the land
With your harlotries and your wickedness.
3 Therefore the showers have been withheld,
And there has been no latter rain.
You have had a harlot's forehead;
You refuse to be ashamed.
4 Will you not from this time cry to Me,
'My Father, You *are* the guide of my youth?
5 Will He remain angry forever?
Will He keep it to the end?'
Behold, you have spoken and done evil things,
As you were able."

### *A Call to Repentance*

6 The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot. 7 And I said, after she had done all these *things,* 'Return to Me.' But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. 9 So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense," says the LORD.

11 Then the LORD said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say:

'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the LORD;
'I will not cause My anger to fall on you.
For I *am* merciful,' says the LORD;
'I will not remain angry forever.
13 Only acknowledge your iniquity,
That you have transgressed against the LORD your God,
And have scattered your charms
To alien deities under every green tree,
And you have not obeyed My voice,' says the LORD.

14 "Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 "Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days," says the LORD, "that they will say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit *it,* nor shall it be made anymore.

17 "At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.

18 "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.

19 "But I said:

'How can I put you among the children
And give you a pleasant land,
A beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations?'

"And I said:

'You shall call Me, "My Father,"
And not turn away from Me.'
20 Surely, *as* a wife treacherously departs from her husband,
So have you dealt treacherously with Me,
O house of Israel," says the LORD.

21 A voice was heard on the desolate heights,
Weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel.
For they have perverted their way;
They have forgotten the LORD their God.

22 "Return, you backsliding children,
*And* I will heal your backslidings."

"Indeed we do come to You,
For You are the LORD our God.
23 Truly, in vain *is salvation hoped for* from the hills,
*And from* the multitude of mountains;
Truly, in the LORD our God
*Is* the salvation of Israel.
24 For shame has devoured
The labor of our fathers from our youth—

Their flocks and their herds,
Their sons and their daughters.
25 We lie down in our shame,
And our reproach covers us.
For we have sinned against the LORD our God,
We and our fathers,
From our youth even to this day,
And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD
our God."

4 "If you will return, O Israel," says the LORD,
"Return to Me;
And if you will put away your abominations
out of My sight,
Then you shall not be moved.
2 And you shall swear, 'The LORD lives,'
In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness;
The nations shall bless themselves in Him,
And in Him they shall glory."

3 For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem:

"Break up your fallow ground,
And do not sow among thorns.
4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,
And take away the foreskins of your hearts,
You men of Judah and inhabitants of
Jerusalem,
Lest My fury come forth like fire,
And burn so that no one can quench *it,*
Because of the evil of your doings."

### *An Imminent Invasion*

5 Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say:

"Blow the trumpet in the land;
Cry, 'Gather together,'
And say, 'Assemble yourselves,
And let us go into the fortified cities.'
6 Set up the standard toward Zion.
Take refuge! Do not delay!
For I will bring disaster from the north,
And great destruction."

7 The lion has come up from his thicket,
And the destroyer of nations is on his way.
He has gone forth from his place
To make your land desolate.
Your cities will be laid waste,
Without inhabitant.
8 For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth,
Lament and wail.
For the fierce anger of the LORD
Has not turned back from us.

9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the LORD,
"*That* the heart of the king shall perish,
And the heart of the princes;
The priests shall be astonished,
And the prophets shall wonder."

10 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD!
Surely You have greatly deceived this people
and Jerusalem,
Saying, 'You shall have peace,'
Whereas the sword reaches to the heart."

11 At that time it will be said
To this people and to Jerusalem,
"A dry wind of the desolate heights *blows* in
the wilderness
Toward the daughter of My people—
Not to fan or to cleanse—
12 A wind too strong for these will come for
Me;
Now I will also speak judgment against
them."

13 "Behold, he shall come up like clouds,
And his chariots like a whirlwind.
His horses are swifter than eagles.
Woe to us, for we are plundered!"

14 O Jerusalem, wash your heart from
wickedness,
That you may be saved.
How long shall your evil thoughts lodge
within you?
15 For a voice declares from Dan
And proclaims affliction from Mount
Ephraim:
16 "Make mention to the nations,
Yes, proclaim against Jerusalem,
*That* watchers come from a far country
And raise their voice against the cities of
Judah.
17 Like keepers of a field they are against her all
around,
Because she has been rebellious against Me,"
says the LORD.
18 "Your ways and your doings
Have procured these *things* for you.
This *is* your wickedness,
Because it is bitter,
Because it reaches to your heart."

*Sorrow for the Doomed Nation*

19 O my soul, my soul!
I am pained in my very heart!
My heart makes a noise in me;
I cannot hold my peace,
Because you have heard, O my soul,
The sound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war.
20 Destruction upon destruction is cried,
For the whole land is plundered.
Suddenly my tents are plundered,
*And* my curtains in a moment.
21 How long will I see the standard,
*And* hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 "For My people *are* foolish,
They have not known Me.
They *are* silly children,
And they have no understanding.
They *are* wise to do evil,
But to do good they have no knowledge."

23 I beheld the earth, and indeed *it was* without form, and void;
And the heavens, they *had* no light.
24 I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled,
And all the hills moved back and forth.
25 I beheld, and indeed *there was* no man,
And all the birds of the heavens had fled.
26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land *was* a wilderness,
And all its cities were broken down
At the presence of the LORD,
By His fierce anger.

27 For thus says the LORD:

"The whole land shall be desolate;
Yet I will not make a full end.
28 For this shall the earth mourn,
And the heavens above be black,
Because I have spoken.
I have purposed and will not relent,
Nor will I turn back from it.
29 The whole city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen.
They shall go into thickets and climb up on the rocks.
Every city *shall be* forsaken,
And not a man shall dwell in it.

30 "And *when* you *are* plundered,
What will you do?
Though you clothe yourself with crimson,
Though you adorn *yourself* with ornaments of gold,
Though you enlarge your eyes with paint,
In vain you will make yourself fair;
*Your* lovers will despise you;
They will seek your life.

31 "For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor,
The anguish as of her who brings forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of Zion bewailing herself;
She spreads her hands, *saying,*
'Woe *is* me now, for my soul is weary
Because of murderers!'

*The Justice of God's Judgment*

5 "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem;
See now and know;
And seek in her open places
If you can find a man,
If there is *anyone* who executes judgment,
Who seeks the truth,
And I will pardon her.
2 Though they say, '*As* the LORD lives,'
Surely they swear falsely."

3 O LORD, *are* not Your eyes on the truth?
You have stricken them,
But they have not grieved;
You have consumed them,
But they have refused to receive correction.
They have made their faces harder than rock;
They have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, "Surely these *are* poor.
They are foolish;
For they do not know the way of the LORD,
The judgment of their God.
5 I will go to the great men and speak to them,
For they have known the way of the LORD,
The judgment of their God."

But these have altogether broken the yoke
*And* burst the bonds.
6 Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them,
A wolf of the deserts shall destroy them;
A leopard will watch over their cities.
Everyone who goes out from there shall be torn in pieces,

Because their transgressions are many;
Their backslidings have increased.

7 "How shall I pardon you for this?
Your children have forsaken Me
And sworn by *those that are* not gods.
When I had fed them to the full,
Then they committed adultery
And assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.
8 They were *like* well-fed lusty stallions;
Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.
9 Shall I not punish *them* for these *things?*"
says the LORD.
"And shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?

10 "Go up on her walls and destroy,
But do not make a complete end.
Take away her branches,
For they *are* not the LORD's.
11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously with Me," says the LORD.

12 They have lied about the LORD,
And said, "*It is* not He.
Neither will evil come upon us,
Nor shall we see sword or famine.
13 And the prophets become wind,
For the word *is* not in them.
Thus shall it be done to them."

14 Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts:

"Because you speak this word,
Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire,
And this people wood,
And it shall devour them.
15 Behold, I will bring a nation against you from afar,
O house of Israel," says the LORD.
"It *is* a mighty nation,
It *is* an ancient nation,
A nation whose language you do not know,
Nor can you understand what they say.
16 Their quiver *is* like an open tomb;
They *are* all mighty men.
17 And they shall eat up your harvest and your bread,
*Which* your sons and daughters should eat.
They shall eat up your flocks and your herds;
They shall eat up your vines and your fig trees;
They shall destroy your fortified cities,
In which you trust, with the sword.

18 "Nevertheless in those days," says the LORD, "I will not make a complete end of you. 19 And it will be when you say, 'Why does the LORD our God do all these *things* to us?' then you shall answer them, 'Just as you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve aliens in a land *that is* not yours.'

20 "Declare this in the house of Jacob
And proclaim it in Judah, saying,
21 'Hear this now, O foolish people,
Without understanding,
Who have eyes and see not,
And who have ears and hear not:
22 Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD.
'Will you not tremble at My presence,
Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea,
By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it?
And though its waves toss to and fro,
Yet they cannot prevail;
Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.
23 But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart;
They have revolted and departed.
24 They do not say in their heart,
"Let us now fear the LORD our God,
Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season.
He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."
25 Your iniquities have turned these *things* away,
And your sins have withheld good from you.

26 'For among My people are found wicked *men;*
They lie in wait as one who sets snares;
They set a trap;
They catch men.
27 As a cage is full of birds,
So their houses *are* full of deceit.
Therefore they have become great and grown rich.
28 They have grown fat, they are sleek;
Yes, they surpass the deeds of the wicked;
They do not plead the cause,

The cause of the fatherless;
Yet they prosper,
And the right of the needy they do not defend.
29 Shall I not punish *them* for these *things?*"
says the LORD.
'Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?'

30 "An astonishing and horrible thing
Has been committed in the land:
31 The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests rule by their *own* power;
And My people love *to have it* so.
But what will you do in the end?

### *Impending Destruction from the North*

6 "O you children of Benjamin,
Gather yourselves to flee from the midst of Jerusalem!
Blow the trumpet in Tekoa,
And set up a signal-fire in Beth Haccerem;
For disaster appears out of the north,
And great destruction.
2 I have likened the daughter of Zion
To a lovely and delicate woman.
3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come to her.
They shall pitch *their* tents against her all around.
Each one shall pasture in his own place."

4 "Prepare war against her;
Arise, and let us go up at noon.
Woe to us, for the day goes away,
For the shadows of the evening are lengthening.
5 Arise, and let us go by night,
And let us destroy her palaces."

6 For thus has the LORD of hosts said:

"Cut down trees,
And build a mound against Jerusalem.
This *is* the city to be punished.
She *is* full of oppression in her midst.
7 As a fountain wells up with water,
So she wells up with her wickedness.
Violence and plundering are heard in her.
Before Me continually *are* grief and wounds.
8 Be instructed, O Jerusalem,
Lest My soul depart from you;
Lest I make you desolate,
A land not inhabited."

9 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"They shall thoroughly glean as a vine the remnant of Israel;
As a grape-gatherer, put your hand back into the branches."

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning,
That they may hear?
Indeed their ear *is* uncircumcised,
And they cannot give heed.
Behold, the word of the LORD is a reproach to them;
They have no delight in it.
11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD.
I am weary of holding *it* in.
"I will pour it out on the children outside,
And on the assembly of young men together;
For even the husband shall be taken with the wife,
The aged with *him who is* full of days.
12 And their houses shall be turned over to others,
Fields and wives together;
For I will stretch out My hand
Against the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD.
13 "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them,
Everyone *is* given to covetousness;
And from the prophet even to the priest,
Everyone deals falsely.
14 They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly,
Saying, 'Peace, peace!'
When *there is* no peace.
15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?
No! They were not at all ashamed;
Nor did they know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
At the time I punish them,
They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

16 Thus says the LORD:

"Stand in the ways and see,
And ask for the old paths, where the good way *is,*
And walk in it;
Then you will find rest for your souls.
But they said, 'We will not walk *in it.*'

17 Also, I set watchmen over you, *saying,*
'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'
But they said, 'We will not listen.'
18 Therefore hear, you nations,
And know, O congregation, what *is* among them.
19 Hear, O earth!
Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people—
The fruit of their thoughts,
Because they have not heeded My words
Nor My law, but rejected it.
20 For what purpose to Me
Comes frankincense from Sheba,
And sweet cane from a far country?
Your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable,
Nor your sacrifices sweet to Me."

21 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people,
And the fathers and the sons together shall fall on them.
The neighbor and his friend shall perish."

22 Thus says the LORD:

"Behold, a people comes from the north country,
And a great nation will be raised from the farthest parts of the earth.
23 They will lay hold on bow and spear;
They *are* cruel and have no mercy;
Their voice roars like the sea;
And they ride on horses,
As men of war set in array against you,
O daughter of Zion."

24 We have heard the report of it;
Our hands grow feeble.
Anguish has taken hold of us,
Pain as of a woman in labor.
25 Do not go out into the field,
Nor walk by the way.
Because of the sword of the enemy,
Fear *is* on every side.
26 O daughter of my people,
Dress in sackcloth
And roll about in ashes!
Make mourning *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation;
For the plunderer will suddenly come upon us.
27 "I have set you *as* an assayer *and* a fortress among My people,
That you may know and test their way.
28 They *are* all stubborn rebels, walking as slanderers.
*They are* bronze and iron,
They *are* all corrupters;
29 The bellows blow fiercely,
The lead is consumed by the fire;
The smelter refines in vain,
For the wicked are not drawn off.
30 *People* will call them rejected silver,
Because the LORD has rejected them."

### *Trusting in Lying Words*

7 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all *you of* Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD!'" 3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Do not trust in these lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD *are* these.'

5 "For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, 6 *if* you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, 7 then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

8 "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. 9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, 10 and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'? 11 Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it,*" says the LORD.

12 "But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel. 13 And now, because you have done all these works," says the LORD, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you, but you did not answer, 14 therefore I will do to the house which is called by My name,

in which you trust, and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. 15And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren—the whole posterity of Ephraim.

16"Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you. 17Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and *they* pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. 19Do they provoke Me to anger?" says the LORD. "*Do they* not *provoke* themselves, to the shame of their own faces?"

20Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place—on man and on beast, on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground. And it will burn and not be quenched."

21Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat. 22For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. 23But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' 24Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels *and* the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. 25Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them.* 26Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

27"Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you.

### *Judgment on Obscene Religion*

28"So you shall say to them, 'This *is* a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth. 29Cut off your hair and cast *it* away, and take up a lamentation on the desolate heights; for the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.' 30For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight," says the LORD. "They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to pollute it. 31And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

32"Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room. 33The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth. And no one will frighten *them away.* 34Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For the land shall be desolate.

8 "At that time," says the LORD, "they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves. 2They shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought and which they have worshiped. They shall not be gathered nor buried; they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. 3Then death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them," says the LORD of hosts.

### *The Peril of False Teaching*

4"Moreover you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD:

"Will they fall and not rise?
Will one turn away and not return?
5 Why has this people slidden back,
Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding?
They hold fast to deceit,
They refuse to return.
6 I listened and heard,
*But* they do not speak aright.
No man repented of his wickedness,
Saying, 'What have I done?'
Everyone turned to his own course,
As the horse rushes into the battle.

7 "Even the stork in the heavens
Knows her appointed times;
And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow
Observe the time of their coming.
But My people do not know the judgment of
the LORD.

8 "How can you say, 'We *are* wise,
And the law of the LORD *is* with us'?
Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly
works falsehood.
9 The wise men are ashamed,
They are dismayed and taken.
Behold, they have rejected the word of the
LORD;
So what wisdom do they have?
10 Therefore I will give their wives to others,
*And* their fields to those who will inherit
*them;*
Because from the least even to the greatest
Everyone is given to covetousness;
From the prophet even to the priest
Everyone deals falsely.
11 For they have healed the hurt of the
daughter of My people slightly,
Saying, 'Peace, peace!'
When *there is* no peace.
12 Were they ashamed when they had
committed abomination?
No! They were not at all ashamed,
Nor did they know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who
fall;
In the time of their punishment
They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

13 "I will surely consume them," says the LORD.
"No grapes *shall be* on the vine,
Nor figs on the fig tree,
And the leaf shall fade;
And *the things* I have given them shall pass
away from them."'"

14 "Why do we sit still?
Assemble yourselves,
And let us enter the fortified cities,
And let us be silent there.
For the LORD our God has put us to silence
And given us water of gall to drink,
Because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 "*We* looked for peace, but no good *came;*
And for a time of health, and there was
trouble!

16 The snorting of His horses was heard from
Dan.
The whole land trembled at the sound of the
neighing of His strong ones;
For they have come and devoured the land
and all that is in it,
The city and those who dwell in it."

17 "For behold, I will send serpents among you,
Vipers which cannot be charmed,
And they shall bite you," says the LORD.

### *The Prophet Mourns for the People*

18 I would comfort myself in sorrow;
My heart *is* faint in me.
19 Listen! The voice,
The cry of the daughter of my people
From a far country:
"*Is* not the LORD in Zion?
*Is* not her King in her?"

"Why have they provoked Me to anger
With their carved images—
With foreign idols?"

20 "The harvest is past,
The summer is ended,
And we are not saved!"

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people I
am hurt.
I am mourning;
Astonishment has taken hold of me.
22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead,
*Is there* no physician there?
Why then is there no recovery
For the health of the daughter of my people?

9 Oh, that my head were waters,
And my eyes a fountain of tears,
That I might weep day and night
For the slain of the daughter of my people!
2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness
A lodging place for travelers;
That I might leave my people,
And go from them!
For they *are* all adulterers,
An assembly of treacherous men.

3 "And *like* their bow they have bent their
tongues *for* lies.
They are not valiant for the truth on the
earth.
For they proceed from evil to evil,
And they do not know Me," says the LORD.

4 "Everyone take heed to his neighbor,
And do not trust any brother;
For every brother will utterly supplant,
And every neighbor will walk with
slanderers.
5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor,
And will not speak the truth;
They have taught their tongue to speak lies;
They weary themselves to commit iniquity.
6 Your dwelling place *is* in the midst of deceit;
Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says
the LORD.

7 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Behold, I will refine them and try them;
For how shall I deal with the daughter of My
people?
8 Their tongue *is* an arrow shot out;
It speaks deceit;
*One* speaks peaceably to his neighbor with
his mouth,
But in his heart he lies in wait.
9 Shall I not punish them for these *things?*"
says the LORD.
"Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as
this?"

10 I will take up a weeping and wailing for the
mountains,
And for the dwelling places of the wilderness
a lamentation,
Because they are burned up,
So that no one can pass through;
Nor can *men* hear the voice of the cattle.
Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts
have fled;
They are gone.

11 "I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a den
of jackals.
I will make the cities of Judah desolate,
without an inhabitant."

12 Who *is* the wise man who may understand
this? And *who is he* to whom the mouth of the
LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? Why
does the land perish *and* burn up like a wilder-
ness, so that no one can pass through?

13 And the LORD said, "Because they have for-
saken My law which I set before them, and have
not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it,
14 but they have walked according to the dictates of
their own hearts and after the Baals, which their
fathers taught them," 15 therefore thus says the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will
feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give
them water of gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them
also among the Gentiles, whom neither they nor
their fathers have known. And I will send a sword
after them until I have consumed them."

### *The People Mourn in Judgment*

17 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Consider and call for the mourning women,
That they may come;
And send for skillful *wailing* women,
That they may come.
18 Let them make haste
And take up a wailing for us,
That our eyes may run with tears,
And our eyelids gush with water.
19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion:
'How we are plundered!
We are greatly ashamed,
Because we have forsaken the land,
Because we have been cast out of our
dwellings.'"

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women,
And let your ear receive the word of His
mouth;
Teach your daughters wailing,
And everyone her neighbor a lamentation.
21 For death has come through our windows,
Has entered our palaces,
To kill off the children—*no longer to be*
outside!
*And* the young men—*no longer* on the streets!

22 Speak, "Thus says the LORD:

'Even the carcasses of men shall fall as refuse
on the open field,
Like cuttings after the harvester,
And no one shall gather *them.*'"

23 Thus says the LORD:

"Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;
24 But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the LORD, exercising
lovingkindness, judgment, and
righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight," says the LORD.

25"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,
"that I will punish all *who are* circumcised with
the uncircumcised— 26Egypt, Judah, Edom, the
people of Ammon, Moab, and all *who are* in the
farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For
all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the
house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart."

### *Idols and the True God*

10 Hear the word which the LORD speaks to
you, O house of Israel.
2Thus says the LORD:

"Do not learn the way of the Gentiles;
Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven,
For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the peoples *are* futile;
For *one* cuts a tree from the forest,
The work of the hands of the workman, with
the ax.
4 They decorate it with silver and gold;
They fasten it with nails and hammers
So that it will not topple.
5 They *are* upright, like a palm tree,
And they cannot speak;
They must be carried,
Because they cannot go *by themselves.*
Do not be afraid of them,
For they cannot do evil,
Nor can they do any good."

6 Inasmuch as *there is* none like You, O LORD
(You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in
might),
7 Who would not fear You, O King of the
nations?
For this is Your rightful due.
For among all the wise *men* of the nations,
And in all their kingdoms,
*There is* none like You.
8 But they are altogether dull-hearted and
foolish;
A wooden idol *is* a worthless doctrine.
9 Silver is beaten into plates;
It is brought from Tarshish,
And gold from Uphaz,
The work of the craftsman
And of the hands of the metalsmith;
Blue and purple *are* their clothing;
They *are* all the work of skillful *men.*
10 But the LORD *is* the true God;
He *is* the living God and the everlasting
King.
At His wrath the earth will tremble,
And the nations will not be able to endure
His indignation.

11Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that
have not made the heavens and the earth shall
perish from the earth and from under these heav-
ens."

12 He has made the earth by His power,
He has established the world by His wisdom,
And has stretched out the heavens at His
discretion.
13 When He utters His voice,
*There is* a multitude of waters in the heavens:
"And He causes the vapors to ascend from the
ends of the earth.
He makes lightning for the rain,
He brings the wind out of His treasuries."[a]

14 Everyone is dull-hearted, without
knowledge;
Every metalsmith is put to shame by an
image;
For his molded image *is* falsehood,
And *there is* no breath in them.
15 They *are* futile, a work of errors;
In the time of their punishment they shall
perish.
16 The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them,
For He *is* the Maker of all *things,*
And Israel *is* the tribe of His inheritance;
The LORD of hosts *is* His name.

### *The Coming Captivity of Judah*

17 Gather up your wares from the land,
O inhabitant of the fortress!

18For thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will throw out at this time
The inhabitants of the land,
And will distress them,
That they may find *it so.*"

19 Woe is me for my hurt!
My wound is severe.
But I say, "Truly this *is* an infirmity,
And I must bear it."
20 My tent is plundered,
And all my cords are broken;
My children have gone from me,
And they *are* no more.

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*There is* no one to pitch my tent anymore,
Or set up my curtains.

21 For the shepherds have become dull-hearted,
And have not sought the LORD;
Therefore they shall not prosper,
And all their flocks shall be scattered.
22 Behold, the noise of the report has come,
And a great commotion out of the north country,
To make the cities of Judah desolate, a den of jackals.

23 O LORD, I know the way of man *is* not in himself;
*It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps.
24 O LORD, correct me, but with justice;
Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.
25 Pour out Your fury on the Gentiles, who do not know You,
And on the families who do not call on Your name;
For they have eaten up Jacob,
Devoured him and consumed him,
And made his dwelling place desolate.

### *The Broken Covenant*

11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2"Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant 4which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your God,' 5that I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them 'a land flowing with milk and honey,'[a] as *it is* this day."'"

And I answered and said, "So be it, LORD."

6Then the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: 'Hear the words of this covenant and do them. 7For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice." 8Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do, but *which* they have not done.'"

9And the LORD said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."

11Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them which they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them. 12Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. 13For *according to* the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to *that* shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal.

14"So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble.

15 "What has My beloved to do in My house,
Having done lewd deeds with many?
And the holy flesh has passed from you.
When you do evil, then you rejoice.
16 The LORD called your name,
Green Olive Tree, Lovely *and* of Good Fruit.
With the noise of a great tumult
He has kindled fire on it,
And its branches are broken.

17"For the LORD of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced doom against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense to Baal."

### *Jeremiah's Life Threatened*

18Now the LORD gave me knowledge *of it,* and I know *it;* for You showed me their doings. 19But I *was* like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, *saying,* "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the

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land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

20 But, O LORD of hosts,
You who judge righteously,
Testing the mind and the heart,
Let me see Your vengeance on them,
For to You I have revealed my cause.

21 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, 'Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, lest you die by our hand'— 22 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; 23 and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their punishment.'"

### *Jeremiah's Question*

12 Righteous *are* You, O LORD, when I plead with You;
Yet let me talk with You about *Your* judgments.
Why does the way of the wicked prosper?
*Why* are those happy who deal so treacherously?
2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root;
They grow, yes, they bear fruit.
You *are* near in their mouth
But far from their mind.

3 But You, O LORD, know me;
You have seen me,
And You have tested my heart toward You.
Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,
And prepare them for the day of slaughter.
4 How long will the land mourn,
And the herbs of every field wither?
The beasts and birds are consumed,
For the wickedness of those who dwell there,
Because they said, "He will not see our final end."

### *The LORD Answers Jeremiah*

5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you,
Then how can you contend with horses?
And *if* in the land of peace,
*In which* you trusted, *they wearied you,*
Then how will you do in the floodplain[a] of the Jordan?
6 For even your brothers, the house of your father,
Even they have dealt treacherously with you;
Yes, they have called a multitude after you.
Do not believe them,
Even though they speak smooth words to you.

7 "I have forsaken My house, I have left My heritage;
I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.
8 My heritage is to Me like a lion in the forest;
It cries out against Me;
Therefore I have hated it.
9 My heritage *is* to Me *like* a speckled vulture;
The vultures all around *are* against her.
Come, assemble all the beasts of the field,
Bring them to devour!

10 "Many rulers[a] have destroyed My vineyard,
They have trodden My portion underfoot;
They have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
11 They have made it desolate;
Desolate, it mourns to Me;
The whole land is made desolate,
Because no one takes *it* to heart.
12 The plunderers have come
On all the desolate heights in the wilderness,
For the sword of the LORD shall devour
From *one* end of the land to the *other* end of the land;
No flesh shall have peace.
13 They have sown wheat but reaped thorns;
They have put themselves to pain *but* do not profit.
But be ashamed of your harvest
Because of the fierce anger of the LORD."

14 Thus says the LORD: "Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit—behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. 15 Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land. 16 And it shall be, if they will learn carefully the ways of My people, to swear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,' as they taught My people

**12:5** [a]Or *thicket* **12:10** [a]Literally *shepherds* or *pastors*

to swear by Baal, then they shall be established in the midst of My people. 17But if they do not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation," says the LORD.

### *Symbol of the Linen Sash*

13 Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and get yourself a linen sash, and put it around your waist, but do not put it in water." 2So I got a sash according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* around my waist.

3And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, 4"Take the sash that you acquired, which *is* around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates,[a] and hide it there in a hole in the rock." 5So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6Now it came to pass after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there." 7Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, ruined. It was profitable for nothing.

8Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9"Thus says the LORD: 'In this manner I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing. 11For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me,' says the LORD, 'that they may become My people, for renown, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.'

### *Symbol of the Wine Bottles*

12"Therefore you shall speak to them this word: 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Every bottle shall be filled with wine."'

"And they will say to you, 'Do we not certainly know that every bottle will be filled with wine?'

13"Then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land—even the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with drunkenness! 14And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together," says the LORD. "I will not pity nor spare nor have mercy, but will destroy them."'"

### *Pride Precedes Captivity*

15 Hear and give ear:
Do not be proud,
For the LORD has spoken.
16 Give glory to the LORD your God
Before He causes darkness,
And before your feet stumble
On the dark mountains,
And while you are looking for light,
He turns it into the shadow of death
*And* makes *it* dense darkness.
17 But if you will not hear it,
My soul will weep in secret for *your* pride;
My eyes will weep bitterly
And run down with tears,
Because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.

18 Say to the king and to the queen mother,
"Humble yourselves;
Sit down,
For your rule shall collapse, the crown of your glory."
19 The cities of the South shall be shut up,
And no one shall open *them;*
Judah shall be carried away captive, all of it;
It shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes and see
Those who come from the north.
Where *is* the flock *that* was given to you,
Your beautiful sheep?
21 What will you say when He punishes you?
For you have taught them
*To be* chieftains, to be head over you.
Will not pangs seize you,
Like a woman in labor?
22 And if you say in your heart,
"Why have these things come upon me?"
For the greatness of your iniquity
Your skirts have been uncovered,
Your heels made bare.
23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots?
*Then* may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.

24 "Therefore I will scatter them like stubble
That passes away by the wind of the wilderness.

**13:4** [a]Hebrew *Perath*

25 This is your lot,
The portion of your measures from Me," says the LORD,
"Because you have forgotten Me
And trusted in falsehood.
26 Therefore I will uncover your skirts over your face,
That your shame may appear.
27 I have seen your adulteries
And your *lustful* neighings,
The lewdness of your harlotry,
Your abominations on the hills in the fields.
Woe to you, O Jerusalem!
Will you still not be made clean?"

### *Sword, Famine, and Pestilence*

14 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the droughts.

2 "Judah mourns,
And her gates languish;
They mourn for the land,
And the cry of Jerusalem has gone up.
3 Their nobles have sent their lads for water;
They went to the cisterns *and* found no water.
They returned with their vessels empty;
They were ashamed and confounded
And covered their heads.
4 Because the ground is parched,
For there was no rain in the land,
The plowmen were ashamed;
They covered their heads.
5 Yes, the deer also gave birth in the field,
But left because there was no grass.
6 And the wild donkeys stood in the desolate heights;
They sniffed at the wind like jackals;
Their eyes failed because *there was* no grass."

7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us,
Do it for Your name's sake;
For our backslidings are many,
We have sinned against You.
8 O the Hope of Israel, his Savior in time of trouble,
Why should You be like a stranger in the land,
And like a traveler *who* turns aside to tarry for a night?
9 Why should You be like a man astonished,
Like a mighty one *who* cannot save?
Yet You, O LORD, *are* in our midst,
And we are called by Your name;
Do not leave us!

10 Thus says the LORD to this people:

"Thus they have loved to wander;
They have not restrained their feet.
Therefore the LORD does not accept them;
He will remember their iniquity now,
And punish their sins."

11 Then the LORD said to me, "Do not pray for this people, for *their* good. 12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence."

13 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.'"

14 And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. 15 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land'—'By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed! 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; they will have no one to bury them—them nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters—for I will pour their wickedness on them.'

17 "Therefore you shall say this word to them:

'Let my eyes flow with tears night and day,
And let them not cease;
For the virgin daughter of my people
Has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.
18 If I go out to the field,
Then behold, those slain with the sword!
And if I enter the city,
Then behold, those sick from famine!
Yes, both prophet and priest go about in a land they do not know.'"

### *The People Plead for Mercy*

19 Have You utterly rejected Judah?
Has Your soul loathed Zion?

Why have You stricken us so that *there is* no
healing for us?
We looked for peace, but *there was* no good;
And for the time of healing, and there was
trouble.
20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness
*And* the iniquity of our fathers,
For we have sinned against You.
21 Do not abhor *us,* for Your name's sake;
Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory.
Remember, do not break Your covenant with
us.
22 Are there any among the idols of the nations
that can cause rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
*Are* You not He, O LORD our God?
Therefore we will wait for You,
Since You have made all these.

### *The LORD Will Not Relent*

15 Then the LORD said to me, "*Even* if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind *would* not *be* favorable toward this people. Cast *them* out of My sight, and let them go forth. 2And it shall be, if they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD:

"Such as *are* for death, to death;
And such as *are* for the sword, to the sword;
And such as *are* for the famine, to the famine;
And such as *are* for the captivity, to the
captivity."'

3"And I will appoint over them four forms *of destruction,*" says the LORD: "the sword to slay, the dogs to drag, the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy. 4I will hand them over to trouble, to all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 "For who will have pity on you, O Jerusalem?
Or who will bemoan you?
Or who will turn aside to ask how you are
doing?
6 You have forsaken Me," says the LORD,
"You have gone backward.
Therefore I will stretch out My hand against
you and destroy you;
I am weary of relenting!
7 And I will winnow them with a winnowing
fan in the gates of the land;
I will bereave *them* of children;
I will destroy My people,
*Since* they do not return from their ways.
8 Their widows will be increased to Me more
than the sand of the seas;
I will bring against them,
Against the mother of the young men,
A plunderer at noonday;
I will cause anguish and terror to fall on
them suddenly.

9 "She languishes who has borne seven;
She has breathed her last;
Her sun has gone down
While *it was* yet day;
She has been ashamed and confounded.
And the remnant of them I will deliver to the
sword
Before their enemies," says the LORD.

### *Jeremiah's Dejection*

10 Woe is me, my mother,
That you have borne me,
A man of strife and a man of contention to
the whole earth!
I have neither lent for interest,
Nor have men lent to me for interest.
Every one of them curses me.

11The LORD said:

"Surely it will be well with your remnant;
Surely I will cause the enemy to intercede
with you
In the time of adversity and in the time of
affliction.
12 Can anyone break iron,
The northern iron and the bronze?
13 Your wealth and your treasures
I will give as plunder without price,
Because of all your sins,
Throughout your territories.
14 And I will make *you* cross over with[a] your
enemies
Into a land *which* you do not know;
For a fire is kindled in My anger,
*Which* shall burn upon you."

15 O LORD, You know;
Remember me and visit me,
And take vengeance for me on my
persecutors.

**15:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum read *cause you to serve* (compare 17:4).

In Your enduring patience, do not take me
away.
Know that for Your sake I have suffered
rebuke.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
And Your word was to me the joy and
rejoicing of my heart;
For I am called by Your name,
O LORD God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers,
Nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone because of Your hand,
For You have filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain perpetual
And my wound incurable,
*Which* refuses to be healed?
Will You surely be to me like an unreliable
stream,
*As* waters *that* fail?

### *The LORD Reassures Jeremiah*

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return,
Then I will bring you back;
You shall stand before Me;
If you take out the precious from the vile,
You shall be as My mouth.
Let them return to you,
But you must not return to them.
20 And I will make you to this people a fortified
bronze wall;
And they will fight against you,
But they shall not prevail against you;
For I *am* with you to save you
And deliver you," says the LORD.
21 "I will deliver you from the hand of the
wicked,
And I will redeem you from the grip of the
terrible."

### *Jeremiah's Life-Style and Message*

**16** The word of the LORD also came to me,
saying, 2 "You shall not take a wife, nor
shall you have sons or daughters in this
place." 3 For thus says the LORD concerning the
sons and daughters who are born in this place,
and concerning their mothers who bore them
and their fathers who begot them in this land:
4 "They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not
be lamented nor shall they be buried, *but* they
shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. They
shall be consumed by the sword and by famine,
and their corpses shall be meat for the birds of
heaven and for the beasts of the earth."

5 For thus says the LORD: "Do not enter the
house of mourning, nor go to lament or bemoan
them; for I have taken away My peace from this
people," says the LORD, "lovingkindness and mer-
cies. 6 Both the great and the small shall die in this
land. They shall not be buried; neither shall men
lament for them, cut themselves, nor make them-
selves bald for them. 7 Nor shall *men* break *bread*
in mourning for them, to comfort them for the
dead; nor shall *men* give them the cup of consola-
tion to drink for their father or their mother. 8 Also
you shall not go into the house of feasting to sit
with them, to eat and drink."

9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
rael: "Behold, I will cause to cease from this place,
before your eyes and in your days, the voice of
mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the
bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

10 "And it shall be, when you show this people all
these words, and they say to you, 'Why has the
LORD pronounced all this great disaster against
us? Or what *is* our iniquity? Or what *is* our sin that
we have committed against the LORD our God?'
11 then you shall say to them, 'Because your fathers
have forsaken Me,' says the LORD; 'they have
walked after other gods and have served them
and worshiped them, and have forsaken Me and
not kept My law. 12 And you have done worse than
your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dic-
tates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens
to Me. 13 Therefore I will cast you out of this land
into a land that you do not know, neither you nor
your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods
day and night, where I will not show you favor.'

### *God Will Restore Israel*

14 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says
the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD
lives who brought up the children of Israel from
the land of Egypt,' 15 but, 'The LORD lives who
brought up the children of Israel from the land of
the north and from all the lands where He had
driven them.' For I will bring them back into their
land which I gave to their fathers.

16 "Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says
the LORD, "and they shall fish them; and afterward
I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt
them from every mountain and every hill, and
out of the holes of the rocks. 17 For My eyes *are* on
all their ways; they are not hidden from My face,

nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. 18And
first I will repay double for their iniquity and
their sin, because they have defiled My land; they
have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of
their detestable and abominable idols."

19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress,
My refuge in the day of affliction,
The Gentiles shall come to You
From the ends of the earth and say,
"Surely our fathers have inherited lies,
Worthlessness and unprofitable *things.*"
20 Will a man make gods for himself,
Which *are* not gods?

21 "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them
to know,
I will cause them to know
My hand and My might;
And they shall know that My name *is* the
LORD.

### *Judah's Sin and Punishment*

17 "The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen
of iron;
With the point of a diamond *it is*
engraved
On the tablet of their heart,
And on the horns of your altars,
2 While their children remember
Their altars and their wooden images[a]
By the green trees on the high hills.
3 O My mountain in the field,
I will give as plunder your wealth, all your
treasures,
*And* your high places of sin within all your
borders.
4 And you, even yourself,
Shall let go of your heritage which I gave
you;
And I will cause you to serve your enemies
In the land which you do not know;
For you have kindled a fire in My anger
*which* shall burn forever."

5 Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man
And makes flesh his strength,
Whose heart departs from the LORD.
6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit the parched places in the
wilderness,
*In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

7 "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD,
And whose hope is the LORD.
8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the
waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear[a] when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of
drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

9 "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things,*
And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?
10 I, the LORD, search the heart,
*I* test the mind,
Even to give every man according to his
ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.

11 "*As* a partridge that broods but does not hatch,
*So is* he who gets riches, but not by right;
It will leave him in the midst of his days,
And at his end he will be a fool."

**17:2** [a]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities **17:8** [a]Qere and Targum read *see.*

**TRUSTING GOD** ❸ **LEARNING TO TRUST**

▶ *See* **JEREMIAH 17:7, 8**

If you are struggling to trust God, take stock of your life. Immediately confess any sinful attitudes or actions, and turn away from them in an attitude of repentance (1 John 1:9). Feed your spirit with the truth of God's Word (Romans 10:17). Talk to God in prayer (Philippians 4:6, 7), and talk to other believers about their stories of how God has taken care of them and shown Himself worthy of their trust.

Avoid the temptation to make a deal with God. Making vows to do good things does not give you extra leverage with Him. He wants only your heart and will. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, / A broken and a contrite heart— / These, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

12 A glorious high throne from the beginning
*Is* the place of our sanctuary.
13 O LORD, the hope of Israel,
All who forsake You shall be ashamed.

"Those who depart from Me
Shall be written in the earth,
Because they have forsaken the LORD,
The fountain of living waters."

### *Jeremiah Prays for Deliverance*

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved,
For You *are* my praise.
15 Indeed they say to me,
"Where *is* the word of the LORD?
Let it come now!"
16 As for me, I have not hurried away from
*being* a shepherd *who* follows You,
Nor have I desired the woeful day;
You know what came out of my lips;
It was right there before You.
17 Do not be a terror to me;
You *are* my hope in the day of doom.
18 Let them be ashamed who persecute me,
But do not let me be put to shame;
Let them be dismayed,
But do not let me be dismayed.
Bring on them the day of doom,
And destroy them with double destruction!

### *Hallow the Sabbath Day*

19 Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 and say to them, 'Hear the word of the LORD, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates. 21 Thus says the LORD: "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.

24 "And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully," says the LORD, "to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it, 25 then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. 26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from the lowland, from the mountains and from the South, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the LORD.

27 "But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."'"

### *The Potter and the Clay*

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: 2 "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 6 "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel! 7 The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy *it,* 8 if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. 9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it,* 10 if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

11 "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good."'"

### *God's Warning Rejected*

12 And they said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart."

13 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Ask now among the Gentiles,
Who has heard such things?
The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.
14 Will *a man* leave the snow water of Lebanon,
*Which comes* from the rock of the field?
Will the cold flowing waters be forsaken for strange waters?

15 "Because My people have forgotten Me,
They have burned incense to worthless idols.
And they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways,
*From* the ancient paths,
To walk in pathways and not on a highway,
16 To make their land desolate *and* a perpetual hissing;
Everyone who passes by it will be astonished
And shake his head.
17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy;
I will show them[a] the back and not the face
In the day of their calamity."

### *Jeremiah Persecuted*

18 Then they said, "Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words."

19 Give heed to me, O LORD,
And listen to the voice of those who contend with me!
20 Shall evil be repaid for good?
For they have dug a pit for my life.
Remember that I stood before You
To speak good for them,
To turn away Your wrath from them.
21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine,
And pour out their *blood*
By the force of the sword;
Let their wives *become* widows
And bereaved of their children.
Let their men be put to death,
Their young men *be* slain
By the sword in battle.
22 Let a cry be heard from their houses,
When You bring a troop suddenly upon them;
For they have dug a pit to take me,
And hidden snares for my feet.
23 Yet, LORD, You know all their counsel
Which is against me, to slay *me.*
Provide no atonement for their iniquity,
Nor blot out their sin from Your sight;
But let them be overthrown before You.
Deal *thus* with them
In the time of Your anger.

### *The Sign of the Broken Flask*

19 Thus says the LORD: "Go and get a potter's earthen flask, and *take* some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests. 2 And go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I will tell you, 3 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle.

4 "'Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with the blood of the innocents 5 (they have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind), 6 therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. 7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives; their corpses I will give as meat for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth. 8 I will make this city desolate and a hissing; everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. 9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and in the desperation with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall drive them to despair."'

10 "'Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you, 11 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Even so I will break this

**18:17** [a] Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *look them in*.

people and this city, as *one* breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury *them* in Tophet till *there is* no place to bury. 12Thus I will do to this place," says the LORD, "and to its inhabitants, and make this city like Tophet. 13And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled like the place of Tophet, because of all the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to other gods."'"

14Then Jeremiah came from Tophet, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the Lord's house and said to all the people, 15"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the doom that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks that they might not hear My words.'"

### *The Word of God to Pashhur*

20 Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. 2Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.

3And it happened on the next day that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD has not called your name Pashhur, but Magor-Missabib.[a] 4For thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see *it.* I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon and slay them with the sword. 5Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its precious things; all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will plunder them, seize them, and carry them to Babylon. 6And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. You shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die, and be buried there, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.'"

### *Jeremiah's Unpopular Ministry*

7 O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded;
You are stronger than I, and have prevailed.
I am in derision daily;
Everyone mocks me.
8 For when I spoke, I cried out;
I shouted, "Violence and plunder!"
Because the word of the LORD was made to me
A reproach and a derision daily.
9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him,
Nor speak anymore in His name."
But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire
Shut up in my bones;
I was weary of holding *it* back,
And I could not.
10 For I heard many mocking:
"Fear on every side!"
"Report," *they say,* "and we will report it!"
All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, *saying,*
"Perhaps he can be induced;
Then we will prevail against him,
And we will take our revenge on him."
11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty, awesome One.
Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail.
They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper.
*Their* everlasting confusion will never be forgotten.
12 But, O LORD of hosts,
You who test the righteous,
*And* see the mind and heart,
Let me see Your vengeance on them;
For I have pleaded my cause before You.
13 Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the life of the poor
From the hand of evildoers.
14 Cursed *be* the day in which I was born!
Let the day not be blessed in which my mother bore me!
15 Let the man *be* cursed
Who brought news to my father, saying,
"A male child has been born to you!"
Making him very glad.
16 And let that man be like the cities
Which the LORD overthrew, and did not relent;
Let him hear the cry in the morning
And the shouting at noon,

**20:3** [a]Literally *Fear on Every Side*

17 Because he did not kill me from the womb,
That my mother might have been my grave,
And her womb always enlarged *with me.*
18 Why did I come forth from the womb to see
labor and sorrow,
That my days should be consumed with
shame?

### *Jerusalem's Doom Is Sealed*

21 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, 2"Please inquire of the LORD for us, for Nebuchadnezzar[a] king of Babylon makes war against us. Perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, that *the king* may go away from us."

3Then Jeremiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to Zedekiah, 4'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans[a] who besiege you outside the walls; and I will assemble them in the midst of this city. 5I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger and fury and great wrath. 6I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they shall die of a great pestilence. 7And afterward," says the LORD, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence and the sword and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword. He shall not spare them, or have pity or mercy."'

8"'Now you shall say to this people, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but he who goes out and defects to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be as a prize to him. 10For I have set My face against this city for adversity and not for good," says the LORD. "It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire."'

### *Message to the House of David*

11"And concerning the house of the king of Judah, *say,* 'Hear the word of the LORD, 12O house of David! Thus says the LORD:

"Execute judgment in the morning;
And deliver *him who is* plundered
Out of the hand of the oppressor,
Lest My fury go forth like fire
And burn so that no one can quench *it,*
Because of the evil of your doings.

13 "Behold, I *am* against you, O inhabitant of the
valley,
*And* rock of the plain," says the LORD,
"Who say, 'Who shall come down against us?
Or who shall enter our dwellings?'
14 But I will punish you according to the fruit
of your doings," says the LORD;
"I will kindle a fire in its forest,
And it shall devour all things around it."'"

22 Thus says the LORD: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word, 2and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates! 3Thus says the LORD: "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. 4For if you indeed do this thing, then shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David. 5But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself," says the LORD, "that this house shall become a desolation."'"

6For thus says the LORD to the house of the king of Judah:

"You *are* Gilead to Me,
The head of Lebanon;
*Yet* I surely will make you a wilderness,
Cities *which* are not inhabited.
7 I will prepare destroyers against you,
Everyone with his weapons;
They shall cut down your choice cedars
And cast *them* into the fire.

8And many nations will pass by this city; and everyone will say to his neighbor, 'Why has the LORD done so to this great city?' 9Then they will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped other gods and served them.'"

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**21:2** [a]Hebrew *Nebuchadrezzar,* and so elsewhere
**21:4** [a]Or *Babylonians*

10 Weep not for the dead, nor bemoan him;
Weep bitterly for him who goes away,
For he shall return no more,
Nor see his native country.

### *Message to the Sons of Josiah*

11 For thus says the LORD concerning Shallum[a] the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went from this place: "He shall not return here anymore, 12 but he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 "Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness
And his chambers by injustice,
*Who* uses his neighbor's service without wages
And gives him nothing for his work,
14 Who says, 'I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers,
And cut out windows for it,
Paneling *it* with cedar
And painting *it* with vermilion.'

15 "Shall you reign because you enclose *yourself* in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink,
And do justice and righteousness?
Then *it was* well with him.
16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
Then *it was* well.
*Was* not this knowing Me?" says the LORD.
17 "Yet your eyes and your heart *are* for nothing but your covetousness,
For shedding innocent blood,
And practicing oppression and violence."

18 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

"They shall not lament for him,
*Saying,* 'Alas, my brother!' or 'Alas, my sister!'
They shall not lament for him,
*Saying,* 'Alas, master!' or 'Alas, his glory!'
19 He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey,
Dragged and cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out,
And lift up your voice in Bashan;
Cry from Abarim,
For all your lovers are destroyed.
21 I spoke to you in your prosperity,
*But* you said, 'I will not hear.'
This *has been* your manner from your youth,
That you did not obey My voice.
22 The wind shall eat up all your rulers,
And your lovers shall go into captivity;
Surely then you will be ashamed and humiliated
For all your wickedness.
23 O inhabitant of Lebanon,
Making your nest in the cedars,
How gracious will you be when pangs come upon you,
Like the pain of a woman in labor?

### *Message to Coniah*

24 "*As* I live," says the LORD, "though Coniah[a] the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off; 25 and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand *of those* whose face you fear—the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 So I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not born; and there you shall die. 27 But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return.

28 "Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol—
A vessel in which *is* no pleasure?
Why are they cast out, he and his descendants,
And cast into a land which they do not know?
29 O earth, earth, earth,
Hear the word of the LORD!
30 Thus says the LORD:
'Write this man down as childless,
A man *who* shall not prosper in his days;
For none of his descendants shall prosper,
Sitting on the throne of David,
And ruling anymore in Judah.'"

### *The Branch of Righteousness*

23 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD. 2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them

**22:11** [a]Also called *Jehoahaz* **22:24** [a]Also called *Jeconiah* and *Jehoiachin*

away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD. 3"But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

5 "Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD,
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
6 In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this *is* His name by which He will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.[a]

7"Therefore, behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."

### *False Prophets and Empty Oracles*

9 My heart within me is broken
Because of the prophets;
All my bones shake.
I am like a drunken man,
And like a man whom wine has overcome,
Because of the LORD,
And because of His holy words.
10 For the land is full of adulterers;
For because of a curse the land mourns.
The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up.
Their course of life is evil,
And their might *is* not right.

11 "For both prophet and priest are profane;
Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness," says the LORD.
12 "Therefore their way shall be to them
Like slippery *ways;*
In the darkness they shall be driven on
And fall in them;
For I will bring disaster on them,
The year of their punishment," says the LORD.
13 "And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria:
They prophesied by Baal
And caused My people Israel to err.
14 Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem:
They commit adultery and walk in lies;
They also strengthen the hands of evildoers,
So that no one turns back from his wickedness.
All of them are like Sodom to Me,
And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

15"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets:

'Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,
And make them drink the water of gall;
For from the prophets of Jerusalem
Profaneness has gone out into all the land.'"

16Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.
They make you worthless;
They speak a vision of their own heart,
Not from the mouth of the LORD.
17 They continually say to those who despise Me,
'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace"';
And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say,
'No evil shall come upon you.'"

18 For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD,
And has perceived and heard His word?
Who has marked His word and heard *it?*
19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—
A violent whirlwind!
It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.
20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back
Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart.
In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

**23:6** [a]Hebrew *YHWH Tsidkenu*

21 "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.
I have not spoken to them, yet they
prophesied.
22 But if they had stood in My counsel,
And had caused My people to hear My words,
Then they would have turned them from
their evil way
And from the evil of their doings.

23 "*Am* I a God near at hand," says the LORD,
"And not a God afar off?
24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places,
So I shall not see him?" says the LORD;
"Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the
LORD.

25"I have heard what the prophets have said
who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have
dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26How long will *this* be
in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies?
Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their
own heart, 27who try to make My people forget
My name by their dreams which everyone tells
his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for
Baal.

28 "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a
dream;
And he who has My word, let him speak My
word faithfully.
What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the
LORD.
29 "*Is* not My word like a fire?" says the LORD,
"And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in
pieces?

30"Therefore behold, I *am* against the proph-
ets," says the LORD, "who steal My words every one
from his neighbor. 31Behold, I *am* against the
prophets," says the LORD, "who use their tongues
and say, 'He says.' 32Behold, I *am* against those
who prophesy false dreams," says the LORD, "and
tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies
and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them
or command them; therefore they shall not profit
this people at all," says the LORD.

33"So when these people or the prophet or the
priest ask you, saying, 'What is the oracle of the
LORD?' you shall then say to them, 'What oracle?'[a]
I will even forsake you," says the LORD. 34"And *as*
*for* the prophet and the priest and the people who
say, 'The oracle of the LORD!' I will even punish
that man and his house. 35Thus every one of you
shall say to his neighbor, and every one to his
brother, 'What has the LORD answered?' and, 'What
has the LORD spoken?' 36And the oracle of the
LORD you shall mention no more. For every man's
word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the
words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our
God. 37Thus you shall say to the prophet, 'What
has the LORD answered you?' and, 'What has the
LORD spoken?' 38But since you say, 'The oracle of
the LORD!' therefore thus says the LORD: 'Because
you say this word, "The oracle of the LORD!" and I
have sent to you, saying, "Do not say, 'The oracle
of the LORD!'" 39therefore behold, I, even I, will ut-
terly forget you and forsake you, and the city that
I gave you and your fathers, and *will cast you* out
of My presence. 40And I will bring an everlasting
reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which
shall not be forgotten.'"

### *The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs*

24 The LORD showed me, and there were
two baskets of figs set before the temple
of the LORD, after Nebuchadnezzar king
of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the
son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes
of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths, from Je-
rusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2One
basket *had* very good figs, like the figs *that are*
first ripe; and the other basket *had* very bad figs
which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3Then
the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

And I said, "Figs, the good figs, very good; and
the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are
so bad."

4Again the word of the LORD came to me, say-
ing, 5"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Like
these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who
are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have
sent out of this place for *their own* good, into the
land of the Chaldeans. 6For I will set My eyes on
them for good, and I will bring them back to this
land; I will build them and not pull *them* down,
and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up.
7Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I
*am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I
will be their God, for they shall return to Me with
their whole heart.

8'And as the bad figs which cannot be eaten,
they are so bad'—surely thus says the LORD—'so
will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, his

**23:33** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read '*You are the burden.*'

princes, the residue of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt. [9]I will deliver them to trouble into all the kingdoms of the earth, for *their* harm, *to be* a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. [10]And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them, till they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.'"

### *Seventy Years of Desolation*

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (which *was* the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), [2]which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: [3]"From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, this *is* the twenty-third year in which the word of the LORD has come to me; and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, but you have not listened. [4]And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them,* but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear. [5]They said, 'Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers forever and ever. [6]Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.' [7]Yet you have not listened to Me," says the LORD, "that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

[8]"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Because you have not heard My words, [9]behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, 'and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations. [10]Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. [11]And this whole land shall be a desolation *and* an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

[12]"Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity," says the LORD; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation. [13]So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations. [14](For many nations and great kings shall be served by them also; and I will repay them according to their deeds and according to the works of their own hands.)'"

### *Judgment on the Nations*

[15]For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. [16]And they will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them."

[17]Then I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom the LORD had sent me: [18]Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as *it is* this day; [19]Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his people; [20]all the mixed multitude, all the kings of the land of Uz, all the kings of the land of the Philistines (namely, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod); [21]Edom, Moab, and the people of Ammon; [22]all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastlands which *are* across the sea; [23]Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all *who are* in the farthest corners; [24]all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed multitude who dwell in the desert; [25]all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes; [26]all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world which *are* on the face of the earth. Also the king of Sheshach[a] shall drink after them.

[27]"Therefore you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Drink, be drunk, and vomit! Fall and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you."' [28]And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "You shall certainly drink! [29]For behold, I begin to bring calamity on the city which is called by My name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished,

**25:26** [a]A code word for Babylon (compare 51:41)

for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth," says the LORD of hosts.'

30"Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them:

'The LORD will roar from on high,
And utter His voice from His holy habitation;
He will roar mightily against His fold.
He will give a shout, as those who tread *the grapes,*
Against all the inhabitants of the earth.
31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth—
For the LORD has a controversy with the nations;
He will plead His case with all flesh.
He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,' says the LORD."

32Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Behold, disaster shall go forth
From nation to nation,
And a great whirlwind shall be raised up
From the farthest parts of the earth.

33"And at that day the slain of the LORD shall be from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become refuse on the ground.

34 "Wail, shepherds, and cry!
Roll about *in the ashes,*
You leaders of the flock!
For the days of your slaughter and your dispersions are fulfilled;
You shall fall like a precious vessel.
35 And the shepherds will have no way to flee,
Nor the leaders of the flock to escape.
36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds,
And a wailing of the leaders to the flock *will be heard.*
For the LORD has plundered their pasture,
37 And the peaceful dwellings are cut down
Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
38 He has left His lair like the lion;
For their land is desolate
Because of the fierceness of the Oppressor,
And because of His fierce anger."

### *Jeremiah Saved from Death*

**26** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, 2"Thus says the LORD: 'Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship *in* the LORD's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. 3Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.' 4And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, 5to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending *them* (but you have not heeded), 6then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth."' "

7So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. 8Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You will surely die! 9Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant'?" And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's *house.* 11And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."

12Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. 13Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. 14As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. 15But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

16So the princes and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, "This man does not deserve to die. For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."

17Then certain of the elders of the land rose up
and spoke to all the assembly of the people, say-
ing: 18"Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the
days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all
the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of
hosts:

"Zion shall be plowed *like* a field,
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple[a]
Like the bare hills of the forest."'[b]

19Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah ever
put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and
seek the LORD's favor? And the LORD relented con-
cerning the doom which He had pronounced
against them. But we are doing great evil against
ourselves."

20Now there was also a man who prophesied in
the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah
of Kirjath Jearim, who prophesied against this
city and against this land according to all the
words of Jeremiah. 21And when Jehoiakim the
king, with all his mighty men and all the princes,
heard his words, the king sought to put him to
death; but when Urijah heard *it,* he was afraid and
fled, and went to Egypt. 22Then Jehoiakim the
king sent men to Egypt: Elnathan the son of Ach-
bor, and *other* men *who went* with him to Egypt.
23And they brought Urijah from Egypt and
brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed
him with the sword and cast his dead body into
the graves of the common people.

24Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of
Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that they should
not give him into the hand of the people to put
him to death.

### *Symbol of the Bonds and Yokes*

27 In the beginning of the reign of Je-
hoiakim[a] the son of Josiah, king of Ju-
dah, this word came to Jeremiah from
the LORD, saying,[b] 2"Thus says the LORD to me:
'Make for yourselves bonds and yokes, and put
them on your neck, 3and send them to the king of
Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the Am-
monites, the king of Tyre, and the king of Sidon,
by the hand of the messengers who come to Jeru-
salem to Zedekiah king of Judah. 4And command
them to say to their masters, "Thus says the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel—thus you shall say to
your masters: 5'I have made the earth, the man
and the beast that *are* on the ground, by My great
power and by My outstretched arm, and have
given it to whom it seemed proper to Me. 6And
now I have given all these lands into the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant;
and the beasts of the field I have also given him to
serve him. 7So all nations shall serve him and his
son and his son's son, until the time of his land
comes; and then many nations and great kings
shall make him serve them. 8And it shall be, *that*
the nation and kingdom which will not serve
Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and which
will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of
Babylon, that nation I will punish,' says the LORD,
'with the sword, the famine, and the pestilence,
until I have consumed them by his hand. 9There-
fore do not listen to your prophets, your diviners,
your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcer-
ers, who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve
the king of Babylon." 10For they prophesy a lie to
you, to remove you far from your land; and I will
drive you out, and you will perish. 11But the na-
tions that bring their necks under the yoke of the
king of Babylon and serve him, I will let them re-
main in their own land,' says the LORD, 'and they
shall till it and dwell in it.'"'"

12I also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah ac-
cording to all these words, saying, "Bring your
necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and
serve him and his people, and live! 13Why will you
die, you and your people, by the sword, by the
famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD has
spoken against the nation that will not serve the
king of Babylon? 14Therefore do not listen to the
words of the prophets who speak to you, saying,
'You shall not serve the king of Babylon,' for they
prophesy a lie to you; 15for I have not sent them,"
says the LORD, "yet they prophesy a lie in My
name, that I may drive you out, and that you may
perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to
you."

16Also I spoke to the priests and to all this peo-
ple, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Do not listen to
the words of your prophets who prophesy to you,
saying, "Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house
will now shortly be brought back from Babylon";
for they prophesy a lie to you. 17Do not listen to
them; serve the king of Babylon, and live! Why
should this city be laid waste? 18But if they *are*

**26:18** [a]Literally *house* [b]Compare Micah 3:12
**27:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts, Arabic, and Syriac read *Zedekiah* (compare 27:3, 12; 28:1). [b]Septuagint omits verse 1.

prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, do not go to Babylon.'

19"For thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, concerning the Sea, concerning the carts, and concerning the remainder of the vessels that remain in this city, 20which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem— 21yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem: 22'They shall be carried to Babylon, and there they shall be until the day that I visit them,' says the LORD. 'Then I will bring them up and restore them to this place.'"

### *Hananiah's Falsehood and Doom*

**28** And it happened in the same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who *was* from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2"Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3Within two full years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. 4And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went to Babylon,' says the LORD, 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.'"

5Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD, 6and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The LORD do so; the LORD perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. 7Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. 9As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known *as* one whom the LORD has truly sent."

10Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. 11And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.'" And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12Now the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13"Go and tell Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made in their place yokes of iron." 14For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him. I have given him the beasts of the field also."'"

15Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. 16Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against the LORD.'"

17So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

### *Jeremiah's Letter to the Captives*

**29** Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captive—to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. 2(This happened after Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.) 3*The letter was sent* by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,

4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel, to all who were carried away captive,
whom I have caused to be carried away from
Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses and dwell *in them;* plant
gardens and eat their fruit. 6Take wives and
beget sons and daughters; and take wives for
your sons and give your daughters to
husbands, so that they may bear sons and
daughters—that you may be increased
there, and not diminished. 7And seek the
peace of the city where I have caused you to
be carried away captive, and pray to the
LORD for it; for in its peace you will have
peace. 8For thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and
your diviners who are in your midst deceive
you, nor listen to your dreams which you
cause to be dreamed. 9For they prophesy
falsely to you in My name; I have not sent
them, says the LORD.

10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy years
are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and
perform My good word toward you, and
cause you to return to this place. 11For I
know the thoughts that I think toward you,
says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of
evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12Then
you will call upon Me and go and pray to
Me, and I will listen to you. 13And you will
seek Me and find *Me,* when you search for
Me with all your heart. 14I will be found by
you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back
from your captivity; I will gather you from
all the nations and from all the places where
I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will
bring you to the place from which I cause
you to be carried away captive.

15 Because you have said, "The LORD has raised
up prophets for us in Babylon"— 16therefore
thus says the LORD concerning the king who
sits on the throne of David, concerning all the
people who dwell in this city, and concerning
your brethren who have not gone out with
you into captivity— 17thus says the LORD of
hosts: Behold, I will send on them the sword,
the famine, and the pestilence, and will make
them like rotten figs that cannot be eaten,
they are so bad. 18And I will pursue them
with the sword, with famine, and with
pestilence; and I will deliver them to trouble
among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be
a curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a
reproach among all the nations where I have
driven them, 19because they have not heeded
My words, says the LORD, which I sent to
them by My servants the prophets, rising up
early and sending *them;* neither would you
heed, says the LORD. 20Therefore hear the
word of the LORD, all you of the captivity,
whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah,
and Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who
prophesy a lie to you in My name: Behold, I
will deliver them into the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he
shall slay them before your eyes. 22And
because of them a curse shall be taken up by
all the captivity of Judah who *are* in Babylon,
saying, "The LORD make you like Zedekiah
and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon
roasted in the fire"; 23because they have done
disgraceful things in Israel, have committed
adultery with their neighbors' wives, and
have spoken lying words in My name, which

**PORNOGRAPHY** **3 BREAKING FREE FROM PORNOGRAPHY**

► *See* **JEREMIAH 29:13**

Pornography is often an attempt to solve your problems of loneliness, isolation, pain, or guilt. It is an attempt to play God, creating your own world through fantasy. Jesus bore your sins and your sorrows. You must cast all your anxieties and cares on Him (1 Peter 5:7). God wants to help you break free from this struggle.

If you are using pornography, face the truth of your sin. Do not rationalize or minimize it; take immediate forceful action against it. This means to stop feeding the addiction: destroy all pornographic materials; immediately stop visiting any places of temptation, such as adult bookstores, video rental stores, pornographic Web sites, adult movies—even mainstream movies, plays, novels, or television shows that stir up temptation. Sever any relationships that have encouraged your use of pornography and avoid situations where you might be tempted.

► *Now turn to page 511 for Psalm 51:10–12 and Point 4. Renewed Purity.*

I have not commanded them. Indeed I know,
and *am* a witness, says the LORD.

24 You shall also speak to Shemaiah the
Nehelamite, saying, 25Thus speaks the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You have
sent letters in your name to all the people
who *are* at Jerusalem, to Zephaniah the son
of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests,
saying, 26"'The LORD has made you priest
instead of Jehoiada the priest, so that there
should be officers *in* the house of the LORD
over every man *who* is demented and
considers himself a prophet, that you should
put him in prison and in the stocks. 27Now
therefore, why have you not rebuked
Jeremiah of Anathoth who makes himself a
prophet to you? 28For he has sent to us *in*
Babylon, saying, 'This *captivity is* long; build
houses and dwell *in them,* and plant gardens
and eat their fruit.'"

29 Now Zephaniah the priest read this letter in
the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet. 30Then
the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah,
saying: 31Send to all those in captivity,
saying, Thus says the LORD concerning
Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because
Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I have
not sent him, and he has caused you to trust
in a lie— 32therefore thus says the LORD:
Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the
Nehelamite and his family: he shall not have
anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall
he see the good that I will do for My people,
says the LORD, because he has taught
rebellion against the LORD.

### *Restoration of Israel and Judah*

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from
the LORD, saying, 2"'Thus speaks the
LORD God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a
book for yourself all the words that I have spoken
to you. 3For behold, the days are coming,' says the
LORD, 'that I will bring back from captivity My
people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD. 'And I will
cause them to return to the land that I gave to
their fathers, and they shall possess it.'"

4Now these *are* the words that the LORD spoke
concerning Israel and Judah.

5"'For thus says the LORD:

'We have heard a voice of trembling,
Of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask now, and see,
Whether a man is ever in labor with child?
So why do I see every man *with* his hands on
his loins
Like a woman in labor,
And all faces turned pale?
7 Alas! For that day *is* great,
So that none *is* like it;
And it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble,
But he shall be saved out of it.

8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,'
Says the LORD of hosts,
'*That* I will break his yoke from your neck,
And will burst your bonds;
Foreigners shall no more enslave them.
9 But they shall serve the LORD their God,
And David their king,
Whom I will raise up for them.

10 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,'
says the LORD,
'Nor be dismayed, O Israel;
For behold, I will save you from afar,
And your seed from the land of their
captivity.
Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet,
And no one shall make *him* afraid.
11 For I *am* with you,' says the LORD, 'to save
you;
Though I make a full end of all nations
where I have scattered you,
Yet I will not make a complete end of you.
But I will correct you in justice,
And will not let you go altogether
unpunished.'

12"For thus says the LORD:

'Your affliction *is* incurable,
Your wound *is* severe.
13 *There is* no one to plead your cause,
That you may be bound up;
You have no healing medicines.
14 All your lovers have forgotten you;
They do not seek you;
For I have wounded you with the wound of
an enemy,
With the chastisement of a cruel one,
For the multitude of your iniquities,
*Because* your sins have increased.
15 Why do you cry about your affliction?
Your sorrow *is* incurable.
Because of the multitude of your iniquities,

*Because* your sins have increased,
I have done these things to you.

16 'Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured;
And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
Those who plunder you shall become plunder,
And all who prey upon you I will make a prey.
17 For I will restore health to you
And heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD,
'Because they called you an outcast *saying:*
"This *is* Zion;
No one seeks her."'

18 "Thus says the LORD:

'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents,
And have mercy on his dwelling places;
The city shall be built upon its own mound,
And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.
19 Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving
And the voice of those who make merry;
I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish;
I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
20 Their children also shall be as before,
And their congregation shall be established before Me;
And I will punish all who oppress them.
21 Their nobles shall be from among them,
And their governor shall come from their midst;
Then I will cause him to draw near,
And he shall approach Me;
For who *is* this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says the LORD.
22 'You shall be My people,
And I will be your God.'"

23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD
Goes forth with fury,
A continuing whirlwind;
It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.
24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not return until He has done it,
And until He has performed the intents of His heart.

In the latter days you will consider it.

### *The Remnant of Israel Saved*

31 "At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."
2 Thus says the LORD:

"The people who survived the sword
Found grace in the wilderness—
Israel, when I went to give him rest."

3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying:*
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.
4 Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,
O virgin of Israel!
You shall again be adorned with your tambourines,
And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.
5 You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria;
The planters shall plant and eat *them* as ordinary food.
6 For there shall be a day
*When* the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim,
'Arise, and let us go up *to* Zion,
To the LORD our God.'"

7 For thus says the LORD:

"Sing with gladness for Jacob,
And shout among the chief of the nations;
Proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, save Your people,
The remnant of Israel!'
8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country,
And gather them from the ends of the earth,
*Among* them the blind and the lame,
The woman with child
And the one who labors with child, together;
A great throng shall return there.
9 They shall come with weeping,
And with supplications I will lead them.
I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters,
In a straight way in which they shall not stumble;
For I am a Father to Israel,
And Ephraim *is* My firstborn.

10 "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
And declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say,
'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
And keep him as a shepherd *does* his flock.'
11 For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
And ransomed him from the hand of one
stronger than he.
12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the
height of Zion,
Streaming to the goodness of the LORD—
For wheat and new wine and oil,
For the young of the flock and the herd;
Their souls shall be like a well-watered
garden,
And they shall sorrow no more at all.

13 "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,
And the young men and the old, together;
For I will turn their mourning to joy,
Will comfort them,
And make them rejoice rather than sorrow.
14 I will satiate the soul of the priests with
abundance,
And My people shall be satisfied with My
goodness, says the LORD."

*Mercy on Ephraim*

15 Thus says the LORD:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation *and* bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted for her children,
Because they *are* no more."

16 Thus says the LORD:

"Refrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD,
And they shall come back from the land of
the enemy.
17 There is hope in your future, says the LORD,
That *your* children shall come back to their
own border.

18 "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning
himself:
'You have chastised me, and I was chastised,
Like an untrained bull;
Restore me, and I will return,
For You *are* the LORD my God.
19 Surely, after my turning, I repented;
And after I was instructed, I struck myself
on the thigh;
I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated,
Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'
20 *Is* Ephraim My dear son?
*Is he* a pleasant child?
For though I spoke against him,
I earnestly remember him still;
Therefore My heart yearns for him;
I will surely have mercy on him, says the
LORD.

21 "Set up signposts,
Make landmarks;
Set your heart toward the highway,
The way in *which* you went.
Turn back, O virgin of Israel,
Turn back to these your cities.
22 How long will you gad about,
O you backsliding daughter?
For the LORD has created a new thing in the
earth—
A woman shall encompass a man."

*Future Prosperity of Judah*

23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
"They shall again use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I bring back their captivity: 'The LORD bless you, O home of justice, *and* mountain of holiness!' 24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all its cities together, farmers and those going out with flocks. 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul."

26 After this I awoke and looked around, and my sleep was sweet to me.

27 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass, *that* as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. 29 In those days they shall say no more:

'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on edge.'

30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

*A New Covenant*

31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not ac-

cording to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,[a] says the LORD. 33But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

35 Thus says the LORD,
Who gives the sun for a light by day,
The ordinances of the moon and the stars
for a light by night,
Who disturbs the sea,
And its waves roar
(The LORD of hosts *is* His name):

36 "If those ordinances depart
From before Me, says the LORD,
*Then* the seed of Israel shall also cease
From being a nation before Me forever."

37Thus says the LORD:

"If heaven above can be measured,
And the foundations of the earth searched
out beneath,
I will also cast off all the seed of Israel
For all that they have done, says the LORD.

38"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39The surveyor's line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath. 40And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, *shall be* holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever."

### *Jeremiah Buys a Field*

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was in* the king of Judah's house. 3For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face,[a] and see him eye to eye; 5then he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him," says the LORD; "though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed"'?"

6And Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 7'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, "Buy my field which *is* in Anathoth, for the right of redemption *is* yours to buy *it*."' 8Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Please buy my field that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance *is* yours, and the redemption yours; buy *it* for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. 9So I bought the field from Hanamel, the son of my uncle who *was* in Anathoth, and weighed *out to* him the money—seventeen shekels of silver. 10And I signed the deed and sealed *it,* took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales. 11So I took the purchase deed, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open; 12and I gave the purchase deed to Baruch the son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's *son,* and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the purchase deed, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison.

13"Then I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these deeds, both this purchase deed which is sealed and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last many days." 15For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land."'

### *Jeremiah Prays for Understanding*

16"Now when I had delivered the purchase deed to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the LORD,

**31:32** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *and I turned away from them.* **32:4** [a]Literally *mouth to mouth*

saying: 17"Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made
the heavens and the earth by Your great power
and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard
for You. 18 *You* show lovingkindness to thousands,
and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the
bosom of their children after them—the Great,
the Mighty God, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.
19 *You are* great in counsel and mighty in work, for
Your eyes *are* open to all the ways of the sons of
men, to give everyone according to his ways and
according to the fruit of his doings. 20You have set
signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, to this
day, and in Israel and among *other* men; and You
have made Yourself a name, as it is this day. 21You
have brought Your people Israel out of the land of
Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong
hand and an outstretched arm, and with great
terror; 22You have given them this land, of which
You swore to their fathers to give them—"a land
flowing with milk and honey."[a] 23And they came
in and took possession of it, but they have not
obeyed Your voice or walked in Your law. They
have done nothing of all that You commanded
them to do; therefore You have caused all this
calamity to come upon them.

24"Look, the siege mounds! They have come to
the city to take it; and the city has been given into
the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it,
because of the sword and famine and pestilence.
What You have spoken has happened; there You
see *it!* 25And You have said to me, O Lord GOD,
"Buy the field for money, and take witnesses"!—
yet the city has been given into the hand of the
Chaldeans.'"

### *God's Assurance of the People's Return*

26Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah,
saying, 27"Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all
flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? 28There-
fore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will give this
city into the hand of the Chaldeans, into the hand
of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall
take it. 29And the Chaldeans who fight against this
city shall come and set fire to this city and burn it,
with the houses on whose roofs they have offered
incense to Baal and poured out drink offerings to
other gods, to provoke Me to anger; 30because the
children of Israel and the children of Judah have
done only evil before Me from their youth. For the
children of Israel have provoked Me only to anger
with the work of their hands,' says the LORD. 31"For
this city has been to Me *a provocation of* My anger
and My fury from the day that they built it, even
to this day; so I will remove it from before My face
32because of all the evil of the children of Israel
and the children of Judah, which they have done
to provoke Me to anger—they, their kings, their
princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of
Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33And
they have turned to Me the back, and not the face;
though I taught them, rising up early and teach-
ing *them,* yet they have not listened to receive in-
struction. 34But they set their abominations in the
house which is called by My name, to defile it.
35And they built the high places of Baal which *are*
in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their
sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire*
to Molech, which I did not command them, nor
did it come into My mind that they should do this
abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'

36"Now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It
shall be delivered into the hand of the king of
Babylon by the sword, by the famine, and by the
pestilence: 37Behold, I will gather them out of all
countries where I have driven them in My anger,
in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them
back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell
safely. 38They shall be My people, and I will be
their God; 39then I will give them one heart and
one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the
good of them and their children after them. 40And
I will make an everlasting covenant with them,
that I will not turn away from doing them good;
but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they
will not depart from Me. 41Yes, I will rejoice over
them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant
them in this land, with all My heart and with all
My soul.'

42"For thus says the LORD: 'Just as I have
brought all this great calamity on this people, so I
will bring on them all the good that I have prom-
ised them. 43And fields will be bought in this land
of which you say, "*It is* desolate, without man or
beast; it has been given into the hand of the
Chaldeans." 44Men will buy fields for money, sign
deeds and seal *them,* and take witnesses, in the
land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusa-
lem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the
mountains, in the cities of the lowland, and in the
cities of the South; for I will cause their captives
to return,' says the LORD."

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**32:22** [a]Exodus 3:8

*Excellence of the Restored Nation*

33 Moreover the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah a second time, while he was
still shut up in the court of the prison,
saying, 2"Thus says the LORD who made it, the
LORD who formed it to establish it (the LORD *is* His
name): 3'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and
show you great and mighty things, which you do
not know.'

4"For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of
the kings of Judah, which have been pulled down
*to fortify*[a] against the siege mounds and the
sword: 5'They come to fight with the Chaldeans,
but *only* to fill their places[a] with the dead bodies
of men whom I will slay in My anger and My fury,
all for whose wickedness I have hidden My face
from this city. 6Behold, I will bring it health and
healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the
abundance of peace and truth. 7And I will cause
the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to
return, and will rebuild those places as at the first.
8I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by
which they have sinned against Me, and I will
pardon all their iniquities by which they have
sinned and by which they have transgressed
against Me. 9Then it shall be to Me a name of joy,
a praise, and an honor before all nations of the
earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to
them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'

10"Thus says the LORD: 'Again there shall be
heard in this place—of which you say, "It *is* desolate, without man and without beast"—in the
cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that are
desolate, without man and without inhabitant
and without beast, 11the voice of joy and the voice
of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the
voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say:

"Praise the LORD of hosts,
For the LORD *is* good,
For His mercy *endures* forever"—

*and* of those *who will* bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the
captives of the land to return as at the first,' says
the LORD.

12"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In this place
which is desolate, without man and without
beast, and in all its cities, there shall again be a
dwelling place of shepherds causing *their* flocks
to lie down. 13In the cities of the mountains, in the
cities of the lowland, in the cities of the South, in
the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall
again pass under the hands of him who counts
*them,*' says the LORD.

14"Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD,
'that I will perform that good thing which I have
promised to the house of Israel and to the house
of Judah:

15 'In those days and at that time
I will cause to grow up to David
A Branch of righteousness;
He shall execute judgment and righteousness
in the earth.
16 In those days Judah will be saved,
And Jerusalem will dwell safely.
And this *is the name* by which she will be
called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'[a]

17"For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never
lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; 18nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man
to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain
offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'"

*The Permanence of God's Covenant*

19And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah,
saying, 20"Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break
My covenant with the day and My covenant with
the night, so that there will not be day and night
in their season, 21then My covenant may also be
broken with David My servant, so that he shall
not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the
Levites, the priests, My ministers. 22As the host of
heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the
sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants
of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'"

23Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24"Have you not considered what
these people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD has chosen, He has also cast
them off'? Thus they have despised My people, as
if they should no more be a nation before them.

25"Thus says the LORD: 'If My covenant *is* not
with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed
the ordinances of heaven and earth, 26then I will
cast away the descendants of Jacob and David My

**33:4** [a]Compare Isaiah 22:10 **33:5** [a]Compare 2 Kings 23:14
**33:16** [a]Compare 23:5, 6

servant, *so* that I will not take *any* of his descendants *to be* rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captives to return, and will have mercy on them.'"

### *Zedekiah Warned by God*

34 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, all the kingdoms of the earth under his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem and all its cities, saying, 2"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and tell him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. 3And you shall not escape from his hand, but shall surely be taken and delivered into his hand; your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, he shall speak with you face to face,[a] and you shall go to Babylon.'"' 4Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you: 'You shall not die by the sword. 5You shall die in peace; as in the ceremonies of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they shall burn *incense* for you and lament for you, *saying,* "Alas, lord!" For I have pronounced the word, says the LORD.'"

6Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and Azekah; for *only* these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

### *Treacherous Treatment of Slaves*

8*This is* the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who *were* at Jerusalem to proclaim liberty to them: 9that every man should set free his male and female slave—a Hebrew man or woman—that no one should keep a Jewish brother in bondage. 10Now when all the princes and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that everyone should set free his male and female slaves, that no one should keep them in bondage anymore, they obeyed and let *them* go. 11But afterward they changed their minds and made the male and female slaves return, whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection as male and female slaves.

12Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 13"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying, 14"At the end of seven years let every man set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to him; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you." But your fathers did not obey Me nor incline their ear. 15Then you recently turned and did what was right in My sight—every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name. 16Then you turned around and profaned My name, and every one of you brought back his male and female slaves, whom you had set at liberty, at their pleasure, and brought them back into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.'

17"Therefore thus says the LORD: 'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother and every one to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim liberty to you,' says the LORD—'to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine! And I will deliver you to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth. 18And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it— 19the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf— 20I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth. 21And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army which has gone back from you. 22Behold, I will command,' says the LORD, 'and cause them to return to this city. They will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.'"

### *The Obedient Rechabites*

35 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2"Go to the house of the Rechabites, speak to

**34:3** [a]Literally *mouth to mouth*

them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink."

3Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, his brothers and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites, 4and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door. 5Then I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine."

6But they said, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever. 7You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, nor have *any of these;* but all your days you shall dwell in tents, that you may live many days in the land where you are sojourners.' 8Thus we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters, 9nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or seed. 10But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. 11But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians.' So we dwell at Jerusalem."

12Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, 13"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to obey My words?" says the LORD. 14"The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, and obey their father's commandment. But although I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, you did not obey Me. 15I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them,* saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.' But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me. 16Surely the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them, but this people has not obeyed Me.'"

17"Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered.'"

18And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts and done according to all that he commanded you, 19therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever."'"

### *The Scroll Read in the Temple*

36 Now it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, *that* this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: 2"Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day. 3It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

4Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote on a scroll of a book, at the instruction of Jeremiah,[a] all the words of the LORD which He had spoken to him. 5And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I *am* confined, I cannot go into the house of the LORD. 6You go, therefore, and read from the scroll which you have written at my instruction,[a] the words of the LORD, in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house on the day of fasting. And you shall also read them in the hearing of all Judah who come from their cities. 7It may be that they will present their supplication before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way. For great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD has pronounced against this people." 8And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him,

**36:4** [a]Literally *from Jeremiah's mouth* **36:6** [a]Literally *from my mouth*

reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem. 10Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, in the hearing of all the people.

### *The Scroll Read in the Palace*

11When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD from the book, 12he then went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber; and there all the princes were sitting—Elishama the scribe, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. 13Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the hearing of the people. 14Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read in the hearing of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them. 15And they said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our hearing." So Baruch read *it* in their hearing.

16Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, that they looked in fear from one to another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words." 17And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, how did you write all these words—at his instruction?"[a]

18So Baruch answered them, "He proclaimed with his mouth all these words to me, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book."

19Then the princes said to Baruch, "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no one know where you are."

### *The King Destroys Jeremiah's Scroll*

20And they went to the king, into the court; but they stored the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the hearing of the king. 21So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and he took it from Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king. 22Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, with *a fire* burning on the hearth before him. 23And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, *that the king* cut it with the scribe's knife and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth. 24Yet they were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments, the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words. 25Nevertheless Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah implored the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them. 26And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's[a] son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

### *Jeremiah Rewrites the Scroll*

27Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words which Baruch had written at the instruction of Jeremiah,[a] the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying: 28"Take yet another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. 29And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have burned this scroll, saying, 'Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and cause man and beast to cease from here?'" 30Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night. 31I will punish him, his family, and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah all the doom that I have pronounced against them; but they did not heed."'"

32Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the instruction of Jeremiah[a] all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And besides, there were added to them many similar words.

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**36:17** [a]Literally *with his mouth* **36:26** [a]Hebrew *Hammelech* **36:27** [a]Literally *from Jeremiah's mouth* **36:32** [a]Literally *from Jeremiah's mouth*

### *Zedekiah's Vain Hope*

37 Now King Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land gave heed to the words of the LORD which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to the LORD our God for us." 4Now Jeremiah was coming and going among the people, for they had not *yet* put him in prison. 5Then Pharaoh's army came up from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6Then the word of the LORD came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Thus you shall say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army which has come up to help you will return to Egypt, to their own land. 8And the Chaldeans shall come back and fight against this city, and take it and burn it with fire."' 9Thus says the LORD: 'Do not deceive yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will surely depart from us," for they will not depart. 10For though you had defeated the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained *only* wounded men among them, they would rise up, every man in his tent, and burn the city with fire.'"

### *Jeremiah Imprisoned*

11And it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans left *the siege* of Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, 12that Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin to claim his property there among the people. 13And when he was in the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard *was* there whose name *was* Irijah the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You are defecting to the Chaldeans!"

14Then Jeremiah said, "False! I am not defecting to the Chaldeans." But he did not listen to him.

So Irijah seized Jeremiah and brought him to the princes. 15Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and they struck him and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made that the prison.

16When Jeremiah entered the dungeon and the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days, 17then Zedekiah the king sent and took him *out.* The king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there *any* word from the LORD?"

And Jeremiah said, "There is." Then he said, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

18Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "What offense have I committed against you, against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison? 19Where now *are* your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land'? 20Therefore please hear now, O my lord the king. Please, let my petition be accepted before you, and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there."

21Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah to the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread from the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

### *Jeremiah in the Dungeon*

38 Now Shephatiah the son of Mattan, Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, Jucal[a] the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying, 2"Thus says the LORD: 'He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but he who goes over to the Chaldeans shall live; his life shall be as a prize to him, and he shall live.'[a] 3Thus says the LORD: 'This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.'"

4Therefore the princes said to the king, "Please, let this man be put to death, for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the welfare of this people, but their harm."

5Then Zedekiah the king said, "Look, he *is* in your hand. For the king can *do* nothing against you." 6So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the king's[a] son, which *was* in the court of the prison, and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire. So Jeremiah sank in the mire.

**38:1** [a]Same as *Jehucal* (compare 37:3) **38:2** [a]Compare 21:9
**38:6** [a]Hebrew *Hammelech*

7Now Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon. When the king was sitting at the Gate of Benjamin, 8Ebed-Melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying: 9"My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon, and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is. For *there is* no more bread in the city." 10Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies." 11So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there old clothes and old rags, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12Then Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Please put these old clothes and rags under your armpits, under the ropes." And Jeremiah did so. 13So they pulled Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

### *Zedekiah's Fears and Jeremiah's Advice*

14Then Zedekiah the king sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance of the house of the LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me."

15Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare *it* to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

16So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "*As* the LORD lives, who made our very souls, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life."

17Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'If you surely surrender to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live; this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live. 18But if you do not surrender to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans; they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.'"

19And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they abuse me."

20But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver *you.* Please, obey the voice of the LORD which I speak to you. So it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live. 21But if you refuse to surrender, this *is* the word that the LORD has shown me: 22'Now behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* surrendered to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say:

"Your close friends have set upon you
And prevailed against you;
Your feet have sunk in the mire,
*And* they have turned away again."

23'So they shall surrender all your wives and children to the Chaldeans. You shall not escape from their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. And you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.'"

24Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no one know of these words, and you shall not die. 25But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king, and also what the king said to you; do not hide *it* from us, and we will not put you to death,' 26then you shall say to them, 'I presented my request before the king, that he would not make me return to Jonathan's house to die there.'"

27Then all the princes came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they stopped speaking with him, for the conversation had not been heard. 28Now Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken. And he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

### *The Fall of Jerusalem*

**39** In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth *day* of the month, the city was penetrated.

3Then all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the Middle Gate: Nergal-Sharezer, Samgar-Nebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris,[a] Nergal-Sarezer, Rabmag,[b] with the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

**39:3** [a]A title, probably *Chief Officer;* also verse 13 [b]A title, probably *Troop Commander;* also verse 13

4So it was, when Zedekiah the king of Judah
and all the men of war saw them, that they fled
and went out of the city by night, by way of the
king's garden, by the gate between the two walls.
And he went out by way of the plain.[a] 5But the
Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zede-
kiah in the plains of Jericho. And when they had
captured him, they brought him up to Nebuchad-
nezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of
Hamath, where he pronounced judgment on him.
6Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zede-
kiah before his eyes in Riblah; the king of Baby-
lon also killed all the nobles of Judah. 7Moreover
he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with
bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon. 8And
the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the
houses of the people with fire, and broke down
the walls of Jerusalem. 9Then Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard carried away captive to
Babylon the remnant of the people who remained
in the city and those who defected to him, with
the rest of the people who remained. 10But Neb-
uzaradan the captain of the guard left in the land
of Judah the poor people, who had nothing, and
gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

### *Jeremiah Goes Free*

11Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave
charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard, saying, 12"Take him and look
after him, and do him no harm; but do to him just
as he says to you." 13So Nebuzaradan the captain
of the guard sent Nebushasban, Rabsaris, Nergal-
Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's
chief officers; 14then they sent *someone* to take
Jeremiah from the court of the prison, and com-
mitted him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the
son of Shaphan, that he should take him home. So
he dwelt among the people.

15Meanwhile the word of the LORD had come to
Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the
prison, saying, 16"Go and speak to Ebed-Melech
the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring My words
upon this city for adversity and not for good, and
they shall be *performed* in that day before you.
17But I will deliver you in that day," says the LORD,
"and you shall not be given into the hand of the
men of whom you *are* afraid. 18For I will surely de-
liver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but
your life shall be as a prize to you, because you
have put your trust in Me," says the LORD.'"

### *Jeremiah with Gedaliah the Governor*

40 The word that came to Jeremiah from
the LORD after Nebuzaradan the captain
of the guard had let him go from
Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains
among all who were carried away captive from Je-
rusalem and Judah, who were carried away cap-
tive to Babylon.

2And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah
and said to him: "The LORD your God has pro-
nounced this doom on this place. 3Now the LORD
has brought *it,* and has done just as He said. Be-
cause you *people* have sinned against the LORD,
and not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has
come upon you. 4And now look, I free you this day
from the chains that *were* on your hand. If it
seems good to you to come with me to Babylon,
come, and I will look after you. But if it seems
wrong for you to come with me to Babylon, re-
main here. See, all the land *is* before you; wher-
ever it seems good and convenient for you to go,
go there."

5Now while Jeremiah had not yet gone back,
*Nebuzaradan said,* "Go back to Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of
Babylon has made governor over the cities of Ju-
dah, and dwell with him among the people. Or go
wherever it seems convenient for you to go." So
the captain of the guard gave him rations and a
gift and let him go. 6Then Jeremiah went to
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah, and dwelt
with him among the people who were left in the
land.

7And when all the captains of the armies who
*were* in the fields, they and their men, heard that
the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed
to him men, women, children, and the poorest of
the land who had not been carried away captive
to Babylon, 8then they came to Gedaliah at Miz-
pah—Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan and
Jonathan the sons of Kareah, Seraiah the son of
Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai the Netophathite,
and Jezaniah[a] the son of a Maachathite, they and
their men. 9And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the
son of Shaphan, took an oath before them and
their men, saying, "Do not be afraid to serve the
Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of
Babylon, and it shall be well with you. 10As for me,

**39:4** [a]Or *the Arabah,* that is, the Jordan Valley **40:8** [a]Spelled *Jaazaniah* in 2 Kings 25:23

I will indeed dwell at Mizpah and serve the Chaldeans who come to us. But you, gather wine and summer fruit and oil, put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken."
11Likewise, when all the Jews who *were* in Moab, among the Ammonites, in Edom, and who *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, 12then all the Jews returned out of all places where they had been driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruit in abundance.

13Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, 14and said to him, "Do you certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to murder you?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

15Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "Let me go, please, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no one will know *it.* Why should he murder you, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you would be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?"

16But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing, for you speak falsely concerning Ishmael."

### *Insurrection Against Gedaliah*

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family and of the officers of the king, came with ten men to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. And there they ate bread together in Mizpah.
2Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, arose and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword, and killed him whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3Ishmael also struck down all the Jews who were with him, *that is,* with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4And it happened, on the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, when as yet no one knew *it,* 5that certain men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men with their beards shaved and their clothes torn, having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD.
6Now Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went along; and it happened as he met them that he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam!" 7So it was, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them *and cast them* into the midst of a pit, he and the men who were with him. 8But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us, for we have treasures of wheat, barley, oil, and honey in the field." So he desisted and did not kill them among their brethren. 9Now the pit into which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, because of Gedaliah, *was* the same one Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *the* slain. 10Then Ishmael carried away captive all the rest of the people who *were* in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11But when Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, 12they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah; and they found him by the great pool that *is* in Gibeon. 13So it was, when all the people who *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who *were* with him, that they were glad. 14Then all the people whom Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. 15But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the Ammonites.

16Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, took from Mizpah all the rest of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah after he had murdered Gedaliah the son of Ahikam—the mighty men of war and the women and the children and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon. 17And they departed and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is near Bethlehem, as they went on their way to Egypt, 18because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Neth-

aniah had murdered Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had made governor in the land.

### *The Flight to Egypt Forbidden*

42 Now all the captains of the forces, Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least to the greatest, came near [2]and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please, let our petition be acceptable to you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, for all this remnant (since we are left *but* a few of many, as you can see), [3]that the LORD your God may show us the way in which we should walk and the thing we should do."

[4]Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard. Indeed, I will pray to the LORD your God according to your words, and it shall be, *that* whatever the LORD answers you, I will declare *it* to you. I will keep nothing back from you."

[5]So they said to Jeremiah, "Let the LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not do according to everything which the LORD your God sends us by you. [6]Whether *it is* pleasing or displeasing, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God to whom we send you, that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the LORD our God."

[7]And it happened after ten days that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. [8]Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, [9]and said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him: [10]'If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you and not pluck *you* up. For I relent concerning the disaster that I have brought upon you. [11]Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him,' says the LORD, 'for I *am* with you, to save you and deliver you from his hand. [12]And I will show you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and cause you to return to your own land.'

[13]"But if you say, 'We will not dwell in this land,' disobeying the voice of the LORD your God, [14]saying, 'No, but we will go to the land of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor be hungry for bread, and there we will dwell'— [15]Then hear now the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah! Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'If you wholly set your faces to enter Egypt, and go to dwell there, [16]then it shall be *that* the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; the famine of which you were afraid shall follow close after you there *in* Egypt; and there you shall die. [17]So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go to Egypt to dwell there. They shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. And none of them shall remain or escape from the disaster that I will bring upon them.'

[18]"'For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'As My anger and My fury have been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so will My fury be poured out on you when you enter Egypt. And you shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.'

[19]"'The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, 'Do not go to Egypt!' Know certainly that I have admonished you this day. [20]For you were hypocrites in your hearts when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, 'Pray for us to the LORD our God, and according to all that the LORD your God says, so declare to us and we will do *it*.' [21]And I have this day declared *it* to you, but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, or anything which He has sent you by me. [22]Now therefore, know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence in the place where you desire to go to dwell."

### *Jeremiah Taken to Egypt*

43 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had stopped speaking to all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, all these words, [2]that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, "You speak falsely! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'Do not go to Egypt to dwell there.' [3]But Baruch the son of Neriah has set you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death or carry us away captive to Babylon." [4]So Johanan the son of Kareah, all the captains of the forces, and all the people would not obey the voice of the LORD, to remain in the land of Judah. [5]But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces took all the remnant of Judah who had returned to dwell in the land of Judah, from all nations where they had been driven— [6]men,

women, children, the king's daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah. 7So they went to the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of the LORD. And they went as far as Tahpanhes.

8Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9"'Take large stones in your hand, and hide them in the sight of the men of Judah, in the clay in the brick courtyard which *is* at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes; 10and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will send and bring Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne above these stones that I have hidden. And he will spread his royal pavilion over them. 11When he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt *and deliver* to death *those appointed* for death, and to captivity *those appointed* for captivity, and to the sword *those appointed* for the sword. 12I[a] will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them and carry them away captive. And he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment, and he shall go out from there in peace. 13He shall also break the *sacred* pillars of Beth Shemesh[a] that *are* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he shall burn with fire."'"

### *Israelites Will Be Punished in Egypt*

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, at Tahpanhes, at Noph,[a] and in the country of Pathros, saying, 2"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'You have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and on all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no one dwells in them, 3because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense *and* to serve other gods whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers. 4However I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them,* saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate!" 5But they did not listen or incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. 6So My fury and My anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as it is this day.'

7"Now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Why do you commit *this* great evil against yourselves, to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, out of Judah, leaving none to remain, 8in that you provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to dwell, that you may cut yourselves off and be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? 9Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 10They have not been humbled, to this day, nor have they feared; they have not walked in My law or in My statutes that I set before you and your fathers.'

11"'Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will set My face against you for catastrophe and for cutting off all Judah. 12And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to dwell there, and they shall all be consumed *and* fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword *and* by famine. They shall die, from the least to the greatest, by the sword and by famine; and they shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a reproach! 13For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, 14so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return and dwell. For none shall return except those who escape.'"

15Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, with all the women who stood by, a great multitude, and all the people who dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying: 16"*As for* the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you! 17But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven

**43:12** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *He*. **43:13** [a]Literally *House of the Sun,* ancient On; later called Heliopolis **44:1** [a]That is, ancient Memphis

and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For *then* we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. 18But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine."

19*The women also said,* "And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' *permission?*"

20Then Jeremiah spoke to all the people—the men, the women, and all the people who had given him *that* answer—saying: 21"The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and did it *not* come into His mind? 22So the LORD could no longer bear *it,* because of the evil of your doings *and* because of the abominations which you committed. Therefore your land is a desolation, an astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, as *it is* this day. 23Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD or walked in His law, in His statutes or in His testimonies, therefore this calamity has happened to you, as *at* this day."

24Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people and to all the women, "Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt! 25Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: 'You and your wives have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled with your hands, saying, "We will surely keep our vows that we have made, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her." You will surely keep your vows and perform your vows!' 26Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: 'Behold, I have sworn by My great name,' says the LORD, 'that My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "The Lord GOD lives." 27Behold, I will watch over them for adversity and not for good. And all the men of Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end to them. 28Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose words will stand, Mine or theirs. 29And this *shall be* a sign to you,' says the LORD, 'that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for adversity.'

30"Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life.'"

### *Assurance to Baruch*

45 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the instruction of Jeremiah,[a] in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: 3'You said, "Woe is me now! For the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest."'

4"Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, what I have built I will break down, and what I have planted I will pluck up, that is, this whole land. 5And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them;* for behold, I will bring adversity on all flesh," says the LORD. "But I will give your life to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go."'"

### *Judgment on Egypt*

46 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations. 2Against Egypt.

Concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 "Order the buckler and shield,
And draw near to battle!
4 Harness the horses,
And mount up, you horsemen!
Stand forth with *your* helmets,
Polish the spears,
Put on the armor!

**45:1** [a]Literally *from Jeremiah's mouth*

5 Why have I seen them dismayed *and* turned
back?
Their mighty ones are beaten down;
They have speedily fled,
And did not look back,
*For* fear *was* all around," says the LORD.
6 "Do not let the swift flee away,
Nor the mighty man escape;
They will stumble and fall
Toward the north, by the River Euphrates.

7 "Who *is* this coming up like a flood,
Whose waters move like the rivers?
8 Egypt rises up like a flood,
And *its* waters move like the rivers;
And he says, 'I will go up *and* cover the
earth,
I will destroy the city and its inhabitants.'
9 Come up, O horses, and rage, O chariots!
And let the mighty men come forth:
The Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle
the shield,
And the Lydians who handle *and* bend the
bow.
10 For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts,
A day of vengeance,
That He may avenge Himself on His
adversaries.
The sword shall devour;
It shall be satiated and made drunk with
their blood;
For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice
In the north country by the River
Euphrates.

11 "Go up to Gilead and take balm,
O virgin, the daughter of Egypt;
In vain you will use many medicines;
You shall not be cured.
12 The nations have heard of your shame,
And your cry has filled the land;
For the mighty man has stumbled against
the mighty;
They both have fallen together."

### *Babylonia Will Strike Egypt*

13 The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the
prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
would come *and* strike the land of Egypt.

14 "Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol;
Proclaim in Noph[a] and in Tahpanhes;
Say, 'Stand fast and prepare yourselves,
For the sword devours all around you.'
15 Why are your valiant *men* swept away?
They did not stand
Because the LORD drove them away.
16 He made many fall;
Yes, one fell upon another.
And they said, 'Arise!
Let us go back to our own people
And to the land of our nativity
From the oppressing sword.'
17 They cried there,
'Pharaoh, king of Egypt, *is but* a noise.
He has passed by the appointed time!'

18 "*As* I live," says the King,
Whose name *is* the LORD of hosts,
"Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains
And as Carmel by the sea, *so* he shall come.
19 O you daughter dwelling in Egypt,
Prepare yourself to go into captivity!
For Noph[a] shall be waste and desolate,
without inhabitant.

20 "Egypt *is* a very pretty heifer,
*But* destruction comes, it comes from the
north.
21 Also her mercenaries are in her midst like fat
bulls,
For they also are turned back,
They have fled away together.
They did not stand,
For the day of their calamity had come upon
them,
The time of their punishment.
22 Her noise shall go like a serpent,
For they shall march with an army
And come against her with axes,
Like those who chop wood.

23 "They shall cut down her forest," says the
LORD,
"Though it cannot be searched,
Because they *are* innumerable,
And more numerous than grasshoppers.
24 The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed;
She shall be delivered into the hand
Of the people of the north."

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: "Behold, I will bring punishment on Amon[a] of No,[b]
and Pharaoh and Egypt, with their gods and their
kings—Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

**46:14** [a]That is, ancient Memphis **46:19** [a]That is, ancient Memphis **46:25** [a]A sun god [b]That is, ancient Thebes

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those
who seek their lives, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of his servants. Afterward it shall be inhabited as in the days of old," says the LORD.

### *God Will Preserve Israel*

27 "But do not fear, O My servant Jacob,
And do not be dismayed, O Israel!
For behold, I will save you from afar,
And your offspring from the land of their captivity;
Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease;
No one shall make *him* afraid.
28 Do not fear, O Jacob My servant," says the LORD,
"For I *am* with you;
For I will make a complete end of all the nations
To which I have driven you,
But I will not make a complete end of you.
I will rightly correct you,
For I will not leave you wholly unpunished."

### *Judgment on Philistia*

47 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh attacked Gaza.
2 Thus says the LORD:

"Behold, waters rise out of the north,
And shall be an overflowing flood;
They shall overflow the land and all that is in it,
The city and those who dwell within;
Then the men shall cry,
And all the inhabitants of the land shall wail.
3 At the noise of the stamping hooves of his strong horses,
At the rushing of his chariots,
*At* the rumbling of his wheels,
The fathers will not look back for *their* children,
Lacking courage,
4 Because of the day that comes to plunder all the Philistines,
To cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains;
For the LORD shall plunder the Philistines,
The remnant of the country of Caphtor.
5 Baldness has come upon Gaza,
Ashkelon is cut off
*With* the remnant of their valley.
How long will you cut yourself?
6 "O you sword of the LORD,
How long until you are quiet?
Put yourself up into your scabbard,
Rest and be still!
7 How can it be quiet,
Seeing the LORD has given it a charge
Against Ashkelon and against the seashore?
There He has appointed it."

### *Judgment on Moab*

48 Against Moab.
Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

"Woe to Nebo!
For it is plundered,
Kirjathaim is shamed *and* taken;
The high stronghold[a] is shamed and dismayed—
2 No more praise of Moab.
In Heshbon they have devised evil against her:
'Come, and let us cut her off as a nation.'
You also shall be cut down, O Madmen![a]
The sword shall pursue you;
3 A voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim:
'Plundering and great destruction!'
4 "Moab is destroyed;
Her little ones have caused a cry to be heard;[a]
5 For in the Ascent of Luhith they ascend with continual weeping;
For in the descent of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.
6 "Flee, save your lives!
And be like the juniper[a] in the wilderness.
7 For because you have trusted in your works and your treasures,
You also shall be taken.
And Chemosh shall go forth into captivity,
His priests and his princes together.
8 And the plunderer shall come against every city;
No one shall escape.
The valley also shall perish,
And the plain shall be destroyed,
As the LORD has spoken.
9 "Give wings to Moab,
That she may flee and get away;

**48:1** [a]Hebrew *Misgab* **48:2** [a]A city of Moab **48:4** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *Proclaim it in Zoar*. **48:6** [a]Or *Aroer,* a city of Moab

For her cities shall be desolate,
Without any to dwell in them.
10 Cursed *is* he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully,
And cursed *is* he who keeps back his sword from blood.

11 "Moab has been at ease from his[a] youth;
He has settled on his dregs,
And has not been emptied from vessel to vessel,
Nor has he gone into captivity.
Therefore his taste remained in him,
And his scent has not changed.

12 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,
"That I shall send him wine-workers
Who will tip him over
And empty his vessels
And break the bottles.
13 Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh,
As the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their confidence.

14 "How can you say, 'We *are* mighty
And strong men for the war'?
15 Moab is plundered and gone up *from* her cities;
Her chosen young men have gone down to the slaughter," says the King,
Whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

16 "The calamity of Moab *is* near at hand,
And his affliction comes quickly.
17 Bemoan him, all you who are around him;
And all you who know his name,
Say, 'How the strong staff is broken,
The beautiful rod!'

18 "O daughter inhabiting Dibon,
Come down from *your* glory,
And sit in thirst;
For the plunderer of Moab has come against you,
He has destroyed your strongholds.
19 O inhabitant of Aroer,
Stand by the way and watch;
Ask him who flees
And her who escapes;
Say, 'What has happened?'
20 Moab is shamed, for he is broken down.
Wail and cry!
Tell it in Arnon, that Moab is plundered.

21 "And judgment has come on the plain country:
On Holon and Jahzah and Mephaath,
22 On Dibon and Nebo and Beth Diblathaim,
23 On Kirjathaim and Beth Gamul and Beth Meon,
24 On Kerioth and Bozrah,
On all the cities of the land of Moab,
Far or near.
25 The horn of Moab is cut off,
And his arm is broken," says the LORD.

26 "Make him drunk,
Because he exalted *himself* against the LORD.
Moab shall wallow in his vomit,
And he shall also be in derision.
27 For was not Israel a derision to you?
Was he found among thieves?
For whenever you speak of him,
You shake *your head in scorn.*
28 You who dwell in Moab,
Leave the cities and dwell in the rock,
And be like the dove *which* makes her nest
In the sides of the cave's mouth.

29 "We have heard the pride of Moab
(He *is* exceedingly proud),
Of his loftiness and arrogance and pride,
And of the haughtiness of his heart."

30 "I know his wrath," says the LORD,
"But it *is* not right;
His lies have made nothing right.
31 Therefore I will wail for Moab,
And I will cry out for all Moab;
I[a] will mourn for the men of Kir Heres.
32 O vine of Sibmah! I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer.
Your plants have gone over the sea,
They reach to the sea of Jazer.
The plunderer has fallen on your summer fruit and your vintage.
33 Joy and gladness are taken
From the plentiful field
And from the land of Moab;
I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses;
No one will tread with joyous shouting—
Not joyous shouting!

**48:11** [a]The Hebrew uses masculine and feminine pronouns interchangeably in this chapter. **48:31** [a]Following Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *He*.

34 "From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh and to Jahaz
They have uttered their voice,
From Zoar to Horonaim,
*Like* a three-year-old heifer;[a]
For the waters of Nimrim also shall be desolate.

35 "Moreover," says the LORD,
"I will cause to cease in Moab
The one who offers *sacrifices* in the high places
And burns incense to his gods.
36 Therefore My heart shall wail like flutes for Moab,
And like flutes My heart shall wail
For the men of Kir Heres.
Therefore the riches they have acquired have perished.

37 "For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped;
On all the hands *shall be* cuts, and on the loins sackcloth—
38 A general lamentation
On all the housetops of Moab,
And in its streets;
For I have broken Moab like a vessel in which *is* no pleasure," says the LORD.
39 "They shall wail:
'How she is broken down!
How Moab has turned her back with shame!'
So Moab shall be a derision
And a dismay to all those about her."

40 For thus says the LORD:

"Behold, one shall fly like an eagle,
And spread his wings over Moab.
41 Kerioth is taken,
And the strongholds are surprised;
The mighty men's hearts in Moab on that day shall be
Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.
42 And Moab shall be destroyed as a people,
Because he exalted *himself* against the LORD.
43 Fear and the pit and the snare *shall be* upon you,
O inhabitant of Moab," says the LORD.
44 "He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit,
And he who gets out of the pit shall be caught in the snare.
For upon Moab, upon it I will bring
The year of their punishment," says the LORD.
45 "Those who fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon
Because of exhaustion.
But a fire shall come out of Heshbon,
A flame from the midst of Sihon,
And shall devour the brow of Moab,
The crown of the head of the sons of tumult.
46 Woe to you, O Moab!
The people of Chemosh perish;
For your sons have been taken captive,
And your daughters captive.

47 "Yet I will bring back the captives of Moab
In the latter days," says the LORD.

Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

### *Judgment on Ammon*

**49** Against the Ammonites.
Thus says the LORD:

"Has Israel no sons?
Has he no heir?
Why *then* does Milcom[a] inherit Gad,
And his people dwell in its cities?
2 Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,
"That I will cause to be heard an alarm of war
In Rabbah of the Ammonites;
It shall be a desolate mound,
And her villages shall be burned with fire.
Then Israel shall take possession of his inheritance," says the LORD.

3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is plundered!
Cry, you daughters of Rabbah,
Gird yourselves with sackcloth!
Lament and run to and fro by the walls;
For Milcom shall go into captivity
With his priests and his princes together.
4 Why do you boast in the valleys,
Your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter?
Who trusted in her treasures, *saying,*
'Who will come against me?'
5 Behold, I will bring fear upon you,"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts,
"From all those who are around you;
You shall be driven out, everyone headlong,
And no one will gather those who wander off.

**48:34** [a]Or *The Third Eglath,* an unknown city (compare Isaiah 15:5) **49:1** [a]Hebrew *Malcam,* literally *their king,* a god of the Ammonites; also called *Molech* (compare verse 3)

6 But afterward I will bring back
The captives of the people of Ammon," says
the LORD.

### *Judgment on Edom*

7 Against Edom.
Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"*Is* wisdom no more in Teman?
Has counsel perished from the prudent?
Has their wisdom vanished?
8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Dedan!
For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him,
The time *that* I will punish him.
9 If grape-gatherers came to you,
Would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes?
If thieves by night,
Would they not destroy until they have
enough?
10 But I have made Esau bare;
I have uncovered his secret places,[a]
And he shall not be able to hide himself.
His descendants are plundered,
His brethren and his neighbors,
And he *is* no more.
11 Leave your fatherless children,
I will preserve *them* alive;
And let your widows trust in Me."

12 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, those whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunk. And *are* you the one who will altogether go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink *of it.* 13 For I have sworn by Myself," says the LORD, "that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be perpetual wastes."

14 I have heard a message from the LORD,
And an ambassador has been sent to the
nations:
"Gather together, come against her,
And rise up to battle!

15 "For indeed, I will make you small among
nations,
Despised among men.
16 Your fierceness has deceived you,
The pride of your heart,
O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock,
Who hold the height of the hill!
Though you make your nest as high as the
eagle,
I will bring you down from there," says the
LORD.[a]

17 "Edom also shall be an astonishment;
Everyone who goes by it will be astonished
And will hiss at all its plagues.
18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and
Gomorrah
And their neighbors," says the LORD,
"No one shall remain there,
Nor shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 "Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the
floodplain[a] of the Jordan
Against the dwelling place of the strong;
But I will suddenly make him run away from
her.
And who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint
over her?
For who *is* like Me?
Who will arraign Me?
And who *is* that shepherd
Who will withstand Me?"

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that
He has taken against Edom,
And His purposes that He has proposed
against the inhabitants of Teman:
Surely the least of the flock shall draw them
out;
Surely He shall make their dwelling places
desolate with them.
21 The earth shakes at the noise of their fall;
At the cry its noise is heard at the Red Sea.
22 Behold, He shall come up and fly like the
eagle,
And spread His wings over Bozrah;
The heart of the mighty men of Edom in
that day shall be
Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.

### *Judgment on Damascus*

23 Against Damascus.

"Hamath and Arpad are shamed,
For they have heard bad news.
They are fainthearted;
*There is* trouble on the sea;
It cannot be quiet.
24 Damascus has grown feeble;
She turns to flee,

**49:10** [a]Compare Obadiah 5, 6 **49:16** [a]Compare Obadiah 3, 4
**49:19** [a]Or *thicket*

And fear has seized *her.*
Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor.
25 Why is the city of praise not deserted, the city of My joy?
26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets,
And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD of hosts.
27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus,
And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad."[a]

### *Judgment on Kedar and Hazor*

28 Against Kedar and against the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon shall strike.
Thus says the LORD:

"Arise, go up to Kedar,
And devastate the men of the East!
29 Their tents and their flocks they shall take away.
They shall take for themselves their curtains,
All their vessels and their camels;
And they shall cry out to them,
'Fear *is* on every side!'

30 "Flee, get far away! Dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Hazor!" says the LORD.
"For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you,
And has conceived a plan against you.

31 "Arise, go up to the wealthy nation that dwells securely," says the LORD,
"Which has neither gates nor bars,
Dwelling alone.
32 Their camels shall be for booty,
And the multitude of their cattle for plunder.
I will scatter to all winds those in the farthest corners,
And I will bring their calamity from all its sides," says the LORD.
33 "Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a desolation forever;
No one shall reside there,
Nor son of man dwell in it."

### *Judgment on Elam*

34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Behold, I will break the bow of Elam,
The foremost of their might.
36 Against Elam I will bring the four winds
From the four quarters of heaven,
And scatter them toward all those winds;
There shall be no nations where the outcasts of Elam will not go.
37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies
And before those who seek their life.
I will bring disaster upon them,
My fierce anger,' says the LORD;
'And I will send the sword after them
Until I have consumed them.
38 I will set My throne in Elam,
And will destroy from there the king and the princes,' says the LORD.

39 'But it shall come to pass in the latter days:
I will bring back the captives of Elam,' says the LORD."

### *Judgment on Babylon and Babylonia*

**50** The word that the LORD spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 "Declare among the nations,
Proclaim, and set up a standard;
Proclaim—do not conceal *it*—
Say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed.
Merodach[a] is broken in pieces;
Her idols are humiliated,
Her images are broken in pieces.'
3 For out of the north a nation comes up against her,
Which shall make her land desolate,
And no one shall dwell therein.
They shall move, they shall depart,
Both man and beast.

4 "In those days and in that time," says the LORD,
"The children of Israel shall come,
They and the children of Judah together;
With continual weeping they shall come,
And seek the LORD their God.
5 They shall ask the way to Zion,
With their faces toward it, *saying,*
'Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD
*In* a perpetual covenant
*That* will not be forgotten.'

**49:27** [a]Compare Amos 1:4 **50:2** [a]A Babylonian god; sometimes spelled *Marduk*

6 "My people have been lost sheep.
Their shepherds have led them astray;
They have turned them away *on* the mountains.
They have gone from mountain to hill;
They have forgotten their resting place.
7 All who found them have devoured them;
And their adversaries said, 'We have not offended,
Because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice,
The LORD, the hope of their fathers.'

8 "Move from the midst of Babylon,
Go out of the land of the Chaldeans;
And be like the rams before the flocks.
9 For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon
An assembly of great nations from the north country,
And they shall array themselves against her;
From there she shall be captured.
Their arrows *shall be* like *those* of an expert warrior;[a]
None shall return in vain.
10 And Chaldea shall become plunder;
All who plunder her shall be satisfied," says the LORD.

11 "Because you were glad, because you rejoiced,
You destroyers of My heritage,
Because you have grown fat like a heifer threshing grain,
And you bellow like bulls,
12 Your mother shall be deeply ashamed;
She who bore you shall be ashamed.
Behold, the least of the nations *shall be* a wilderness,
A dry land and a desert.
13 Because of the wrath of the LORD
She shall not be inhabited,
But she shall be wholly desolate.
Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be horrified
And hiss at all her plagues.

14 "Put yourselves in array against Babylon all around,
All you who bend the bow;
Shoot at her, spare no arrows,
For she has sinned against the LORD.
15 Shout against her all around;
She has given her hand,
Her foundations have fallen,
Her walls are thrown down;
For it *is* the vengeance of the LORD.
Take vengeance on her.
As she has done, so do to her.
16 Cut off the sower from Babylon,
And him who handles the sickle at harvest time.
For fear of the oppressing sword
Everyone shall turn to his own people,
And everyone shall flee to his own land.

17 "Israel *is* like scattered sheep;
The lions have driven *him* away.
First the king of Assyria devoured him;
Now at last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones."

18 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

"Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land,
As I have punished the king of Assyria.
19 But I will bring back Israel to his home,
And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan;
His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.
20 In those days and in that time," says the LORD,
"The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but *there shall be* none;
And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found;
For I will pardon those whom I preserve.

21 "Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it,
And against the inhabitants of Pekod.
Waste and utterly destroy them," says the LORD,
"And do according to all that I have commanded you.
22 A sound of battle *is* in the land,
And of great destruction.
23 How the hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broken!
How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations!
24 I have laid a snare for you;
You have indeed been trapped, O Babylon,

**50:9** [a]Following some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Syriac; Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate read *a warrior who makes childless*.

And you were not aware;
You have been found and also caught,
Because you have contended against the LORD.
25 The LORD has opened His armory,
And has brought out the weapons of His indignation;
For this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts
In the land of the Chaldeans.
26 Come against her from the farthest border;
Open her storehouses;
Cast her up as heaps of ruins,
And destroy her utterly;
Let nothing of her be left.
27 Slay all her bulls,
Let them go down to the slaughter.
Woe to them!
For their day has come, the time of their punishment.
28 The voice of those who flee and escape from the land of Babylon
Declares in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God,
The vengeance of His temple.

29 "Call together the archers against Babylon.
All you who bend the bow, encamp against it all around;
Let none of them escape.[a]
Repay her according to her work;
According to all she has done, do to her;
For she has been proud against the LORD,
Against the Holy One of Israel.
30 Therefore her young men shall fall in the streets,
And all her men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD.
31 "Behold, I *am* against you,
O most haughty one!" says the Lord GOD of hosts;
"For your day has come,
The time *that* I will punish you.[a]
32 The most proud shall stumble and fall,
And no one will raise him up;
I will kindle a fire in his cities,
And it will devour all around him."

33 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"The children of Israel *were* oppressed,
Along with the children of Judah;
All who took them captive have held them fast;
They have refused to let them go.
34 Their Redeemer *is* strong;
The LORD of hosts *is* His name.
He will thoroughly plead their case,
That He may give rest to the land,
And disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 "A sword *is* against the Chaldeans," says the LORD,
"Against the inhabitants of Babylon,
And against her princes and her wise men.
36 A sword *is* against the soothsayers, and they will be fools.
A sword *is* against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed.
37 A sword *is* against their horses,
Against their chariots,
And against all the mixed peoples who *are* in her midst;
And they will become like women.
A sword *is* against her treasures, and they will be robbed.
38 A drought[a] *is* against her waters, and they will be dried up.
For it *is* the land of carved images,
And they are insane with *their* idols.

39 "Therefore the wild desert beasts shall dwell *there* with the jackals,
And the ostriches shall dwell in it.
It shall be inhabited no more forever,
Nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.
40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah
And their neighbors," says the LORD,
"*So* no one shall reside there,
Nor son of man dwell in it.

41 "Behold, a people shall come from the north,
And a great nation and many kings
Shall be raised up from the ends of the earth.
42 They shall hold the bow and the lance;
They *are* cruel and shall not show mercy.
Their voice shall roar like the sea;
They shall ride on horses,
Set in array, like a man for the battle,
Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

**50:29** [a]Qere, some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Targum add *to her*. **50:31** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint and Vulgate read *The time of your punishment*. **50:38** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Syriac reads *sword;* Septuagint omits *A drought is*.

43 "The king of Babylon has heard the report
about them,
And his hands grow feeble;
Anguish has taken hold of him,
Pangs as of a woman in childbirth.

44 "Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the
floodplain[a] of the Jordan
Against the dwelling place of the strong;
But I will make them suddenly run away
from her.
And who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint
over her?
For who *is* like Me?
Who will arraign Me?
And who *is* that shepherd
Who will withstand Me?"

45 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that
He has taken against Babylon,
And His purposes that He has proposed
against the land of the Chaldeans:
Surely the least of the flock shall draw them
out;
Surely He will make their dwelling place
desolate with them.
46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon
The earth trembles,
And the cry is heard among the nations.

### *The Utter Destruction of Babylon*

51 Thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will raise up against Babylon,
Against those who dwell in Leb Kamai,[a]
A destroying wind.
2 And I will send winnowers to Babylon,
Who shall winnow her and empty her land.
For in the day of doom
They shall be against her all around.
3 Against *her* let the archer bend his bow,
And lift himself up against *her* in his armor.
Do not spare her young men;
Utterly destroy all her army.
4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the
Chaldeans,
And *those* thrust through in her streets.
5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah,
By his God, the LORD of hosts,
Though their land was filled with sin against
the Holy One of Israel."

6 Flee from the midst of Babylon,
And every one save his life!
Do not be cut off in her iniquity,
For this *is* the time of the LORD's vengeance;
He shall recompense her.
7 Babylon *was* a golden cup in the LORD's hand,
That made all the earth drunk.
The nations drank her wine;
Therefore the nations are deranged.
8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and been
destroyed.
Wail for her!
Take balm for her pain;
Perhaps she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon,
But she is not healed.
Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his
own country;
For her judgment reaches to heaven and is
lifted up to the skies.
10 The LORD has revealed our righteousness.
Come and let us declare in Zion the work of
the LORD our God.

11 Make the arrows bright!
Gather the shields!
The LORD has raised up the spirit of the
kings of the Medes.
For His plan *is* against Babylon to destroy it,
Because it *is* the vengeance of the LORD,
The vengeance for His temple.
12 Set up the standard on the walls of Babylon;
Make the guard strong,
Set up the watchmen,
Prepare the ambushes.
For the LORD has both devised and done
What He spoke against the inhabitants of
Babylon.
13 O you who dwell by many waters,
Abundant in treasures,
Your end has come,
The measure of your covetousness.
14 The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself:
"Surely I will fill you with men, as with
locusts,
And they shall lift up a shout against you."

15 He has made the earth by His power;
He has established the world by His wisdom,
And stretched out the heaven by His
understanding.

**50:44** [a]Or *thicket* **51:1** [a]A code word for Chaldea (Babylonia); may be translated *The Midst of Those Who Rise Up Against Me*

16 When He utters *His* voice—
*There is* a multitude of waters in the heavens:
"He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He makes lightnings for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His treasuries."[a]

17 Everyone is dull-hearted, without knowledge;
Every metalsmith is put to shame by the carved image;
For his molded image *is* falsehood,
And *there is* no breath in them.
18 They *are* futile, a work of errors;
In the time of their punishment they shall perish.
19 The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them,
For He *is* the Maker of all things;
And *Israel is* the tribe of His inheritance.
The LORD of hosts *is* His name.

20 "You *are* My battle-ax *and* weapons of war:
For with you I will break the nation in pieces;
With you I will destroy kingdoms;
21 With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider;
With you I will break in pieces the chariot and its rider;
22 With you also I will break in pieces man and woman;
With you I will break in pieces old and young;
With you I will break in pieces the young man and the maiden;
23 With you also I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock;
With you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen;
And with you I will break in pieces governors and rulers.

24 "And I will repay Babylon
And all the inhabitants of Chaldea
For all the evil they have done
In Zion in your sight," says the LORD.

25 "Behold, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain,
Who destroys all the earth," says the LORD.
"And I will stretch out My hand against you,
Roll you down from the rocks,
And make you a burnt mountain.
26 They shall not take from you a stone for a corner
Nor a stone for a foundation,
But you shall be desolate forever," says the LORD.

27 Set up a banner in the land,
Blow the trumpet among the nations!
Prepare the nations against her,
Call the kingdoms together against her:
Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a general against her;
Cause the horses to come up like the bristling locusts.
28 Prepare against her the nations,
With the kings of the Medes,
Its governors and all its rulers,
All the land of his dominion.
29 And the land will tremble and sorrow;
For every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon,
To make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant.
30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting,
They have remained in their strongholds;
Their might has failed,
They became *like* women;
They have burned her dwelling places,
The bars of her *gate* are broken.
31 One runner will run to meet another,
And one messenger to meet another,
To show the king of Babylon that his city is taken on *all* sides;
32 The passages are blocked,
The reeds they have burned with fire,
And the men of war are terrified.

33 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

"The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshing floor
*When it is* time to thresh her;
Yet a little while
And the time of her harvest will come."

34 "Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon
Has devoured me, he has crushed me;
He has made me an empty vessel,
He has swallowed me up like a monster;
He has filled his stomach with my delicacies,
He has spit me out.

**51:16** [a]Psalm 135:7

35 Let the violence *done* to me and my flesh *be* upon Babylon,"
The inhabitant of Zion will say;
"And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea!"
Jerusalem will say.

36 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will plead your case and take vengeance for you.
I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry.
37 Babylon shall become a heap,
A dwelling place for jackals,
An astonishment and a hissing,
Without an inhabitant.
38 They shall roar together like lions,
They shall growl like lions' whelps.
39 In their excitement I will prepare their feasts;
I will make them drunk,
That they may rejoice,
And sleep a perpetual sleep
And not awake," says the LORD.
40 "I will bring them down
Like lambs to the slaughter,
Like rams with male goats.

41 "Oh, how Sheshach[a] is taken!
Oh, how the praise of the whole earth is seized!
How Babylon has become desolate among the nations!
42 The sea has come up over Babylon;
She is covered with the multitude of its waves.
43 Her cities are a desolation,
A dry land and a wilderness,
A land where no one dwells,
Through which no son of man passes.
44 I will punish Bel in Babylon,
And I will bring out of his mouth what he has swallowed;
And the nations shall not stream to him anymore.
Yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 "My people, go out of the midst of her!
And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD.
46 And lest your heart faint,
And you fear for the rumor that *will be* heard in the land
(A rumor will come *one* year,
And after that, in *another* year
A rumor *will come,*
And violence in the land,
Ruler against ruler),
47 Therefore behold, the days are coming
That I will bring judgment on the carved images of Babylon;
Her whole land shall be ashamed,
And all her slain shall fall in her midst.
48 Then the heavens and the earth and all that *is* in them
Shall sing joyously over Babylon;
For the plunderers shall come to her from the north," says the LORD.

49 As Babylon *has caused* the slain of Israel to fall,
So at Babylon the slain of all the earth shall fall.
50 You who have escaped the sword,
Get away! Do not stand still!
Remember the LORD afar off,
And let Jerusalem come to your mind.

51 We are ashamed because we have heard reproach.
Shame has covered our faces,
For strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.

52 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,
"That I will bring judgment on her carved images,
And throughout all her land the wounded shall groan.
53 Though Babylon were to mount up to heaven,
And though she were to fortify the height of her strength,
*Yet* from Me plunderers would come to her," says the LORD.

54 The sound of a cry *comes* from Babylon,
And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans,
55 Because the LORD is plundering Babylon
And silencing her loud voice,
Though her waves roar like great waters,
And the noise of their voice is uttered,
56 Because the plunderer comes against her, against Babylon,

**51:41** [a]A code word for Babylon (compare Jeremiah 25:26)

And her mighty men are taken.
Every one of their bows is broken;
For the LORD *is* the God of recompense,
He will surely repay.

57 "And I will make drunk
Her princes and wise men,
Her governors, her deputies, and her mighty men.
And they shall sleep a perpetual sleep
And not awake," says the King,
Whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken,
And her high gates shall be burned with fire;
The people will labor in vain,
And the nations, because of the fire;
And they shall be weary."

### *Jeremiah's Command to Seraiah*

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And Seraiah *was* the quartermaster. 60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you arrive in Babylon and see it, and read all these words, 62 then you shall say, 'O LORD, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but it shall be desolate forever.' 63 Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, *that* you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the Euphrates. 64 Then you shall say, 'Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.'"

Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

### *The Fall of Jerusalem Reviewed*

52 Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2 He also did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3 For because of the anger of the LORD *this* happened in Jerusalem and Judah, till He finally cast them out from His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and *they* built a siege wall against it all around. 5 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 6 By the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. 7 Then the city *wall* was broken through, and all the men of war fled and went out of the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans *were* near the city all around. And they went by way of the plain.[a]

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him. 9 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he pronounced judgment on him. 10 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. And he killed all the princes of Judah in Riblah. 11 He also put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in bronze fetters, took him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

### *The Temple and City Plundered and Burned*

12 Now in the fifth month, on the tenth *day* of the month (which *was* the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, *who* served the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 13 He burned the house of the LORD and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire. 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans who *were* with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive *some* of the poor people, the rest of the people who remained in the city, the defectors who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the craftsmen. 16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left *some* of the poor of the land as vinedressers and farmers.

17 The bronze pillars that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the carts and the bronze Sea that

**52:7** [a] Or *the Arabah,* that is, the Jordan Valley

*were* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried all their bronze to Babylon. [18]They also took away the pots, the shovels, the trimmers, the bowls, the spoons, and all the bronze utensils with which the *priests* ministered. [19]The basins, the firepans, the bowls, the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, and the cups, whatever *was* solid gold and whatever *was* solid silver, the captain of the guard took away. [20]The two pillars, one Sea, the twelve bronze bulls which *were* under *it, and* the carts, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these articles was beyond measure. [21]Now *concerning* the pillars: the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, a measuring line of twelve cubits could measure its circumference, and its thickness *was* four fingers; *it was* hollow. [22]A capital of bronze *was* on it; and the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with a network and pomegranates all around the capital, all of bronze. The second pillar, with pomegranates was the same. [23]There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates, all around on the network, *were* one hundred.

### *The People Taken Captive to Babylonia*

[24]The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. [25]He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war, seven men of the king's close associates who were found in the city, the principal scribe of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city. [26]And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. [27]Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

[28]These *are* the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews; [29]in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two persons; [30]in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred and forty-five persons. All the persons *were* four thousand six hundred.

### *Jehoiachin Released from Prison*

[31]Now it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-Merodach[a] king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison. [32]And he spoke kindly to him and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon. [33]So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the *king* all the days of his life. [34]And as for his provisions, there was a regular ration given him by the king of Babylon, a portion for each day until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

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**52:31** [a]Or *Awil-Marduk*

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### *Jerusalem in Affliction*

1 How lonely sits the city
*That was* full of people!
*How* like a widow is she,
Who *was* great among the nations!
The princess among the provinces
Has become a slave!

2 She weeps bitterly in the night,
Her tears *are* on her cheeks;
Among all her lovers
She has none to comfort *her.*
All her friends have dealt treacherously with her;
They have become her enemies.

3 Judah has gone into captivity,
Under affliction and hard servitude;
She dwells among the nations,
She finds no rest;
All her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.

4 The roads to Zion mourn
Because no one comes to the set feasts.
All her gates are desolate;
Her priests sigh,
Her virgins are afflicted,
And she *is* in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries have become the master,
Her enemies prosper;
For the Lord has afflicted her
Because of the multitude of her transgressions.
Her children have gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 And from the daughter of Zion
All her splendor has departed.
Her princes have become like deer
*That* find no pasture,
That flee without strength
Before the pursuer.

7 In the days of her affliction and roaming,
Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant things
That she had in the days of old.
When her people fell into the hand of the enemy,
With no one to help her,
The adversaries saw her
*And* mocked at her downfall.[a]

8 Jerusalem has sinned gravely,
Therefore she has become vile.[a]
All who honored her despise her
Because they have seen her nakedness;
Yes, she sighs and turns away.

9 Her uncleanness *is* in her skirts;
She did not consider her destiny;
Therefore her collapse was awesome;
She had no comforter.
"O Lord, behold my affliction,
For *the* enemy is exalted!"

10 The adversary has spread his hand
Over all her pleasant things;
For she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary,
Those whom You commanded
Not to enter Your assembly.

11 All her people sigh,
They seek bread;
They have given their valuables for food to restore life.
"See, O Lord, and consider,
For I am scorned."

12 "*Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Behold and see
If there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which has been brought on me,
Which the Lord has inflicted
In the day of His fierce anger.

13 "From above He has sent fire into my bones,
And it overpowered them;
He has spread a net for my feet
And turned me back;
He has made me desolate
*And* faint all the day.

14 "The yoke of my transgressions was bound;[a]
They were woven together by His hands,
*And* thrust upon my neck.
He made my strength fail;

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**1:7** [a]Vulgate reads *her Sabbaths.* **1:8** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *moved* or *removed.* **1:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *watched over.*

The Lord delivered me into the hands of
*those whom* I am not able to withstand.

15 "The Lord has trampled underfoot all my
mighty *men* in my midst;
He has called an assembly against me
To crush my young men;
The Lord trampled *as* in a winepress
The virgin daughter of Judah.

16 "For these *things* I weep;
My eye, my eye overflows with water;
Because the comforter, who should restore
my life,
Is far from me.
My children are desolate
Because the enemy prevailed."

17 Zion spreads out her hands,
*But* no one comforts her;
The LORD has commanded concerning Jacob
*That* those around him *become* his
adversaries;
Jerusalem has become an unclean thing
among them.

18 "The LORD is righteous,
For I rebelled against His commandment.
Hear now, all peoples,
And behold my sorrow;
My virgins and my young men
Have gone into captivity.

19 "I called for my lovers,
*But* they deceived me;
My priests and my elders
Breathed their last in the city,
While they sought food
To restore their life.

20 "See, O LORD, that I *am* in distress;
My soul is troubled;
My heart is overturned within me,
For I have been very rebellious.
Outside the sword bereaves,
At home *it is* like death.

21 "They have heard that I sigh,
*But* no one comforts me.
All my enemies have heard of my trouble;
They are glad that You have done *it.*
Bring on the day You have announced,
That they may become like me.

22 "Let all their wickedness come before You,
And do to them as You have done to me
For all my transgressions;
For my sighs *are* many,
And my heart *is* faint."

### *God's Anger with Jerusalem*

2 How the Lord has covered the daughter of
Zion
With a cloud in His anger!
He cast down from heaven to the earth
The beauty of Israel,
And did not remember His footstool
In the day of His anger.

2 The Lord has swallowed up and has not
pitied
All the dwelling places of Jacob.
He has thrown down in His wrath
The strongholds of the daughter of Judah;
He has brought *them* down to the ground;
He has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

3 He has cut off in fierce anger
Every horn of Israel;
He has drawn back His right hand
From before the enemy.
He has blazed against Jacob like a flaming
fire
Devouring all around.

4 Standing like an enemy, He has bent His bow;
With His right hand, like an adversary,
He has slain all *who were* pleasing to His eye;
On the tent of the daughter of Zion,
He has poured out His fury like fire.

5 The Lord was like an enemy.
He has swallowed up Israel,
He has swallowed up all her palaces;
He has destroyed her strongholds,
And has increased mourning and
lamentation
In the daughter of Judah.

6 He has done violence to His tabernacle,
*As if it were* a garden;
He has destroyed His place of assembly;
The LORD has caused
The appointed feasts and Sabbaths to be
forgotten in Zion.
In His burning indignation He has spurned
the king and the priest.

7 The Lord has spurned His altar,
He has abandoned His sanctuary;
He has given up the walls of her palaces

Into the hand of the enemy.
They have made a noise in the house of the LORD
As on the day of a set feast.

8 The LORD has purposed to destroy
The wall of the daughter of Zion.
He has stretched out a line;
He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying;
Therefore He has caused the rampart and wall to lament;
They languished together.

9 Her gates have sunk into the ground;
He has destroyed and broken her bars.
Her king and her princes *are* among the nations;
The Law *is* no *more,*
And her prophets find no vision from the LORD.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion
Sit on the ground *and* keep silence;
They throw dust on their heads
And gird themselves with sackcloth.
The virgins of Jerusalem
Bow their heads to the ground.

11 My eyes fail with tears,
My heart is troubled;
My bile is poured on the ground
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,
Because the children and the infants
Faint in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers,
"Where *is* grain and wine?"
As they swoon like the wounded
In the streets of the city,
As their life is poured out
In their mothers' bosom.

13 How shall I console you?
To what shall I liken you,
O daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For your ruin *is* spread wide as the sea;
Who can heal you?

14 Your prophets have seen for you
False and deceptive visions;
They have not uncovered your iniquity,
To bring back your captives,
But have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.

15 All who pass by clap *their* hands at you;
They hiss and shake their heads
At the daughter of Jerusalem:
"*Is* this the city that is called
'The perfection of beauty,
The joy of the whole earth'?"

16 All your enemies have opened their mouth against you;
They hiss and gnash *their* teeth.
They say, "We have swallowed *her* up!
Surely this *is* the day we have waited for;
We have found *it,* we have seen *it!*"

17 The LORD has done what He purposed;
He has fulfilled His word
Which He commanded in days of old.
He has thrown down and has not pitied,
And He has caused an enemy to rejoice over you;
He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

18 Their heart cried out to the Lord,
"O wall of the daughter of Zion,
Let tears run down like a river day and night;
Give yourself no relief;
Give your eyes no rest.

19 "Arise, cry out in the night,
At the beginning of the watches;
Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord.
Lift your hands toward Him
For the life of your young children,
Who faint from hunger at the head of every street."

20 "See, O LORD, and consider!
To whom have You done this?
Should the women eat their offspring,
The children they have cuddled?[a]
Should the priest and prophet be slain
In the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 "Young and old lie
On the ground in the streets;

**2:20** [a]Vulgate reads *a span long.*

My virgins and my young men
Have fallen by the sword;
You have slain *them* in the day of Your anger,
You have slaughtered *and* not pitied.

22 "You have invited as to a feast day
The terrors that surround me.
In the day of the LORD's anger
There was no refugee or survivor.
Those whom I have borne and brought up
My enemies have destroyed."

### *The Prophet's Anguish and Hope*

3 I *am* the man *who* has seen affliction by the
rod of His wrath.
2 He has led me and made *me* walk
*In* darkness and not *in* light.
3 Surely He has turned His hand against me
Time and time again throughout the day.

4 He has aged my flesh and my skin,
And broken my bones.
5 He has besieged me
And surrounded *me* with bitterness and
woe.
6 He has set me in dark places
Like the dead of long ago.

7 He has hedged me in so that I cannot get
out;
He has made my chain heavy.
8 Even when I cry and shout,
He shuts out my prayer.
9 He has blocked my ways with hewn stone;
He has made my paths crooked.

10 He *has been* to me a bear lying in wait,
*Like* a lion in ambush.
11 He has turned aside my ways and torn me in
pieces;
He has made me desolate.
12 He has bent His bow
And set me up as a target for the arrow.

13 He has caused the arrows of His quiver
To pierce my loins.[a]
14 I have become the ridicule of all my
people—
Their taunting song all the day.
15 He has filled me with bitterness,
He has made me drink wormwood.

16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel,
And covered me with ashes.
17 You have moved my soul far from peace;
I have forgotten prosperity.
18 And I said, "My strength and my hope
Have perished from the LORD."

19 Remember my affliction and roaming,
The wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul still remembers
And sinks within me.
21 This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.

22 *Through* the LORD's mercies we are not
consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.

**3:13** [a]Literally *kidneys*

**AIDS/HIV** **1 GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE**

► *See* **LAMENTATIONS 3:21–26**

God is a merciful, compassionate God of hope. The "salvation of the LORD" comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ (see *Salvation*). If you have already committed your life to Jesus Christ, God's strength will carry you through the challenges ahead. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:31, 35, 37).

Pray for God to give you a new outlook on life and to use your life as a mighty witness of His saving grace. Read and study God's Word daily to gain a new understanding of life and eternity from God's perspective. Become part of a Bible-teaching church, and let your pastor know of your situation. He or she can help ensure that you find the support and acceptance to grow spiritually.

Even if you are not yet ready to make a commitment to Christ, call a local pastor for a referral to a Christian professional counselor and to a Christian agency addressing the needs of AIDS patients. Such an agency will be glad to offer you help without regard to your religious affiliation or beliefs.

► *Now turn to page 1049 for Romans 1:18, 27 and Point 2. Is AIDS God's Judgment on Homosexuals?*

23 *They are* new every morning;
Great *is* Your faithfulness.
24 "The LORD *is* my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore I hope in Him!"

25 The LORD *is* good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul *who* seeks Him.
26 *It is* good that *one* should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the LORD.
27 *It is* good for a man to bear
The yoke in his youth.

28 Let him sit alone and keep silent,
Because *God* has laid *it* on him;
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust—
There may yet be hope.
30 Let him give *his* cheek to the one who strikes him,
*And* be full of reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off forever.
32 Though He causes grief,
Yet He will show compassion
According to the multitude of His mercies.
33 For He does not afflict willingly,
Nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under one's feet
All the prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the justice *due* a man
Before the face of the Most High,
36 Or subvert a man in his cause—
The Lord does not approve.

37 Who *is* he *who* speaks and it comes to pass,
*When* the Lord has not commanded *it?*
38 *Is it* not from the mouth of the Most High
That woe and well-being proceed?
39 Why should a living man complain,
A man for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search out and examine our ways,
And turn back to the LORD;
41 Let us lift our hearts and hands
To God in heaven.
42 We have transgressed and rebelled;
You have not pardoned.

43 You have covered *Yourself* with anger
And pursued us;
You have slain *and* not pitied.
44 You have covered Yourself with a cloud,
That prayer should not pass through.
45 You have made us an offscouring and refuse
In the midst of the peoples.

46 All our enemies
Have opened their mouths against us.
47 Fear and a snare have come upon us,
Desolation and destruction.
48 My eyes overflow with rivers of water
For the destruction of the daughter of my people.

MARRIAGE, ANTICIPATING

## 2 Patience and Trust

► *See* **Lamentations 3:25, 26**

As you consider marriage, take a firm stand for Jesus Christ in your life. Read and study God's Word, pray about all issues in your life, and become involved in a Bible-teaching church. All these things will deeply enrich your life, giving you much to offer to a marriage.

As a Christian, it is important for you to seek God's will for marriage, not *your* will. Pray for the wisdom to trust God with your life and the patience to wait on His guidance. "Delight yourself also in the LORD, / And He shall give you the desires of your heart. / Commit your way to the LORD, / Trust also in Him, / And He shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:4, 5).

The apostle Paul reminded the believers in the Corinthian church that being married is not God's will for everyone—in fact, being married can be a distraction from serving God: "But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife. . . . The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband. And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction" (1 Corinthians 7:32–35).

► *Now turn to page 1091 for 2 Corinthians 6:14 and Point 3. Unequally Yoked.*

49 My eyes flow and do not cease,
Without interruption,
50 Till the LORD from heaven
Looks down and sees.
51 My eyes bring suffering to my soul
Because of all the daughters of my city.

52 My enemies without cause
Hunted me down like a bird.
53 They silenced[a] my life in the pit
And threw stones at me.
54 The waters flowed over my head;
I said, "I am cut off!"

55 I called on Your name, O LORD,
From the lowest pit.
56 You have heard my voice:
"Do not hide Your ear
From my sighing, from my cry for help."
57 You drew near on the day I called on You,
And said, "Do not fear!"

58 O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul;
You have redeemed my life.
59 O LORD, You have seen *how* I am wronged;
Judge my case.
60 You have seen all their vengeance,
All their schemes against me.

61 You have heard their reproach, O LORD,
All their schemes against me,
62 The lips of my enemies
And their whispering against me all the day.
63 Look at their sitting down and their rising up;
I *am* their taunting song.

64 Repay them, O LORD,
According to the work of their hands.
65 Give them a veiled[a] heart;
Your curse *be* upon them!
66 In Your anger,
Pursue and destroy them
From under the heavens of the LORD.

### *The Degradation of Zion*

4 How the gold has become dim!
*How* changed the fine gold!
The stones of the sanctuary are scattered
At the head of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion,
Valuable as fine gold,
How they are regarded as clay pots,
The work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the jackals present their breasts
To nurse their young;
*But* the daughter of my people *is* cruel,
Like ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the infant clings
To the roof of its mouth for thirst;
The young children ask for bread,
*But* no one breaks *it* for them.

5 Those who ate delicacies
Are desolate in the streets;
Those who were brought up in scarlet
Embrace ash heaps.

6 The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people
Is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom,
Which was overthrown in a moment,
With no hand to help her!

7 Her Nazirites[a] were brighter than snow
And whiter than milk;
They were more ruddy in body than rubies,
*Like* sapphire in their appearance.

8 *Now* their appearance is blacker than soot;
They go unrecognized in the streets;
Their skin clings to their bones,
It has become as dry as wood.

9 *Those* slain by the sword are better off
Than *those* who die of hunger;
For these pine away,
Stricken *for lack* of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the compassionate women
Have cooked their own children;
They became food for them
In the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD has fulfilled His fury,
He has poured out His fierce anger.
He kindled a fire in Zion,
And it has devoured its foundations.

12 The kings of the earth,
And all inhabitants of the world,
Would not have believed
That the adversary and the enemy
Could enter the gates of Jerusalem—

**3:53** [a]Septuagint reads *put to death*. **3:65** [a]A Jewish tradition reads *sorrow of*. **4:7** [a]Or *nobles*

13 Because of the sins of her prophets
*And* the iniquities of her priests,
Who shed in her midst
The blood of the just.

14 They wandered blind in the streets;
They have defiled themselves with blood,
So that no one would touch their garments.

15 They cried out to them,
"Go away, unclean!
Go away, go away,
Do not touch us!"
When they fled and wandered,
*Those* among the nations said,
"They shall no longer dwell *here.*"

16 The face[a] of the LORD scattered them;
He no longer regards them.
*The people* do not respect the priests
Nor show favor to the elders.

17 Still our eyes failed us,
*Watching* vainly for our help;
In our watching we watched
For a nation *that* could not save *us.*

18 They tracked our steps
So that we could not walk in our streets.
Our end was near;
Our days were over,
For our end had come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter
Than the eagles of the heavens.
They pursued us on the mountains
And lay in wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD,
Was caught in their pits,
Of whom we said, "Under his shadow
We shall live among the nations."

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom,
*You* who dwell in the land of Uz!
The cup shall also pass over to you
And you shall become drunk and make yourself naked.

22 *The punishment of* your iniquity is accomplished,
O daughter of Zion;
He will no longer send you into captivity.
He will punish your iniquity,
O daughter of Edom;
He will uncover your sins!

### *A Prayer for Restoration*

5 Remember, O LORD, what has come upon us;
Look, and behold our reproach!
2 Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens,
And our houses to foreigners.
3 We have become orphans and waifs,
Our mothers *are* like widows.

4 We pay for the water we drink,
And our wood comes at a price.
5 *They* pursue at our heels;[a]
We labor *and* have no rest.
6 We have given our hand *to* the Egyptians
*And* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers sinned *and are* no more,
But we bear their iniquities.
8 Servants rule over us;
*There is* none to deliver *us* from their hand.
9 We get our bread *at the risk* of our lives,
Because of the sword in the wilderness.

10 Our skin is hot as an oven,
Because of the fever of famine.
11 They ravished the women in Zion,
The maidens in the cities of Judah.
12 Princes were hung up by their hands,
And elders were not respected.
13 Young men ground at the millstones;
Boys staggered under *loads of* wood.
14 The elders have ceased *gathering at* the gate,
And the young men from their music.

15 The joy of our heart has ceased;
Our dance has turned into mourning.
16 The crown has fallen *from* our head.
Woe to us, for we have sinned!
17 Because of this our heart is faint;
Because of these *things* our eyes grow dim;
18 Because of Mount Zion which is desolate,
With foxes walking about on it.

19 You, O LORD, remain forever;
Your throne from generation to generation.
20 Why do You forget us forever,
*And* forsake us for so long a time?
21 Turn us back to You, O LORD, and we will be restored;
Renew our days as of old,
22 Unless You have utterly rejected us,
*And* are very angry with us!

**4:16** [a]Targum reads *anger.* **5:5** [a]Literally *necks*

# The Book of
# EZEKIEL

### *Ezekiel's Vision of God*

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month,* on the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the River Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened and I saw visions[a] of God. 2On the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, 3the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans[a] by the River Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.

4Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness *was* all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5Also from within it *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. 7Their legs *were* straight, and the soles of their feet *were* like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. 8The hands of a man *were* under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. 9Their wings touched one another. *The creatures* did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

10As for the likeness of their faces, *each* had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle. 11Thus *were* their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two *wings* of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. 12And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

13As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. 14And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

15Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel *was* on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. 16The appearance of the wheels and their workings *was* like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings *was,* as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. 18As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims *were* full of eyes, all around the four of them. 19When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, *because* there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures[a] *was* in the wheels. 21When those went, *these* went; when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures[a] *was* in the wheels.

22The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures[a] *was* like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. 23And under the firmament their wings *spread out* straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body. 24When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings. 25A voice came from above the firmament that *was* over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

26And above the firmament over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. 27Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it;

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**1:1** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Syriac and Targum read *a vision.* **1:3** [a]Or *Babylonians,* and so elsewhere in this book **1:20** [a]Literally *living creature;* Septuagint and Vulgate read *spirit of life;* Targum reads *creatures.* **1:21** [a]Literally *living creature;* Septuagint and Vulgate read *spirit of life;* Targum reads *creatures.* **1:22** [a]Following Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *living creature.*

and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. [28]Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the brightness all around it. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

### *Ezekiel Sent to Rebellious Israel*

So when I saw *it,* I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

2 And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you." [2]Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. [3]And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. [4]For *they are* impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' [5]As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they *are* a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

[6]"And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *are* with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house. [7]You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they *are* rebellious. [8]But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

[9]Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book *was* in it. [10]Then He spread it before me; and *there was* writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it *were* lamentations and mourning and woe.

3 Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." [2]So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.

[3]And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

[4]Then He said to me: "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. [5]For you *are* not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, *but* to the house of Israel, [6]not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you. [7]But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hard-hearted. [8]Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. [9]Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house."

[10]Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears. [11]And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear, or whether they refuse."

[12]Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice: "Blessed *is* the glory of the LORD from His place!" [13]*I* also *heard* the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a great thunderous noise. [14]So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. [15]Then I came to the captives at Tel Abib, who dwelt by the River Chebar; and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

### *Ezekiel Is a Watchman*

[16]Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, [17]"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: [18]When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. [19]Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

[20]"Again, when a righteous *man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done

shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 21Nevertheless if you warn the righteous *man* that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."

22Then the hand of the LORD was upon me there, and He said to me, "Arise, go out into the plain, and there I shall talk with you."

23So I arose and went out into the plain, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. 24Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and spoke with me and said to me: "Go, shut yourself inside your house. 25And you, O son of man, surely they will put ropes on you and bind you with them, so that you cannot go out among them. 26I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and not be one to rebuke them, for they *are* a rebellious house. 27But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they *are* a rebellious house.

### *The Siege of Jerusalem Portrayed*

4 "You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem. 2Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around. 3Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it *as* an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This *will be* a sign to the house of Israel.

4"Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. *According* to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. 5For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. 6And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.

7"Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem; your arm *shall be* uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it. 8And surely I will restrain you so that you cannot turn from one side to another till you have ended the days of your siege.

9"Also take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them into one vessel, and make bread of them for yourself. *During* the number of days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days, you shall eat it. 10And your food which you eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time you shall eat it. 11You shall also drink water by measure, one-sixth of a hin; from time to time you shall drink. 12And you shall eat it *as* barley cakes; and bake it using fuel of human waste in their sight."

13Then the LORD said, "So shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, where I will drive them."

14So I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Indeed I have never defiled myself from my youth till now; I have never eaten what died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has abominable flesh ever come into my mouth."

15Then He said to me, "See, I am giving you cow dung instead of human waste, and you shall prepare your bread over it."

16Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, surely I will cut off the supply of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and shall drink water by measure and with dread, 17that they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed with one another, and waste away because of their iniquity.

### *A Sword Against Jerusalem*

5 "And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber's razor, and pass *it* over your head and your beard; then take scales to weigh and divide the *hair.* 2You shall burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third and strike around *it* with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them. 3You shall also take a small number of them and bind them in the edge of your *garment.* 4Then take some of them again and throw them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will go out into all the house of Israel.

5"Thus says the Lord GOD: 'This *is* Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her. 6She has rebelled against My judgments by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than

the countries that *are* all around her; for they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes.' 7Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because you have multiplied *disobedience* more than the nations that *are* all around you, have not walked in My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor even done[a] according to the judgments of the nations that *are* all around you'— 8therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Indeed I, even I, *am* against you and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. 9And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. 10Therefore fathers shall eat *their* sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments among you, and all of you who remain I will scatter to all the winds.

11"'Therefore, *as* I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish *you;* My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity. 12One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13"'Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. 14Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that *are* all around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

15"'So it[a] shall be a reproach, a taunt, a lesson, and an astonishment to the nations that *are* all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken. 16When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread. 17So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken.'"

### *Judgment on Idolatrous Israel*

6 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 2"Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: "Indeed I, *even* I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. 4Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols. 5And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. 6In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

8"'Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have *some* who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. 9Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations. 10And they shall know that I *am* the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would bring this calamity upon them."

11"'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Pound your fists and stamp your feet, and say, 'Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. 12He who is far off shall die by the pestilence, he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine. Thus will I spend My fury upon them. 13Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain are among their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree, and under every thick oak, wherever they offered sweet incense to all their idols. 14So I will stretch out My hand against them and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblah, in all their dwelling places. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.'"'"

**5:7** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate; many Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *but have done* (compare 11:12). **5:15** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *you*.

*Judgment on Israel Is Near*

7 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me,
saying, 2"And you, son of man, thus says the
Lord GOD to the land of Israel:

'An end! The end has come upon the four
corners of the land.
3 Now the end *has come* upon you,
And I will send My anger against you;
I will judge you according to your ways,
And I will repay you for all your
abominations.
4 My eye will not spare you,
Nor will I have pity;
But I will repay your ways,
And your abominations will be in your
midst;
Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD!'

5"'Thus says the Lord GOD:

'A disaster, a singular disaster;
Behold, it has come!
6 An end has come,
The end has come;
It has dawned for you;
Behold, it has come!
7 Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the
land;
The time has come,
A day of trouble *is* near,
And not of rejoicing in the mountains.
8 Now upon you I will soon pour out My fury,
And spend My anger upon you;
I will judge you according to your ways,
And I will repay you for all your
abominations.

9 'My eye will not spare,
Nor will I have pity;
I will repay you according to your ways,
And your abominations will be in your
midst.
Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD who
strikes.

10 'Behold, the day!
Behold, it has come!
Doom has gone out;
The rod has blossomed,
Pride has budded.
11 Violence has risen up into a rod of
wickedness;
None of them *shall remain,*
None of their multitude,
None of them;
Nor *shall there be* wailing for them.
12 The time has come,
The day draws near.

'Let not the buyer rejoice,
Nor the seller mourn,
For wrath *is* on their whole multitude.
13 For the seller shall not return to what has
been sold,
Though he may still be alive;
For the vision concerns the whole multitude,
And it shall not turn back;
No one will strengthen himself
Who lives in iniquity.

14 'They have blown the trumpet and made
everyone ready,
But no one goes to battle;
For My wrath *is* on all their multitude.
15 The sword *is* outside,
And the pestilence and famine within.
Whoever *is* in the field
Will die by the sword;
And whoever *is* in the city,
Famine and pestilence will devour him.

16 'Those who survive will escape and be on the
mountains
Like doves of the valleys,
All of them mourning,
Each for his iniquity.
17 Every hand will be feeble,
And every knee will be *as* weak *as* water.
18 They will also be girded with sackcloth;
Horror will cover them;
Shame *will be* on every face,
Baldness on all their heads.

19 'They will throw their silver into the streets,
And their gold will be like refuse;
Their silver and their gold will not be able to
deliver them
In the day of the wrath of the LORD;
They will not satisfy their souls,
Nor fill their stomachs,
Because it became their stumbling block of
iniquity.

20 'As for the beauty of his ornaments,
He set it in majesty;
But they made from it
The images of their abominations—

Their detestable things;
Therefore I have made it
Like refuse to them.
21 I will give it as plunder
Into the hands of strangers,
And to the wicked of the earth as spoil;
And they shall defile it.
22 I will turn My face from them,
And they will defile My secret place;
For robbers shall enter it and defile it.

23 'Make a chain,
For the land is filled with crimes of blood,
And the city is full of violence.
24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the Gentiles,
And they will possess their houses;
I will cause the pomp of the strong to cease,
And their holy places shall be defiled.
25 Destruction comes;
They will seek peace, but *there shall be* none.
26 Disaster will come upon disaster,
And rumor will be upon rumor.
Then they will seek a vision from a prophet;
But the law will perish from the priest,
And counsel from the elders.

27 'The king will mourn,
The prince will be clothed with desolation,
And the hands of the common people will tremble.
I will do to them according to their way,
And according to what they deserve I will judge them;
Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD!'"

### *Abominations in the Temple*

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month,* on the fifth *day* of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there. 2Then I looked, and there was a likeness, like the appearance of fire—from the appearance of His waist and downward, fire; and from His waist and upward, like the appearance of brightness, like the color of amber. 3He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the north gate of the inner *court,* where the seat of the image of jealousy *was,* which provokes to jealousy. 4And behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.

5Then He said to me, "Son of man, lift your eyes now toward the north." So I lifted my eyes toward the north, and there, north of the altar gate, was this image of jealousy in the entrance.

6Furthermore He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to make Me go far away from My sanctuary? Now turn again, you will see greater abominations." 7So He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, there was a hole in the wall. 8Then He said to me, "Son of man, dig into the wall"; and when I dug into the wall, there was a door.

9And He said to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations which they are doing there." 10So I went in and saw, and there—every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls. 11And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in their midst stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan. Each man had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12Then He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the room of his idols? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land.'"

13And He said to me, "Turn again, *and* you will see greater abominations that they are doing." 14So He brought me to the door of the north gate of the LORD's house; and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

15Then He said to me, "Have you seen *this,* O son of man? Turn again, you will see greater abominations than these." 16So He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house; and there, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun toward the east.

17And He said to me, "Have you seen *this,* O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose. 18Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them."

### *The Wicked Are Slain*

9 Then He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, "Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each *with* a deadly weapon in his hand." [2]And suddenly six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. One man among them *was* clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

[3]Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple.[a] And He called to the man clothed with linen, who *had* the writer's inkhorn at his side; [4]and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

[5]To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. [6]Utterly slay old *and* young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom *is* the mark; and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who *were* before the temple. [7]Then He said to them, "Defile the temple, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" And they went out and killed in the city.

[8]So it was, that while they were killing them, I was left *alone;* and I fell on my face and cried out, and said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in pouring out Your fury on Jerusalem?"

[9]Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!' [10]And as for Me also, My eye will neither spare, nor will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their deeds on their own head."

[11]Just then, the man clothed with linen, who *had* the inkhorn at his side, reported back and said, "I have done as You commanded me."

### *The Glory Departs from the Temple*

10 And I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne. [2]Then He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, "Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter *them* over the city." And he went in as I watched.

[3]Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple[a] when the man went in, and the cloud filled the inner court. [4]Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, *and paused* over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. [5]And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard *even* in the outer court, like the voice of Almighty God when He speaks.

[6]Then it happened, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from among the wheels, from among the cherubim," that he went in and stood beside the wheels. [7]And the cherub stretched out his hand from among the cherubim to the fire that *was* among the cherubim, and took *some of it* and put *it* into the hands of the *man* clothed with linen, who took *it* and went out. [8]The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

[9]And when I looked, there were four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by each other cherub; the wheels appeared *to have* the color of a beryl stone. [10]*As for* their appearance, all four looked alike—as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. [11]When they went, they went toward *any of* their four directions; they did not turn aside when they went, but followed in the direction the head was facing. They did not turn aside when they went. [12]And their whole body, with their back, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that the four had, *were* full of eyes all around. [13]As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, "Wheel."

[14]Each one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. [15]And the cherubim were lifted up. This *was* the living creature I saw by the River Chebar. [16]When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from

**9:3** [a]Literally *house* **10:3** [a]Literally *house,* also in verses 4 and 18

beside them. 17When *the cherubim*[a] stood still, *the wheels* stood still, and when *one*[b] was lifted up, *the other*[c] lifted itself up, for the spirit of the living creature *was* in them.

18Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels *were* beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house, and the glory of the God of Israel *was* above them.

20This *is* the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they *were* cherubim. 21Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings. 22And the likeness of their faces *was* the same *as* the faces which I had seen by the River Chebar, their appearance and their persons. They each went straight forward.

### *Judgment on Wicked Counselors*

**11** Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD's house, which faces eastward; and there at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. 2And He said to me: "Son of man, these *are* the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city, 3who say, '*The time is* not near to build houses; this *city is* the caldron, and we *are* the meat.' 4Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man!"

5Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, "Speak! 'Thus says the LORD: "Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. 6You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain." 7Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they *are* the meat, and this *city is* the caldron; but I shall bring you out of the midst of it. 8You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you," says the Lord GOD. 9"And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you. 10You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. 11This *city* shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel. 12And you shall know that I *am* the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but have done according to the customs of the Gentiles which *are* all around you.'"'"

13Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?"

### *God Will Restore Israel*

14Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 15"Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the house of Israel in its entirety, *are* those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Get far away from the LORD; this land has been given to us as a possession.' 16Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone."' 17Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel."' 18And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them,[a] and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, 20that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. 21But *as for those* whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.

22So the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel *was* high above them. 23And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which *is* on the east side of the city.

24Then the Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea,[a] to those in captivity. And the vision that I had seen

**10:17** [a]Literally *they* [b]Literally *they* [c]Literally *they*
**11:19** [a]Literally *you* **11:24** [a]Or *Babylon,* and so elsewhere in this book

went up from me. 25So I spoke to those in captivity of all the things the LORD had shown me.

### *Judah's Captivity Portrayed*

12 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 2"Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; for they *are* a rebellious house.

3"Therefore, son of man, prepare your belongings for captivity, and go into captivity by day in their sight. You shall go from your place into captivity to another place in their sight. It may be that they will consider, though they *are* a rebellious house. 4By day you shall bring out your belongings in their sight, as though going into captivity; and at evening you shall go in their sight, like those who go into captivity. 5Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry *your belongings* out through it. 6In their sight you shall bear *them* on *your* shoulders *and* carry *them* out at twilight; you shall cover your face, so that you cannot see the ground, for I have made you a sign to the house of Israel."

7So I did as I was commanded. I brought out my belongings by day, as though going into captivity, and at evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought *them* out at twilight, *and* I bore *them* on *my* shoulder in their sight.

8And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9"Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?' 10Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "This burden *concerns* the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are among them."' 11Say, 'I *am* a sign to you. As I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall be carried away into captivity.' 12And the prince who *is* among them shall bear *his belongings* on *his* shoulder at twilight and go out. They shall dig through the wall to carry *them* out through it. He shall cover his face, so that he cannot see the ground with *his* eyes. 13I will also spread My net over him, and he shall be caught in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon, *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there. 14I will scatter to every wind all who *are* around him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15"Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries. 16But I will spare a few of their men from the sword, from famine, and from pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the Gentiles wherever they go. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."

### *Judgment Not Postponed*

17Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 18"Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and anxiety. 19And say to the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the inhabitants of Jerusalem *and* to the land of Israel: "They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with dread, so that her land may be emptied of all who are in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. 20Then the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall become desolate; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD."'"

21And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 22"Son of man, what *is* this proverb *that* you *people* have about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails'? 23Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will lay this proverb to rest, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel." But say to them, "The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision. 24For no more shall there be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. 25For I *am* the LORD. I speak, and the word which I speak will come to pass; it will no more be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and perform it," says the Lord GOD.'"

26Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 27"Son of man, look, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees *is* for many days *from now,* and he prophesies of times far off.' 28Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word which I speak will be done," says the Lord GOD.'"

### *Woe to Foolish Prophets*

13 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of the LORD!'"

3Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! 4O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. 5You have not gone up into

the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD. 6They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, 'Thus says the LORD!' But the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. 7Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'The LORD says,' but I have not spoken."

8Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I *am* indeed against you," says the Lord GOD. 9"My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

10"Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when *there is* no peace—and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered *mortar*— 11say to those who plaster *it* with untempered *mortar,* that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear *it* down. 12Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, 'Where *is* the mortar with which you plastered *it?*'"

13Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume *it.* 14So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered *mortar,* and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

15"Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered *mortar;* and I will say to you, 'The wall *is* no *more,* nor those who plastered it, 16*that is,* the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when *there is* no peace,'" says the Lord GOD.

17"Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, 18and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the *women* who sew *magic* charms on their sleeves[a] and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? 19And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"

20"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against your *magic* charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. 21I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

22"Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life. 23Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD."'"

### *Idolatry Will Be Punished*

**14** Now some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. 2And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 3"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?

4"Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, 5that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols."'

6"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations. 7For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the LORD will answer him by Myself. 8I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I

**13:18** [a]Literally *over all the joints of My hands;* Vulgate reads *under every elbow;* Septuagint and Targum read *on all elbows of the hands.*

will cut him off from the midst of My people. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

9"And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I the LORD have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel. 10And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired, 11that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord GOD.'"

### *Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness*

12The word of the LORD came again to me, saying: 13"Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. 14Even *if* these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD.

15"If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts, 16*even though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

17"Or *if* I bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I cut off man and beast from it, 18even *though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered.

19"Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast, 20even *though* Noah, Daniel, and Job *were* in it, *as* I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness."

21For thus says the Lord GOD: "How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it? 22Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, *both* sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it. 23And they will comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing without cause that I have done in it," says the Lord GOD.

### *The Outcast Vine*

15 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 2"Son of man, how is the wood of the vine *better* than any other wood, the vine branch which is among the trees of the forest? 3Is wood taken from it to make any object? Or can *men* make a peg from it to hang any vessel on? 4Instead, it is thrown into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it useful for *any* work? 5Indeed, when it was whole, no object could be made from it. How much less will it be useful for *any* work when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

6"'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 7and I will set My face against them. They will go out from *one* fire, but *another* fire shall devour them. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I set My face against them. 8Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have persisted in unfaithfulness,' says the Lord GOD."

### *God's Love for Jerusalem*

16 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 3and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity *are* from the land of Canaan; your father *was* an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. 4*As for* your nativity, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse *you;* you were not rubbed with salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. 5No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born.

6"'And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' 7I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. *Your* breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you *were* naked and bare.

8"'When I passed by you again and looked upon

you, indeed your time *was* the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD.

9"Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. 10I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. 11I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. 12And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing *was of* fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate *pastry of* fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty. 14Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it *was* perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you," says the Lord GOD.

### *Jerusalem's Harlotry*

15"But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who *would have* it. 16You took some of your garments and adorned multicolored high places for yourself, and played the harlot on them. *Such* things should not happen, nor be. 17You have also taken your beautiful jewelry from My gold and My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images and played the harlot with them. 18You took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set My oil and My incense before them. 19Also My food which I gave you—the pastry of fine flour, oil, and honey *which* I fed you—you set it before them as sweet incense; and *so* it was," says the Lord GOD.

20"Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. *Were* your *acts* of harlotry a small matter, 21that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through *the fire?* 22And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, struggling in your blood.

23"Then it was so, after all your wickedness—'Woe, woe to you!' says the Lord GOD— 24*that* you also built for yourself a shrine, and made a high place for yourself in every street. 25You built your high places at the head of every road, and made your beauty to be abhorred. You offered yourself to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your acts of harlotry. 26You also committed harlotry with the Egyptians, your very fleshly neighbors, and increased your acts of harlotry to provoke Me to anger.

27"Behold, therefore, I stretched out My hand against you, diminished your allotment, and gave you up to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd behavior. 28You also played the harlot with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; indeed you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied. 29Moreover you multiplied your acts of harlotry as far as the land of the trader, Chaldea; and even then you were not satisfied.

30"How degenerate is your heart!" says the Lord GOD, "seeing you do all these *things,* the deeds of a brazen harlot.

### *Jerusalem's Adultery*

31"You erected your shrine at the head of every road, and built your high place in every street. Yet you were not like a harlot, because you scorned payment. 32*You are* an adulterous wife, *who* takes strangers instead of her husband. 33Men make payment to all harlots, but you made your payments to all your lovers, and hired them to come to you from all around for your harlotry. 34You are the opposite of *other* women in your harlotry, because no one solicited you to be a harlot. In that you gave payment but no payment was given you, therefore you are the opposite."

### *Jerusalem's Lovers Will Abuse Her*

35"Now then, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD! 36Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your filthiness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your harlotry with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of the blood of your children which you gave to them, 37surely, therefore, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, *and* all those you hated; I will gather them from all around against you and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. 38And I will judge you as women who break wedlock or shed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and jealousy. 39I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your shrines and break down your high places. They shall also strip you of your clothes,

take your beautiful jewelry, and leave you naked and bare.

40"They shall also bring up an assembly against you, and they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords. 41They shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women; and I will make you cease playing the harlot, and you shall no longer hire lovers. 42So I will lay to rest My fury toward you, and My jealousy shall depart from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no more. 43Because you did not remember the days of your youth, but agitated Me[a] with all these *things,* surely I will also recompense your deeds on *your own* head," says the Lord GOD. "And you shall not commit lewdness in addition to all your abominations.

### *More Wicked than Samaria and Sodom*

44"Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use *this* proverb against you: 'Like mother, like daughter!' 45You *are* your mother's daughter, loathing husband and children; and you *are* the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children; your mother *was* a Hittite and your father an Amorite.

46"Your elder sister *is* Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, *is* Sodom and her daughters. 47You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as *if that were* too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways.

48"*As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done. 49Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw *fit.*[a]

51"Samaria did not commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all the abominations which you have done. 52You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your own shame, because you justified your sisters.

53"When I bring back their captives, the captives of Sodom and her daughters, and the captives of Samaria and her daughters, then *I will also bring back* the captives of your captivity among them, 54that you may bear your own shame and be disgraced by all that you did when you comforted them. 55When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters return to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state. 56For your sister Sodom was not a byword in your mouth in the days of your pride, 57before your wickedness was uncovered. It was like the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria[a] and all *those* around her, and of the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you everywhere. 58You have paid for your lewdness and your abominations," says the LORD. 59For thus says the Lord GOD: "I will deal with you as you have done, who despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

### *An Everlasting Covenant*

60"Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed, when you receive your older and your younger sisters; for I will give them to you for daughters, but not because of My covenant with you. 62And I will establish My covenant with you. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, 63that you may remember and be ashamed, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I provide you an atonement for all you have done," says the Lord GOD.'"

### *The Eagles and the Vine*

17 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel, 3and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"A great eagle with large wings and long pinions,
Full of feathers of various colors,
Came to Lebanon
And took from the cedar the highest branch.

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**16:43** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *were agitated with Me.* **16:50** [a]Vulgate reads *you saw;* Septuagint reads *he saw;* Targum reads *as was revealed to Me.* **16:57** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate; many Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *Edom.*

4 He cropped off its topmost young twig
And carried it to a land of trade;
He set it in a city of merchants.
5 Then he took some of the seed of the land
And planted it in a fertile field;
He placed *it* by abundant waters
*And* set it like a willow tree.
6 And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature;
Its branches turned toward him,
But its roots were under it.
So it became a vine,
Brought forth branches,
And put forth shoots.

7 "But there was another[a] great eagle with large wings and many feathers;
And behold, this vine bent its roots toward him,
And stretched its branches toward him,
From the garden terrace where it had been planted,
That he might water it.
8 It was planted in good soil by many waters,
To bring forth branches, bear fruit,
*And* become a majestic vine."'

9"Say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Will it thrive?
Will he not pull up its roots,
Cut off its fruit,
And leave it to wither?
All of its spring leaves will wither,
And no great power or many people
Will be needed to pluck it up by its roots.
10 Behold, *it is* planted,
Will it thrive?
Will it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it?
It will wither in the garden terrace where it grew."'"

11Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12"Say now to the rebellious house: 'Do you not know what these *things mean?*' Tell *them,* 'Indeed the king of Babylon went to Jerusalem and took its king and princes, and led them with him to Babylon. 13And he took the king's offspring, made a covenant with him, and put him under oath. He also took away the mighty of the land, 14that the kingdom might be brought low and not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Will he prosper? Will he who does such *things* escape? Can he break a covenant and still be delivered?

16'*As* I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'surely in the place *where* the king *dwells* who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke—with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17Nor will Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company do anything in the war, when they heap up a siege mound and build a wall to cut off many persons. 18Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and in fact gave his hand and still did all these *things,* he shall not escape.'"

19Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "*As* I live, surely My oath which he despised, and My covenant which he broke, I will recompense on his own head. 20I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon and try him there for the treason which he committed against Me. 21All his fugitives[a] with all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered to every wind; and you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

### *Israel Exalted at Last*

22Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also *one* of the highest branches of the high cedar and set *it* out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* on a high and prominent mountain. 23On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done *it.*"

### *A False Proverb Refuted*

18 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2"What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on edge'?

**17:7** [a]Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text and Targum read *one*. **17:21** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; many Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac read *choice men;* Targum reads *mighty men;* Septuagint omits *All his fugitives*.

3 "*As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "you shall no
longer use this proverb in Israel.

4 "Behold, all souls are Mine;
The soul of the father
As well as the soul of the son is Mine;
The soul who sins shall die.
5 But if a man is just
And does what is lawful and right;
6 If he has not eaten on the mountains,
Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the
house of Israel,
Nor defiled his neighbor's wife,
Nor approached a woman during her
impurity;
7 If he has not oppressed anyone,
*But* has restored to the debtor his pledge;
Has robbed no one by violence,
*But* has given his bread to the hungry
And covered the naked with clothing;
8 If he has not exacted usury
Nor taken any increase,
*But* has withdrawn his hand from iniquity
*And* executed true judgment between man
and man;
9 *If* he has walked in My statutes
And kept My judgments faithfully—
He *is* just;
He shall surely live!"
Says the Lord GOD.

10 "If he begets a son *who is* a robber
Or a shedder of blood,
*Who* does any of these *things*
11 And does none of those *duties,*
But has eaten on the mountains
Or defiled his neighbor's wife;
12 If he has oppressed the poor and needy,
Robbed by violence,
Not restored the pledge,
Lifted his eyes to the idols,
*Or* committed abomination;
13 If he has exacted usury
Or taken increase—
Shall he then live?
He shall not live!
If he has done any of these abominations,
He shall surely die;
His blood shall be upon him.

14 "*If,* however, he begets a son
Who sees all the sins which his father has
done,
And considers but does not do likewise;
15 *Who* has not eaten on the mountains,
Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of
Israel,
Nor defiled his neighbor's wife;
16 Has not oppressed anyone,
Nor withheld a pledge,
Nor robbed by violence,
*But* has given his bread to the hungry
And covered the naked with clothing;
17 *Who* has withdrawn his hand from the poor[a]
*And* not received usury or increase,
But has executed My judgments
And walked in My statutes—
He shall not die for the iniquity of his father;
He shall surely live!

18 "*As for* his father,
Because he cruelly oppressed,
Robbed his brother by violence,
And did what *is* not good among his
people,
Behold, he shall die for his iniquity.

### *Turn and Live*

19 "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the
guilt of the father?' Because the son has done
what is lawful and right, and has kept all My
statutes and observed them, he shall surely live.
20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not
bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the
guilt of the son. The righteousness of the right-
teous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness
of the wicked shall be upon himself.
21 "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins
which he has committed, keeps all My statutes,
and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely
live; he shall not die. 22 None of the transgressions
which he has committed shall be remembered
against him; because of the righteousness which
he has done, he shall live. 23 Do I have any pleasure
at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord
GOD, "*and* not that he should turn from his ways
and live?
24 "But when a righteous man turns away from
his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does
according to all the abominations that the wicked
*man* does, shall he live? All the righteousness
which he has done shall not be remembered; be-
cause of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty

**18:17** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *iniquity* (compare verse 8).

and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

25"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? 26When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. 27Again, when a wicked *man* turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. 28Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?

30"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

### *Israel Degraded*

**19** 1"Moreover take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, 2and say:

'What *is* your mother? A lioness:
She lay down among the lions;
Among the young lions she nourished her cubs.
3 She brought up one of her cubs,
And he became a young lion;
He learned to catch prey,
And he devoured men.
4 The nations also heard of him;
He was trapped in their pit,
And they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt.

5 'When she saw that she waited, *that* her hope was lost,
She took another of her cubs *and* made him a young lion.
6 He roved among the lions,
And became a young lion;
He learned to catch prey;
He devoured men.
7 He knew their desolate places,[a]
And laid waste their cities;
The land with its fullness was desolated
By the noise of his roaring.
8 Then the nations set against him from the provinces on every side,
And spread their net over him;
He was trapped in their pit.
9 They put him in a cage with chains,
And brought him to the king of Babylon;
They brought him in nets,
That his voice should no longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.

10 'Your mother *was* like a vine in your bloodline,[a]

**19:7** [a]Septuagint reads *He stood in insolence;* Targum reads *He destroyed its palaces;* Vulgate reads *He learned to make widows.*
**19:10** [a]Literally *blood,* following Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *like a flower on a pomegranate tree;* Targum reads *in your likeness.*

**ADDICTION** **2 TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND TAKING ACTION**

► *See* **EZEKIEL 18:30–32**

All of life's choices have consequences. God is just and He requires you to repent so that your sins "will not be your ruin." When you turn away from your sin, God will give you a "new heart and a new spirit."

Admitting weakness often goes against how we're conditioned to behave, but it is exactly what God wants of you. His strength becomes evident in you when you acknowledge your weakness. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). The first step in the healing process is to admit your problem and be willing to accept help. Taking personal responsibility means an admission that you are not capable on your own of dealing with the addiction or the issues that drove you there. As a Christian, confession and repentance are critical in taking personal responsibility for your problem (1 John 1:9). Confess your addiction to God, and ask for help from your pastor or other mature believers. (See *Repentance*.)

► *Now turn to page 995 for John 8:34–36 and Point 3. Real Freedom.*

Planted by the waters,
Fruitful and full of branches
Because of many waters.
11 She had strong branches for scepters of rulers.
She towered in stature above the thick branches,
And was seen in her height amid the dense foliage.
12 But she was plucked up in fury,
She was cast down to the ground,
And the east wind dried her fruit.
Her strong branches were broken and withered;
The fire consumed them.
13 And now she *is* planted in the wilderness,
In a dry and thirsty land.
14 Fire has come out from a rod of her branches
*And* devoured her fruit,
So that she has no strong branch— a scepter for ruling.'"

This *is* a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

### *The Rebellions of Israel*

20 It came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month,* on the tenth *day* of the month, *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. 2Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 3"Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Have you come to inquire of Me? *As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will not be inquired of by you."' 4Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them?* Then make known to them the abominations of their fathers.

5"Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day when I chose Israel and raised My hand in an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, I raised My hand in an oath to them, saying, 'I *am* the LORD your God.' 6On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, 'flowing with milk and honey,'[a] the glory of all lands. 7Then I said to them, 'Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.' 8But they rebelled against Me and would not obey Me. They did not all cast away the abominations which were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, 'I will pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.' 9But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles among whom they *were,* in whose sight I had made Myself known to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

10"Therefore I made them go out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. 11And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, 'which, *if* a man does, he shall live by them.'[a] 12Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies them. 13Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they despised My judgments, 'which, *if* a man does, he shall live by them';[a] and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out. 15So I also raised My hand in an oath to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them,* 'flowing with milk and honey,'[a] the glory of all lands, 16because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. 17Nevertheless My eye spared them from destruction. I did not make an end of them in the wilderness.

18"But I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols. 19I *am* the LORD your God: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; 20hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD your God.'

21"Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and were not careful to observe My judgments, 'which, *if* a man does, he shall live by them';[a] but they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness. 22Nevertheless I

**20:6** [a]Exodus 3:8 **20:11** [a]Leviticus 18:5 **20:13** [a]Leviticus 18:5 **20:15** [a]Exodus 3:8 **20:21** [a]Leviticus 18:5

withdrew My hand and acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out. [23]Also I raised My hand in an oath to those in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the Gentiles and disperse them throughout the countries, [24]because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were fixed on their fathers' idols.

[25]"Therefore I also gave them up to statutes *that were* not good, and judgments by which they could not live; [26]and I pronounced them unclean because of their ritual gifts, in that they caused all their firstborn to pass through *the fire,* that I might make them desolate and that they might know that I am the LORD."'

[27]"Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "In this too your fathers have blasphemed Me, by being unfaithful to Me. [28]When I brought them into the land *concerning* which I had raised My hand in an oath to give them, and they saw all the high hills and all the thick trees, there they offered their sacrifices and provoked Me with their offerings. There they also sent up their sweet aroma and poured out their drink offerings. [29]Then I said to them, 'What *is* this high place to which you go?' So its name is called Bamah[a] to this day."' [30]Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you defiling yourselves in the manner of your fathers, and committing harlotry according to their abominations? [31]For when you offer your gifts and make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to this day. So shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will not be inquired of by you. [32]What you have in your mind shall never be, when you say, 'We will be like the Gentiles, like the families in other countries, serving wood and stone.'

### *God Will Restore Israel*

[33]"*As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. [34]I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. [35]And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. [36]Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord GOD.

[37]"I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; [38]I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD.

[39]"As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord GOD: "Go, serve every one of you his idols—and hereafter—if you will not obey Me; but profane My holy name no more with your gifts and your idols. [40]For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me; there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things. [41]I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles. [42]Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers. [43]And there you shall remember your ways and all your doings with which you were defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you have committed. [44]Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel," says the Lord GOD.'"

### *Fire in the Forest*

[45]Furthermore the word of the LORD came to me, saying, [46]"Son of man, set your face toward the south; preach against the south and prophesy against the forest land, the South,[a] [47]and say to the forest of the South, 'Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree and every dry tree in you; the blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be scorched by it. [48]All flesh shall see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched."'"

**20:29** [a]Literally *High Place* **20:46** [a]Hebrew *Negev*

49 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! They say of me,
'Does he not speak parables?'"

*Babylon, the Sword of God*

21 And the word of the LORD came to me,
saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, preach against the holy
places, and prophesy against the land of Israel;
3 and say to the land of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD:
"Behold, I *am* against you, and I will draw My
sword out of its sheath and cut off both righteous
and wicked from you. 4 Because I will cut off both
righteous and wicked from you, therefore My
sword shall go out of its sheath against all flesh
from south *to* north, 5 that all flesh may know that
I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its
sheath; it shall not return anymore."' 6 Sigh therefore, son of man, with a breaking heart, and sigh
with bitterness before their eyes. 7 And it shall be
when they say to you, 'Why are you sighing?' that
you shall answer, 'Because of the news; when it
comes, every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and all knees will be
weak *as* water. Behold, it is coming and shall be
brought to pass,' says the Lord GOD."

8 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says
the LORD!' Say:

'A sword, a sword is sharpened
And also polished!
10 Sharpened to make a dreadful slaughter,
Polished to flash like lightning!
Should we then make mirth?
It despises the scepter of My son,
*As it does* all wood.
11 And He has given it to be polished,
That it may be handled;
This sword is sharpened, and it is
polished
To be given into the hand of the slayer.'

12 "Cry and wail, son of man;
For it will be against My people,
Against all the princes of Israel.
Terrors including the sword will be against
My people;
Therefore strike *your* thigh.

13 "Because *it is* a testing,
And what if *the sword* despises even the
scepter?
*The scepter* shall be no *more,*"
Says the Lord GOD.

14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy,
And strike *your* hands together.
The third time let the sword do double
*damage.*
It *is* the sword *that* slays,
The sword that slays the great *men,*
That enters their private chambers.
15 I have set the point of the sword against all
their gates,
That the heart may melt and many may
stumble.
Ah! *It is* made bright;
*It is* grasped for slaughter:

16 "Swords at the ready!
Thrust right!
Set your blade!
Thrust left—
Wherever your edge is ordered!

17 "I also will beat My fists together,
And I will cause My fury to rest;
I, the LORD, have spoken."

18 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying: 19 "And son of man, appoint for yourself two
ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to go;
both of them shall go from the same land. Make a
sign; put *it* at the head of the road to the city. 20 Appoint a road for the sword to go to Rabbah of the
Ammonites, and to Judah, into fortified Jerusalem. 21 For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the road, at the fork of the two roads, to use
divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the
images, he looks at the liver. 22 In his right hand is
the divination for Jerusalem: to set up battering
rams, to call for a slaughter, to lift the voice with
shouting, to set battering rams against the gates,
to heap up a *siege* mound, and to build a wall.
23 And it will be to them like a false divination in
the eyes of those who have sworn oaths with
them; but he will bring their iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

24 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because
you have made your iniquity to be remembered,
in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that
in all your doings your sins appear—because you
have come to remembrance, you shall be taken in
hand.

25 "Now to you, O profane, wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose iniquity *shall*
end, 26 thus says the Lord GOD:

"Remove the turban, and take off the crown;
Nothing *shall remain* the same.
Exalt the humble, and humble the exalted.
27 Overthrown, overthrown,
I will make it overthrown!
It shall be no *longer,*
Until He comes whose right it is,
And I will give it *to Him.*"'

### *A Sword Against the Ammonites*

28 "And you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites and concerning their reproach,' and say:

'A sword, a sword *is* drawn,
Polished for slaughter,
For consuming, for flashing—
29 While they see false visions for you,
While they divine a lie to you,
To bring you on the necks of the wicked, the slain
Whose day has come,
Whose iniquity *shall* end.

30 'Return *it* to its sheath.
I will judge you
In the place where you were created,
In the land of your nativity.
31 I will pour out My indignation on you;
I will blow against you with the fire of My wrath,
And deliver you into the hands of brutal men *who are* skillful to destroy.
32 You shall be fuel for the fire;
Your blood shall be in the midst of the land.
You shall not be remembered,
For I the LORD have spoken.'"

### *Sins of Jerusalem*

22 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Now, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Yes, show her all her abominations! 3 Then say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "The city sheds blood in her own midst, that her time may come; and she makes idols within herself to defile herself. 4 You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and have defiled yourself with the idols which you have made. You have caused your days to draw near, and have come to *the end of* your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mockery to all countries. 5 *Those* near and *those* far from you will mock you as infamous *and* full of tumult.

6 "'Look, the princes of Israel: each one has used his power to shed blood in you. 7 In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow. 8 You have despised My holy things and profaned My Sabbaths. 9 In you are men who slander to cause bloodshed; in you are those who eat on the mountains; in your midst they commit lewdness. 10 In you men uncover their fathers' nakedness; in you they violate women who are set apart during their impurity. 11 One commits abomination with his neighbor's wife; another lewdly defiles his daughter-in-law; and another in you violates his sister, his father's daughter. 12 In you they take bribes to shed blood; you take usury and increase; you have made profit from your neighbors by extortion, and have forgotten Me," says the Lord GOD.

13 "'Behold, therefore, I beat My fists at the dishonest profit which you have made, and at the bloodshed which has been in your midst. 14 Can your heart endure, or can your hands remain strong, in the days when I shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken, and will do *it.* 15 I will scatter you among the nations, disperse you throughout the countries, and remove your filthiness completely from you. 16 You shall defile yourself in the sight of the nations; then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.'"'

### *Israel in the Furnace*

17 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 18 "'Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me; they *are* all bronze, tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a furnace; they have become dross from silver. 19 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because you have all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20 *As men* gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt *it;* so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you there* and melt you. 21 Yes, I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. 22 As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have poured out My fury on you.'"

### *Israel's Wicked Leaders*

23 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 24 "'Son of man, say to her: 'You *are* a land that is

not cleansed[a] or rained on in the day of indignation.' [25]The conspiracy of her prophets[a] in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. [26]Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. [27]Her princes in her midst *are* like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. [28]Her prophets plastered them with untempered *mortar,* seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken. [29]The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. [30]So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. [31]Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.

### *Two Harlot Sisters*

**23** The word of the LORD came again to me, saying:

2 "Son of man, there were two women,
The daughters of one mother.
3 They committed harlotry in Egypt,
They committed harlotry in their youth;
Their breasts were there embraced,
Their virgin bosom was there pressed.
4 Their names: Oholah[a] the elder and
Oholibah[b] her sister;
They were Mine,
And they bore sons and daughters.
*As for* their names,
Samaria *is* Oholah, and Jerusalem *is*
Oholibah.

### *The Older Sister, Samaria*

5 "Oholah played the harlot even though she
was Mine;
And she lusted for her lovers, the
neighboring Assyrians,
6 *Who were* clothed in purple,
Captains and rulers,
All of them desirable young men,
Horsemen riding on horses.
7 Thus she committed her harlotry with them,
All of them choice men of Assyria;
And with all for whom she lusted,
With all their idols, she defiled herself.
8 She has never given up her harlotry *brought*
from Egypt,
For in her youth they had lain with her,
Pressed her virgin bosom,
And poured out their immorality upon her.

9 "Therefore I have delivered her
Into the hand of her lovers,
Into the hand of the Assyrians,
For whom she lusted.
10 They uncovered her nakedness,
Took away her sons and daughters,
And slew her with the sword;
She became a byword among women,
For they had executed judgment on her.

### *The Younger Sister, Jerusalem*

11"Now although her sister Oholibah saw *this,* she became more corrupt in her lust than she, and in her harlotry more corrupt than her sister's harlotry.

12 "She lusted for the neighboring Assyrians,
Captains and rulers,
Clothed most gorgeously,
Horsemen riding on horses,
All of them desirable young men.
13 Then I saw that she was defiled;
Both *took* the same way.
14 But she increased her harlotry;
She looked at men portrayed on the wall,
Images of Chaldeans portrayed in vermilion,
15 Girded with belts around their waists,
Flowing turbans on their heads,
All of them looking like captains,
In the manner of the Babylonians of
Chaldea,
The land of their nativity.
16 As soon as her eyes saw them,
She lusted for them
And sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

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**22:24** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *showered upon*. **22:25** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *princes;* Targum reads *scribes*.
**23:4** [a]Literally *Her Own Tabernacle* [b]Literally *My Tabernacle Is in Her*

17 "Then the Babylonians came to her, into the
bed of love,
And they defiled her with their immorality;
So she was defiled by them, and alienated
herself from them.
18 She revealed her harlotry and uncovered her
nakedness.
Then I alienated Myself from her,
As I had alienated Myself from her sister.

19 "Yet she multiplied her harlotry
In calling to remembrance the days of her
youth,
When she had played the harlot in the land
of Egypt.
20 For she lusted for her paramours,
Whose flesh *is like* the flesh of donkeys,
And whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.
21 Thus you called to remembrance the
lewdness of your youth,
When the Egyptians pressed your bosom
Because of your youthful breasts.

### *Judgment on Jerusalem*

22 "Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the Lord GOD:

'Behold, I will stir up your lovers against you,
From whom you have alienated yourself,
And I will bring them against you from
every side:
23 The Babylonians,
All the Chaldeans,
Pekod, Shoa, Koa,
All the Assyrians with them,
All of them desirable young men,
Governors and rulers,
Captains and men of renown,
All of them riding on horses.
24 And they shall come against you
With chariots, wagons, and war-horses,
With a horde of people.
They shall array against you
Buckler, shield, and helmet all around.

'I will delegate judgment to them,
And they shall judge you according to their
judgments.
25 I will set My jealousy against you,
And they shall deal furiously with you;
They shall remove your nose and your ears,
And your remnant shall fall by the sword;
They shall take your sons and your
daughters,
And your remnant shall be devoured by fire.
26 They shall also strip you of your clothes
And take away your beautiful jewelry.

27 'Thus I will make you cease your lewdness
and your harlotry
*Brought* from the land of Egypt,
So that you will not lift your eyes to them,
Nor remember Egypt anymore.'

28 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely I will deliver you into the hand of those you hate, into the hand *of those* from whom you alienated yourself. 29 They will deal hatefully with you, take away all you have worked for, and leave you naked and bare. The nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotry. 30 I will do these *things* to you because you have gone as a harlot after the Gentiles, because you have become defiled by their idols. 31 You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will put her cup in your hand.'

32 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

'You shall drink of your sister's cup,
The deep and wide one;
You shall be laughed to scorn
And held in derision;
It contains much.
33 You will be filled with drunkenness and
sorrow,
The cup of horror and desolation,
The cup of your sister Samaria.
34 You shall drink and drain it,
You shall break its shards,
And tear at your own breasts;
For I have spoken,'
Says the Lord GOD.

35 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

'Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me
behind your back,
Therefore you shall bear the *penalty*
*Of* your lewdness and your harlotry.'"

### *Both Sisters Judged*

36 The LORD also said to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations. 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood *is* on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and even *sacrificed* their sons whom they bore to Me, passing them through *the fire,* to devour *them.* 38 Moreover they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary on the same day and

profaned My Sabbaths. [39]For after they had slain their children for their idols, on the same day they came into My sanctuary to profane it; and indeed thus they have done in the midst of My house.

[40]"Furthermore you sent for men to come from afar, to whom a messenger *was* sent; and there they came. And you washed yourself for them, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with ornaments. [41]You sat on a stately couch, with a table prepared before it, on which you had set My incense and My oil. [42]The sound of a carefree multitude *was* with her, and Sabeans *were* brought from the wilderness with men of the common sort, who put bracelets on their wrists and beautiful crowns on their heads. [43]Then I said concerning *her who had grown* old in adulteries, 'Will they commit harlotry with her now, and she *with them?*' [44]Yet they went in to her, as men go in to a woman who plays the harlot; thus they went in to Oholah and Oholibah, the lewd women. [45]But righteous men will judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women who shed blood, because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* on their hands.

[46]"For thus says the Lord GOD: 'Bring up an assembly against them, give them up to trouble and plunder. [47]The assembly shall stone them with stones and execute them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn their houses with fire. [48]Thus I will cause lewdness to cease from the land, that all women may be taught not to practice your lewdness. [49]They shall repay you for your lewdness, and you shall pay for your idolatrous sins. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.'"

### *Symbol of the Cooking Pot*

**24** Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, [2]"Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day—the king of Babylon started his siege against Jerusalem this very day. [3]And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Put on a pot, set *it* on,
And also pour water into it.
[4] Gather pieces *of meat* in it,
Every good piece,
The thigh and the shoulder.
Fill *it* with choice cuts;
[5] Take the choice of the flock.
Also pile *fuel* bones under it,
Make it boil well,
And let the cuts simmer in it."

[6]"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Woe to the bloody city,
To the pot whose scum *is* in it,
And whose scum is not gone from it!
Bring it out piece by piece,
On which no lot has fallen.
[7] For her blood is in her midst;
She set it on top of a rock;
She did not pour it on the ground,
To cover it with dust.
[8] That it may raise up fury and take vengeance,
I have set her blood on top of a rock,
That it may not be covered."

[9]"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Woe to the bloody city!
I too will make the pyre great.
[10] Heap on the wood,
Kindle the fire;
Cook the meat well,
Mix in the spices,
And let the cuts be burned up.
[11] "Then set the pot empty on the coals,
That it may become hot and its bronze may burn,
*That* its filthiness may be melted in it,
*That* its scum may be consumed.
[12] She has grown weary with lies,
And her great scum has not gone from her.
*Let* her scum *be* in the fire!
[13] In your filthiness *is* lewdness.
Because I have cleansed you, and you were not cleansed,
You will not be cleansed of your filthiness anymore,
Till I have caused My fury to rest upon you.
[14] I, the LORD, have spoken *it;*
It shall come to pass, and I will do *it;*
I will not hold back,
Nor will I spare,
Nor will I relent;
According to your ways
And according to your deeds

They[a] will judge you,"
Says the Lord GOD.'"

### *The Prophet's Wife Dies*

15 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
16 "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the
desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall
neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run
down. 17 Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the
dead; bind your turban on your head, and put
your sandals on your feet; do not cover *your* lips,
and do not eat man's bread *of sorrow.*"
18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and
at evening my wife died; and the next morning I
did as I was commanded.
19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell
us what these *things signify* to us, that you be-
have so?"
20 Then I answered them, "The word of the LORD
came to me, saying, 21 'Speak to the house of Is-
rael, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will pro-
fane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the
desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul; and
your sons and daughters whom you left behind
shall fall by the sword. 22 And you shall do as I have
done; you shall not cover *your* lips nor eat man's
bread *of sorrow.* 23 Your turbans shall be on your
heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall
neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away
in your iniquities and mourn with one another.
24 Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all
that he has done you shall do; and when this
comes, you shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.'"
25 'And you, son of man—*will it* not *be* in the
day when I take from them their stronghold, their
joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and
that on which they set their minds, their sons and
their daughters: 26 *that* on that day one who es-
capes will come to you to let *you* hear *it* with *your*
ears? 27 On that day your mouth will be opened to
him who has escaped; you shall speak and no
longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them,
and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.'"

### *Proclamation Against Ammon*

25 The word of the LORD came to me, say-
ing, 2 "Son of man, set your face against
the Ammonites, and prophesy against
them. 3 Say to the Ammonites, 'Hear the word of
the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
you said, 'Aha!' against My sanctuary when it was
profaned, and against the land of Israel when it
was desolate, and against the house of Judah
when they went into captivity, 4 indeed, therefore,
I will deliver you as a possession to the men of the
East, and they shall set their encampments
among you and make their dwellings among you;
they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your
milk. 5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels
and Ammon a resting place for flocks. Then you
shall know that I *am* the LORD."
6 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you
clapped *your* hands, stamped your feet, and re-
joiced in heart with all your disdain for the land
of Israel, 7 indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My
hand against you, and give you as plunder to the
nations; I will cut you off from the peoples, and I
will cause you to perish from the countries; I will
destroy you, and you shall know that I *am* the
LORD."

### *Proclamation Against Moab*

8 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because Moab and
Seir say, 'Look! The house of Judah *is* like all the
nations,' 9 therefore, behold, I will clear the terri-
tory of Moab of cities, of the cities on its frontier,
the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal
Meon, and Kirjathaim. 10 To the men of the East I
will give it as a possession, together with the Am-
monites, that the Ammonites may not be remem-
bered among the nations. 11 And I will execute
judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I
*am* the LORD."

### *Proclamation Against Edom*

12 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because of what
Edom did against the house of Judah by taking
vengeance, and has greatly offended by avenging
itself on them," 13 therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"I will also stretch out My hand against Edom, cut
off man and beast from it, and make it desolate
from Teman; Dedan shall fall by the sword. 14 I will
lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My
people Israel, that they may do in Edom accord-
ing to My anger and according to My fury; and
they shall know My vengeance," says the Lord
GOD.

### *Proclamation Against Philistia*

15 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the Philis-
tines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a
spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old ha-
tred," 16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will
stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I

**24:14** [a] Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *I*.

will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast. 17I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I lay My vengeance upon them."'"

### *Proclamation Against Tyre*

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha! She is broken who *was* the gateway of the peoples; now she is turned over to me; I shall be filled; she is laid waste.'

3"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I *am* against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. 4And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. 5It shall be *a place for* spreading nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' says the Lord GOD; 'it shall become plunder for the nations. 6Also her daughter *villages* which *are* in the fields shall be slain by the sword. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.'

7"For thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar[a] king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses, with chariots, and with horsemen, and an army with many people. 8He will slay with the sword your daughter *villages* in the fields; he will heap up a siege mound against you, build a wall against you, and raise a defense against you. 9He will direct his battering rams against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers. 10Because of the abundance of his horses, their dust will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, the wagons, and the chariots, when he enters your gates, as men enter a city that has been breached. 11With the hooves of his horses he will trample all your streets; he will slay your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground. 12They will plunder your riches and pillage your merchandise; they will break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses; they will lay your stones, your timber, and your soil in the midst of the water. 13I will put an end to the sound of your songs, and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more. 14I will make you like the top of a rock; you shall be *a place for* spreading nets, and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken,' says the Lord GOD.

15"Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre: 'Will the coastlands not shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when slaughter is made in the midst of you? 16Then all the princes of the sea will come down from their thrones, lay aside their robes, and take off their embroidered garments; they will clothe themselves with trembling; they will sit on the ground, tremble *every* moment, and be astonished at you. 17And they will take up a lamentation for you, and say to you:

"How you have perished,
O one inhabited by seafaring men,
O renowned city,
Who was strong at sea,
She and her inhabitants,
Who caused their terror *to be* on all her inhabitants!
18 Now the coastlands tremble on the day of your fall;
Yes, the coastlands by the sea are troubled at your departure."'

19"For thus says the Lord GOD: 'When I make you a desolate city, like cities that are not inhabited, when I bring the deep upon you, and great waters cover you, 20then I will bring you down with those who descend into the Pit, to the people of old, and I will make you dwell in the lowest part of the earth, in places desolate from antiquity, with those who go down to the Pit, so that you may never be inhabited; and I shall establish glory in the land of the living. 21I will make you a terror, and you *shall be* no *more;* though you are sought for, you will never be found again,' says the Lord GOD."

### *Lamentation for Tyre*

27 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, 2"Now, son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre, 3and say to Tyre, 'You who are situated at the entrance of the sea, merchant of the peoples on many coastlands, thus says the Lord GOD:

"O Tyre, you have said,
'I *am* perfect in beauty.'
4 Your borders *are* in the midst of the seas.
Your builders have perfected your beauty.

**26:7** [a]Hebrew *Nebuchadrezzar,* and so elsewhere in this book

5 They made all *your* planks of fir trees from
Senir;
They took a cedar from Lebanon to make
you a mast.
6 *Of* oaks from Bashan they made your oars;
The company of Ashurites have inlaid your
planks
*With* ivory from the coasts of Cyprus.[a]
7 Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was
what you spread for your sail;
Blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah
was what covered you.

8 "Inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your
oarsmen;
Your wise men, O Tyre, were in you;
They became your pilots.
9 Elders of Gebal and its wise men
Were in you to caulk your seams;
All the ships of the sea
And their oarsmen were in you
To market your merchandise.

10 "Those from Persia, Lydia,[a] and Libya[b]
Were in your army as men of war;
They hung shield and helmet in you;
They gave splendor to you.
11 Men of Arvad with your army *were* on your
walls *all* around,
And the men of Gammad were in your
towers;
They hung their shields on your walls *all*
around;
They made your beauty perfect.

12"Tarshish *was* your merchant because of your many luxury goods. They gave you silver, iron, tin, and lead for your goods. 13Javan, Tubal, and Meshech *were* your traders. They bartered human lives and vessels of bronze for your merchandise. 14Those from the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses, steeds, and mules. 15The men of Dedan *were* your traders; many isles *were* the market of your hand. They brought you ivory tusks and ebony as payment. 16Syria *was* your merchant because of the abundance of goods you made. They gave you for your wares emeralds, purple, embroidery, fine linen, corals, and rubies. 17Judah and the land of Israel *were* your traders. They traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, millet, honey, oil, and balm. 18Damascus *was* your merchant because of the abundance of goods you made, because of your many luxury items, with the wine of Helbon and with white wool. 19Dan and Javan paid for your wares, traversing back and forth. Wrought iron, cassia, and cane were among your merchandise. 20Dedan *was* your merchant in saddlecloths for riding. 21Arabia and all the princes of Kedar *were* your regular merchants. They traded with you in lambs, rams, and goats. 22The merchants of Sheba and Raamah *were* your merchants. They traded for your wares the choicest spices, all kinds of precious stones, and gold. 23Haran, Canneh, Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Assyria, *and* Chilmad *were* your merchants. 24These *were* your merchants in choice items—in purple clothes, in embroidered garments, in chests of multicolored apparel, in sturdy woven cords, which were in your marketplace.

25 "The ships of Tarshish were carriers of your
merchandise.
You were filled and very glorious in the
midst of the seas.
26 Your oarsmen brought you into many waters,
But the east wind broke you in the midst of
the seas.

27 "Your riches, wares, and merchandise,
Your mariners and pilots,
Your caulkers and merchandisers,
All your men of war who *are* in you,
And the entire company which *is* in your
midst,
Will fall into the midst of the seas on the day
of your ruin.
28 The common-land will shake at the sound of
the cry of your pilots.

29 "All who handle the oar,
The mariners,
All the pilots of the sea
Will come down from their ships *and* stand
on the shore.
30 They will make their voice heard because of
you;
They will cry bitterly and cast dust on their
heads;
They will roll about in ashes;
31 They will shave themselves completely bald
because of you,
Gird themselves with sackcloth,

**27:6** [a]Hebrew *Kittim,* western lands, especially Cyprus
**27:10** [a]Hebrew *Lud* [b]Hebrew *Put*

And weep for you
With bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing.
32 In their wailing for you
They will take up a lamentation,
And lament for you:
'What *city is* like Tyre,
Destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33 'When your wares went out by sea,
You satisfied many people;
You enriched the kings of the earth
With your many luxury goods and your merchandise.
34 But you are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters;
Your merchandise and the entire company will fall in your midst.
35 All the inhabitants of the isles will be astonished at you;
Their kings will be greatly afraid,
And *their* countenance will be troubled.
36 The merchants among the peoples will hiss at you;
You will become a horror, and *be* no more forever.'"'"

### *Proclamation Against the King of Tyre*

28 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2"Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Because your heart *is* lifted up,
And you say, 'I *am* a god,
I sit *in* the seat of gods,
In the midst of the seas,'
Yet you *are* a man, and not a god,
Though you set your heart as the heart of a god
3 (Behold, you *are* wiser than Daniel!
There is no secret that can be hidden from you!
4 With your wisdom and your understanding
You have gained riches for yourself,
And gathered gold and silver into your treasuries;
5 By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches,
And your heart is lifted up because of your riches),"

6"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god,
7 Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers against you,
The most terrible of the nations;
And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom,
And defile your splendor.
8 They shall throw you down into the Pit,
And you shall die the death of the slain
In the midst of the seas.

9 "Will you still say before him who slays you,
'I *am* a god'?
But you *shall be* a man, and not a god,
In the hand of him who slays you.
10 You shall die the death of the uncircumcised
By the hand of aliens;
For I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.'"

### *Lamentation for the King of Tyre*

11Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"You *were* the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone *was* your covering:
The sardius, topaz, and diamond,
Beryl, onyx, and jasper,
Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold.
The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes
Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

14 "You *were* the anointed cherub who covers;
I established you;
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.
15 You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created,
Till iniquity was found in you.

16 "By the abundance of your trading
You became filled with violence within,
And you sinned;
Therefore I cast you as a profane thing
Out of the mountain of God;
And I destroyed you, O covering cherub,
From the midst of the fiery stones.

17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;

You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of
your splendor;
I cast you to the ground,
I laid you before kings,
That they might gaze at you.

18 "You defiled your sanctuaries
By the multitude of your iniquities,
By the iniquity of your trading;
Therefore I brought fire from your midst;
It devoured you,
And I turned you to ashes upon the earth
In the sight of all who saw you.
19 All who knew you among the peoples are
astonished at you;
You have become a horror,
And *shall be* no more forever."'"

### *Proclamation Against Sidon*

20 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 21 "Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against her, 22 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, I *am* against you, O Sidon;
I will be glorified in your midst;
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD,
When I execute judgments in her and am
hallowed in her.
23 For I will send pestilence upon her,
And blood in her streets;
The wounded shall be judged in her midst
By the sword against her on every side;
Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

24 "And there shall no longer be a pricking brier or a painful thorn for the house of Israel from among all *who are* around them, who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD."

### *Israel's Future Blessing*

25 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. 26 And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.'"

### *Proclamation Against Egypt*

**29** In the tenth year, in the tenth *month,* on the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt. 3 Speak, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, I *am* against you,
O Pharaoh king of Egypt,

## SATAN — 1 WHO IS SATAN AND WHAT IS HE LIKE?

▶ *See* **EZEKIEL 28:12–19**

From these verses, we have an idea of how God viewed Satan before he fell to evil. Satan, or Lucifer, was an important angel, anointed to cover God's throne. He was perfect in his ways—until sin was found in him.

God created Satan, but not as an evil being. Satan became evil when he forfeited his position before God. He tried to make himself equal with God, hoping even to usurp God's position (Isaiah 14:12–14). Because of his pride and selfish ambition, God threw him out of heaven. During his rebellion, Satan was accompanied by other angels who now serve as his messengers (see Revelation 12:7–9; see also *Demons*).

Satan is known by many names in Scripture; some of these are:

- The tempter (Matthew 4:3)
- The enemy (Matthew 13:39)
- The father of lies (John 8:44)
- A murderer (John 8:44)
- The god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- The prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:1–3)
- The adversary (1 Peter 5:8, 9)
- A roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8, 9)
- A deceiver (Revelation 12:9)
- Accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10)

These labels reveal his nature and mission. Satan's first priority is to keep people from trusting Christ. He encourages us to trust in other things and in ourselves. He tempts us to sin.

Satan wants to fool us into thinking he is good for us: "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). His messengers can also appear to be good. Satan deceives people into believing his lies are true.

▶ *Now turn to page 444 for Job 1:7 and Point 2. Where Is Satan's Domain?*

O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers,
Who has said, 'My River[a] *is* my own;
I have made *it* for myself.'
4 But I will put hooks in your jaws,
And cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales;
I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers,
And all the fish in your rivers will stick to your scales.
5 I will leave you in the wilderness,
You and all the fish of your rivers;
You shall fall on the open field;
You shall not be picked up or gathered.[a]
I have given you as food
To the beasts of the field
And to the birds of the heavens.

6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt
Shall know that I *am* the LORD,
Because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
7 When they took hold of you with the hand,
You broke and tore all their shoulders;[a]
When they leaned on you,
You broke and made all their backs quiver."

8"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will bring a sword upon you and cut off from you man and beast. 9And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste; then they will know that I *am* the LORD, because he said, 'The River *is* mine, and I have made *it.*' 10Indeed, therefore, I *am* against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol[a] *to* Syene, as far as the border of Ethiopia. 11Neither foot of man shall pass through it nor foot of beast pass through it, and it shall be uninhabited forty years. 12I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate; and among the cities *that are* laid waste, her cities shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries."

13"Yet, thus says the Lord GOD: "At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered. 14I will bring back the captives of Egypt and cause them to return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin, and there they shall be a lowly kingdom. 15It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it shall never again exalt itself above the nations, for I will diminish them so that they will not rule over the nations anymore. 16No longer shall it be the confidence of the house of Israel, but will remind them of *their* iniquity when they turned to follow them. Then they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD."'"

### *Babylonia Will Plunder Egypt*

17And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month,* on the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 18"Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to labor strenuously against Tyre; every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder rubbed raw; yet neither he nor his army received wages from Tyre, for the labor which they expended on it. 19Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he shall take away her wealth, carry off her spoil, and remove her pillage; and that will be the wages for his army. 20I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labor, because they worked for Me,' says the Lord GOD.

21"In that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to spring forth, and I will open your mouth to speak in their midst. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.'"

### *Egypt and Her Allies Will Fall*

30 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2"Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Wail, 'Woe to the day!'
3 For the day *is* near,
Even the day of the LORD *is* near;
It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.
4 The sword shall come upon Egypt,
And great anguish shall be in Ethiopia,
When the slain fall in Egypt,
And they take away her wealth,
And her foundations are broken down.

5"Ethiopia, Libya,[a] Lydia,[b] all the mingled people, Chub, and the men of the lands who are allied, shall fall with them by the sword."

6"Thus says the LORD:

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**29:3** [a]That is, the Nile **29:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; some Hebrew manuscripts and Targum read *buried.* **29:7** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint and Syriac read *hand.* **29:10** [a]Or *tower*
**30:5** [a]Hebrew *Put* [b]Hebrew *Lud*

"Those who uphold Egypt shall fall,
And the pride of her power shall come down.
From Migdol *to* Syene
Those within her shall fall by the sword,"
Says the Lord GOD.

7 "They shall be desolate in the midst of the desolate countries,
And her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* laid waste.
8 Then they will know that I *am* the LORD,
When I have set a fire in Egypt
And all her helpers are destroyed.
9 On that day messengers shall go forth from Me in ships
To make the careless Ethiopians afraid,
And great anguish shall come upon them,
As on the day of Egypt;
For indeed it is coming!"

10 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

"I will also make a multitude of Egypt to cease
By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
11 He and his people with him, the most terrible of the nations,
Shall be brought to destroy the land;
They shall draw their swords against Egypt,
And fill the land with the slain.
12 I will make the rivers dry,
And sell the land into the hand of the wicked;
I will make the land waste, and all that is in it,
By the hand of aliens.
I, the LORD, have spoken."

13 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

"I will also destroy the idols,
And cause the images to cease from Noph;[a]
There shall no longer be princes from the land of Egypt;
I will put fear in the land of Egypt.
14 I will make Pathros desolate,
Set fire to Zoan,
And execute judgments in No.[a]
15 I will pour My fury on Sin,[a] the strength of Egypt;
I will cut off the multitude of No,
16 And set a fire in Egypt;
Sin shall have great pain,
No shall be split open,
And Noph *shall be in* distress daily.
17 The young men of Aven[a] and Pi Beseth shall fall by the sword,
And these *cities* shall go into captivity.
18 At Tehaphnehes[a] the day shall also be darkened,[b]
When I break the yokes of Egypt there.
And her arrogant strength shall cease in her;
As for her, a cloud shall cover her,
And her daughters shall go into captivity.
19 Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt,
Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."'"

### *Proclamation Against Pharaoh*

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month,* on the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and see, it has not been bandaged for healing, nor a splint put on to bind it, to make it strong enough to hold a sword. 22 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, both the strong one and the one that was broken; and I will make the sword fall out of his hand. 23 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them throughout the countries. 24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he will groan before him with the groanings of a mortally wounded *man.* 25 Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt. 26 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.'"

### *Egypt Cut Down Like a Great Tree*

31 Now it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month,* on the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude:

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**30:13** [a]That is, ancient Memphis **30:14** [a]That is, ancient Thebes **30:15** [a]That is, ancient Pelusium **30:17** [a]That is, ancient On (Heliopolis) **30:18** [a]Spelled *Tahpanhes* in Jeremiah 43:7 and elsewhere [b]Following many Hebrew manuscripts, Bomberg, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *refrained*.

'Whom are you like in your greatness?
3 Indeed Assyria *was* a cedar in Lebanon,
With fine branches that shaded the forest,
And of high stature;
And its top was among the thick boughs.
4 The waters made it grow;
Underground waters gave it height,
With their rivers running around the place where it was planted,
And sent out rivulets to all the trees of the field.

5 'Therefore its height was exalted above all the trees of the field;
Its boughs were multiplied,
And its branches became long because of the abundance of water,
As it sent them out.
6 All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs;
Under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young;
And in its shadow all great nations made their home.

7 'Thus it was beautiful in greatness and in the length of its branches,
Because its roots reached to abundant waters.
8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it;
The fir trees were not like its boughs,
And the chestnut[a] trees were not like its branches;
No tree in the garden of God was like it in beauty.
9 I made it beautiful with a multitude of branches,
So that all the trees of Eden envied it,
That *were* in the garden of God.'

10"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because you have increased in height, and it set its top among the thick boughs, and its heart was lifted up in its height, 11therefore I will deliver it into the hand of the mighty one of the nations, and he shall surely deal with it; I have driven it out for its wickedness. 12And aliens, the most terrible of the nations, have cut it down and left it; its branches have fallen on the mountains and in all the valleys; its boughs lie broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the peoples of the earth have gone from under its shadow and left it.

13 'On its ruin will remain all the birds of the heavens,
And all the beasts of the field will come to its branches—

14"So that no trees by the waters may ever again exalt themselves for their height, nor set their tops among the thick boughs, that no tree which drinks water may ever be high enough to reach up to them.

'For they have all been delivered to death,
To the depths of the earth,
Among the children of men who go down to the Pit.'

15"Thus says the Lord GOD: 'In the day when it went down to hell, I caused mourning. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back. I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted because of it. 16I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the earth. 17They also went down to hell with it, with those slain by the sword; and *those who were* its *strong* arm dwelt in its shadows among the nations.

18"To which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the earth; you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with *those* slain by the sword. This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord GOD."

### *Lamentation for Pharaoh and Egypt*

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth *month,* on the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him:

'You are like a young lion among the nations,
And you *are* like a monster in the seas,
Bursting forth in your rivers,
Troubling the waters with your feet,
And fouling their rivers.'

3"Thus says the Lord GOD:

'I will therefore spread My net over you with a company of many people,

**31:8** [a]Hebrew *armon*

And they will draw you up in My net.
4 Then I will leave you on the land;
I will cast you out on the open fields,
And cause to settle on you all the birds of the heavens.
And with you I will fill the beasts of the whole earth.
5 I will lay your flesh on the mountains,
And fill the valleys with your carcass.

6 'I will also water the land with the flow of your blood,
*Even* to the mountains;
And the riverbeds will be full of you.
7 When *I* put out your light,
I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark;
I will cover the sun with a cloud,
And the moon shall not give her light.
8 All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you,
And bring darkness upon your land,'
Says the Lord GOD.

9"I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known. 10Yes, I will make many peoples astonished at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid of you when I brandish My sword before them; and they shall tremble *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.'

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: 'The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you. 12By the swords of the mighty warriors, all of them the most terrible of the nations, I will cause your multitude to fall.

'They shall plunder the pomp of Egypt,
And all its multitude shall be destroyed.
13 Also I will destroy all its animals
From beside its great waters;
The foot of man shall muddy them no more,
Nor shall the hooves of animals muddy them.
14 Then I will make their waters clear,
And make their rivers run like oil,'
Says the Lord GOD.

15 'When I make the land of Egypt desolate,
And the country is destitute of all that once filled it,
When I strike all who dwell in it,
Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

16 'This *is* the lamentation
With which they shall lament her;
The daughters of the nations shall lament her;
They shall lament for her, for Egypt,
And for all her multitude,'
Says the Lord GOD."

### *Egypt and Others Consigned to the Pit*

17It came to pass also in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

18 "Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt,
And cast them down to the depths of the earth,
Her and the daughters of the famous nations,
With those who go down to the Pit:
19 'Whom do you surpass in beauty?
Go down, be placed with the uncircumcised.'

20 "They shall fall in the midst of *those* slain by the sword;
She is delivered to the sword,
Drawing her and all her multitudes.
21 The strong among the mighty
Shall speak to him out of the midst of hell
With those who help him:
'They have gone down,
They lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'

22 "Assyria *is* there, and all her company,
With their graves all around her,
All of them slain, fallen by the sword.
23 Her graves are set in the recesses of the Pit,
And her company is all around her grave,
All of them slain, fallen by the sword,
Who caused terror in the land of the living.

24 "There *is* Elam and all her multitude,
All around her grave,
All of them slain, fallen by the sword,
Who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth,
Who caused their terror in the land of the living;
Now they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.
25 They have set her bed in the midst of the slain,
With all her multitude,

With her graves all around it,
All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword;
Though their terror was caused
In the land of the living,
Yet they bear their shame
With those who go down to the Pit;
It was put in the midst of the slain.

26 "There *are* Meshech and Tubal and all their multitudes,
With all their graves around it,
All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword,
Though they caused their terror in the land of the living.
27 They do not lie with the mighty
*Who are* fallen of the uncircumcised,
Who have gone down to hell with their weapons of war;
They have laid their swords under their heads,
But their iniquities will be on their bones,
Because of the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
28 Yes, you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised,
And lie with *those* slain by the sword.

29 "There *is* Edom,
Her kings and all her princes,
Who despite their might
Are laid beside *those* slain by the sword;
They shall lie with the uncircumcised,
And with those who go down to the Pit.
30 There *are* the princes of the north,
All of them, and all the Sidonians,
Who have gone down with the slain
In shame at the terror which they caused by their might;
They lie uncircumcised with *those* slain by the sword,
And bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.

31 "Pharaoh will see them
And be comforted over all his multitude,
Pharaoh and all his army,
Slain by the sword,"
Says the Lord GOD.

32 "For I have caused My terror in the land of the living;
And he shall be placed in the midst of the uncircumcised
With *those* slain by the sword,
Pharaoh and all his multitude,"
Says the Lord GOD.

### *The Watchman and His Message*

33 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, 3when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his *own* head. 5He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. 6But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

7"So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked *man,* you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

10"Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?"' 11Say to them: '*As* I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

### *The Fairness of God's Judgment*

12"Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of *his righteousness* in the day that he sins.' 13When I say to the

righteous *that* he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. 14Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, 15*if* the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17"Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! 18When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. 19But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. 20Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

### *The Fall of Jerusalem*

21And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month,* on the fifth *day* of the month, *that* one who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me and said, "The city has been captured!"

22Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me the evening before the man came who had escaped. And He had opened my mouth; so when he came to me in the morning, my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.

### *The Cause of Judah's Ruin*

23Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 24"Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, 'Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we *are* many; the land has been given to us as a possession.'

25"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You eat *meat* with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land? 26You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another's wives. Should you then possess the land?"'

27"Say thus to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "*As* I live, surely those who *are* in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and the one who *is* in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who *are* in the strongholds and caves shall die of the pestilence. 28For I will make the land most desolate, her arrogant strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through. 29Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have made the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed."'

### *Hearing and Not Doing*

30"As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.' 31So they come to you as people do, they sit before you *as* My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, *but* their hearts pursue their *own* gain. 32Indeed you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. 33And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

### *Irresponsible Shepherds*

34 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, *but* you do not feed the flock. 4The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. 5So they were scattered because *there was* no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching *for them.*"

7'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8"*As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did

not feed My flock"— 9therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! 10Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

### *God, the True Shepherd*

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16"'I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

17"And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. 18*Is it* too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? 19And *as for* My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet."

20"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. 21Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, 22therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25"I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. 28And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid. 29I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. 30Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people," says the Lord GOD.'"

31"You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you *are* men, *and* I *am* your God," says the Lord GOD.

### *Judgment on Mount Seir*

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it, 3and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, O Mount Seir, I *am* against you;
I will stretch out My hand against you,
And make you most desolate;
4 I shall lay your cities waste,
And you shall be desolate.
Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

5"Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity *came to an* end, 6therefore, *as* I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you. 7Thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it the one who leaves and the one who returns. 8And I will fill its mountains with the slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those who are slain by the sword shall fall. 9I will make you perpetually desolate,

and your cities shall be uninhabited; then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

10"Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess them,' although the LORD was there, 11therefore, *as* I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will do according to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you. 12Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.' 13Thus with your mouth you have boasted against Me and multiplied your words against Me; I have heard *them.*"

14"Thus says the Lord GOD: "The whole earth will rejoice when I make you desolate. 15As you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom—all of it! Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."'

### *Blessing on Israel*

**36** "And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD! 2Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,'"' 3therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made *you* desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people"— 4therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around— 5therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy *and* spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country."'

6"'Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations." 7Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that *are* around you shall bear their own shame. 8But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. 9For indeed I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. 10I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. 11I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better *for you* than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD. 12Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them *of children.*"

13"Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they say to you, 'You devour men and bereave your nation *of children,*' 14therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore," says the Lord GOD. 15"Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples anymore, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore," says the Lord GOD.'"

### *The Renewal of Israel*

16Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 17"Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity. 18Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols *with which* they had defiled it. 19So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds. 20When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name—when they said of them, 'These *are* the people of the LORD, *and* yet they have gone out of His land.' 21But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went.

22"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. 23And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst;

and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. 24For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. 25Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them.* 28Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. 29I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. 30And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. 31Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that *were* not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. 32Not for your sake do I do *this,*" says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

33'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable *you* to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities *are now* fortified *and* inhabited.' 36Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken *it,* and I will do *it.*"

37'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. 38Like a flock *offered as* holy *sacrifices,* like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."' "

### *The Dry Bones Live*

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones. 2Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. 3And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

4Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD."' "

7So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them.

9Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."' " 10So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' 12Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it,*" says the LORD.' "

### *One Kingdom, One King*

15Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 16"As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel, his companions.' 17Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

18"And when the children of your people speak

to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you *mean* by these?'— 19say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."' 20And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21"Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. 23They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

24"David My servant *shall be* king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. 25Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David *shall be* their prince forever. 26Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 28The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."'"

### *Gog and Allies Attack Israel*

38 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh,[a] Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5Persia, Ethiopia,[a] and Libya[b] are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; 6Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah *from* the far north and all its troops—many people *are* with you.

7"Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. 8After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword *and* gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

10"Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: 11You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'— 12to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places *that are again* inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. 13Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'"'

14"'Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know *it?* 15Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. 16You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes." 17Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are *you* he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?

**38:2** [a]Targum, Vulgate, and Aquila read *chief prince of* (also verse 3). **38:5** [a]Hebrew *Cush* [b]Hebrew *Put*

*Judgment on Gog*

18"And it will come to pass at the same time,
when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says
the Lord GOD, "*that* My fury will show in My face.
19For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I
have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a
great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20so that the
fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts
of the field, all creeping things that creep on the
earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth
shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall
be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and
every wall shall fall to the ground.' 21I will call for
a sword against Gog throughout all My moun-
tains," says the Lord GOD. "Every man's sword will
be against his brother. 22And I will bring him to
judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will
rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many
peoples who *are* with him, flooding rain, great
hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23Thus I will mag-
nify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be
known in the eyes of many nations. Then they
shall know that I *am* the LORD."'

*Gog's Armies Destroyed*

39 "And you, son of man, prophesy against
Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the
prince of Rosh,[a] Meshech, and Tubal; 2and I will
turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up
from the far north, and bring you against the
mountains of Israel. 3Then I will knock the bow
out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall
out of your right hand. 4You shall fall upon the
mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and
the peoples who *are* with you; I will give you to
birds of prey of every sort and *to* the beasts of the
field to be devoured. 5You shall fall on the open
field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD. 6"And
I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in
security in the coastlands. Then they shall know
that I *am* the LORD. 7So I will make My holy name
known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will
not *let them* profane My holy name anymore.
Then the nations shall know that *I am* the LORD,
the Holy One in Israel. 8Surely it is coming, and it
shall be done," says the Lord GOD. "This *is* the day
of which I have spoken.

9"'Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel
will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons,
both the shields and bucklers, the bows and ar-
rows, the javelins and spears; and they will make
fires with them for seven years. 10They will not
take wood from the field nor cut down *any* from
the forests, because they will make fires with the
weapons; and they will plunder those who plun-
dered them, and pillage those who pillaged them,"
says the Lord GOD.

*The Burial of Gog*

11"'It will come to pass in that day *that* I will give
Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of
those who pass by east of the sea; and it will ob-
struct travelers, because there they will bury Gog
and all his multitude. Therefore they will call *it* the
Valley of Hamon Gog.[a] 12For seven months the
house of Israel will be burying them, in order to
cleanse the land. 13Indeed all the people of the
land will be burying, and they will gain renown
for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord
GOD. 14"'They will set apart men regularly em-
ployed, with the help of a search party,[a] to pass
through the land and bury those bodies remain-
ing on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end
of seven months they will make a search. 15The
search party will pass through the land; and *when
anyone* sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker
by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of
Hamon Gog. 16*The* name of *the* city *will* also *be*
Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the land."'

*A Triumphant Festival*

17"And as for you, son of man, thus says the
Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every
beast of the field:

"Assemble yourselves and come;
Gather together from all sides to My
sacrificial meal
Which I am sacrificing for you,
A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of
Israel,
That you may eat flesh and drink blood.
18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty,
Drink the blood of the princes of the earth,
Of rams and lambs,
Of goats and bulls,
All of them fatlings of Bashan.
19 You shall eat fat till you are full,
And drink blood till you are drunk,
At My sacrificial meal
Which I am sacrificing for you.

**39:1** [a]Targum, Vulgate and Aquila read *chief prince of.*
**39:11** [a]Literally *The Multitude of Gog* **39:14** [a]Literally *those who pass through*

20 You shall be filled at My table
With horses and riders,
With mighty men
And with all the men of war," says the Lord GOD.

*Israel Restored to the Land*

21"I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. 22So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day forward. 23The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. 24According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them."'

25"'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name— 26after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their *own* land and no one made *them* afraid. 27When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, 28then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. 29And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

*A New City, a New Temple*

40 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was captured, on the very same day the hand of the LORD was upon me; and He took me there. 2In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south *was* something like the structure of a city. 3He took me there, and behold, *there was* a man whose appearance *was* like the appearance of bronze. He had a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.

4And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and fix your mind on everything I show you; for you *were* brought here so that I might show *them* to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see." 5Now there was a wall all around the outside of the temple.[a] In the man's hand was a measuring rod six cubits *long, each being a* cubit and a handbreadth; and he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod; and the height, one rod.

*The Eastern Gateway of the Temple*

6Then he went to the gateway which faced east; and he went up its stairs and measured the threshold of the gateway, *which was* one rod wide, and the other threshold *was* one rod wide. 7Each gate chamber *was* one rod long and one rod wide; between the gate chambers *was a space of* five cubits; and the threshold of the gateway by the vestibule of the inside gate *was* one rod. 8He also measured the vestibule of the inside gate, one rod. 9Then he measured the vestibule of the gateway, eight cubits; and the gateposts, two cubits. The vestibule of the gate *was* on the inside. 10In the eastern gateway *were* three gate chambers on one side and three on the other; the three *were* all the same size; also the gateposts were of the same size on this side and that side.

11He measured the width of the entrance to the gateway, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits. 12*There was* a space in front of the gate chambers, one cubit *on this side* and one cubit on that side; the gate chambers *were* six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side. 13Then he measured the gateway from the roof of *one* gate chamber to the roof of the other; the width *was* twenty-five cubits, as door faces door. 14He measured the gateposts, sixty cubits high, and the court all around the gateway *extended* to the gatepost. 15*From* the front of the entrance gate to the front of the vestibule of the inner gate *was* fifty cubits. 16*There were* beveled window *frames* in the gate chambers and in their intervening archways on the inside of the gateway all around, and likewise in the vestibules. *There were* windows all around on the inside. And on each gatepost *were* palm trees.

*The Outer Court*

17Then he brought me into the outer court; and *there were* chambers and a pavement made all around the court; thirty chambers faced the

**40:5** [a]Literally *house,* and so elsewhere in this book

pavement. 18The pavement was by the side of the gateways, corresponding to the length of the gateways; *this was* the lower pavement. 19Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gateway to the front of the inner court exterior, one hundred cubits toward the east and the north.

### *The Northern Gateway*

20On the outer court was also a gateway facing north, and he measured its length and its width. 21Its gate chambers, three on this side and three on that side, its gateposts and its archways, had the same measurements as the first gate; its length *was* fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits. 22Its windows and those of its archways, and also its palm trees, *had* the same measurements as the gateway facing east; it was ascended by seven steps, and its archway *was* in front of it. 23A gate of the inner court was opposite the northern gateway, just as the eastern *gateway;* and he measured from gateway to gateway, one hundred cubits.

### *The Southern Gateway*

24After that he brought me toward the south, and there a gateway was facing south; and he measured its gateposts and archways according to these same measurements. 25*There were* windows in it and in its archways all around like those windows; its length *was* fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits. 26Seven steps led up to it, and its archway *was* in front of them; and it had palm trees on its gateposts, one on this side and one on that side. 27*There was* also a gateway on the inner court, facing south; and he measured from gateway to gateway toward the south, one hundred cubits.

### *Gateways of the Inner Court*

28Then he brought me to the inner court through the southern gateway; he measured the southern gateway according to these same measurements. 29Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways *were* according to these same measurements; *there were* windows in it and in its archways all around; *it was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide. 30*There were* archways all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide. 31Its archways faced the outer court, palm trees *were* on its gateposts, and going up to it *were* eight steps.

32And he brought me into the inner court facing east; he measured the gateway according to these same measurements. 33Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways *were* according to these same measurements; and *there were* windows in it and in its archways all around; *it was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide. 34Its archways faced the outer court, and palm trees *were* on its gateposts on this side and on that side; and going up to it *were* eight steps.

35Then he brought me to the north gateway and measured *it* according to these same measurements— 36also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways. It had windows all around; its length *was* fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits. 37Its gateposts faced the outer court, palm trees *were* on its gateposts on this side and on that side, and going up to it *were* eight steps.

### *Where Sacrifices Were Prepared*

38*There was* a chamber and its entrance by the gateposts of the gateway, where they washed the burnt offering. 39In the vestibule of the gateway *were* two tables on this side and two tables on that side, on which to slay the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering. 40At the outer side of the *vestibule,* as one goes up to the entrance of the northern gateway, *were* two tables; and on the other side of the vestibule of the gateway *were* two tables. 41Four tables *were* on this side and four tables on that side, by the side of the gateway, eight tables on which they slaughtered *the sacrifices.* 42*There were* also four tables of hewn stone for the burnt offering, one cubit and a half long, one cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; on these they laid the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice. 43Inside *were* hooks, a handbreadth wide, fastened all around; and the flesh of the sacrifices *was* on the tables.

### *Chambers for Singers and Priests*

44Outside the inner gate *were* the chambers for the singers in the inner court, one facing south at the side of the northern gateway, and the other facing north at the side of the southern[a] gateway. 45Then he said to me, "This chamber which faces south *is* for the priests who have charge of the temple. 46The chamber which faces north *is* for the priests who have charge of the altar; these *are* the sons of Zadok, from the sons of Levi, who come near the LORD to minister to Him."

**40:44** [a]Following Septuagint; Masoretic Text and Vulgate read *eastern.*

*Dimensions of the Inner Court and Vestibule*

47And he measured the court, one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits wide, foursquare. The altar *was* in front of the temple. 48Then he brought me to the vestibule of the temple and measured the doorposts of the vestibule, five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side; and the width of the gateway was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side. 49The length of the vestibule *was* twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and by the steps which led up to it *there were* pillars by the doorposts, one on this side and another on that side.

*Dimensions of the Sanctuary*

41 Then he brought me into the sanctuary[a] and measured the doorposts, six cubits wide on one side and six cubits wide on the other side—the width of the tabernacle. 2The width of the entryway *was* ten cubits, and the side walls of the entrance *were* five cubits on this side and five cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, forty cubits, and its width, twenty cubits.

3Also he went inside and measured the doorposts, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits *high;* and the width of the entrance, seven cubits. 4He measured the length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, beyond the sanctuary; and he said to me, "This *is* the Most Holy *Place.*"

*The Side Chambers on the Wall*

5Next, he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits. The width of each side chamber all around the temple *was* four cubits on every side. 6The side chambers *were* in three stories, one above the other, thirty chambers in each story; they rested on ledges which *were* for the side chambers all around, that they might be supported, but not fastened to the wall of the temple. 7As one went up from story to story, the side chambers became wider all around, because their supporting ledges in the wall of the temple ascended like steps; therefore the width of the structure increased as one went up *from* the lowest *story* to the highest by way of the middle one. 8I also saw an elevation all around the temple; it was the foundation of the side chambers, a full rod, *that is,* six cubits *high.* 9The thickness of the outer wall of the side chambers *was* five cubits, and so also the remaining terrace by the place of the side chambers of the temple. 10And between *it and* the *wall* chambers was a width of twenty cubits all around the temple on every side. 11The doors of the side chambers opened on the terrace, one door toward the north and another toward the south; and the width of the terrace *was* five cubits all around.

*The Building at the Western End*

12The building that faced the separating courtyard at its western end *was* seventy cubits wide; the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits.

*Dimensions and Design of the Temple Area*

13So he measured the temple, one hundred cubits long; and the separating courtyard with the building and its walls *was* one hundred cubits long; 14also the width of the eastern face of the temple, including the separating courtyard, *was* one hundred cubits. 15He measured the length of the building behind it, facing the separating courtyard, with its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits, as well as the inner temple and the porches of the court, 16their doorposts and the beveled window frames. And the galleries all around their three stories opposite the threshold were paneled with wood from the ground to the windows—the windows were covered— 17from the space above the door, even to the inner room,[a] as well as outside, and on every wall all around, inside and outside, by measure.

18And *it was* made with cherubim and palm trees, a palm tree between cherub and cherub. *Each* cherub had two faces, 19so that the face of a man *was* toward a palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion toward a palm tree on the other side; thus *it was* made throughout the temple all around. 20From the floor to the space above the door, and on the wall of the sanctuary, cherubim and palm trees *were* carved.

21The doorposts of the temple *were* square, *as was* the front of the sanctuary; their appearance was similar. 22The altar *was* of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits. Its corners, its length, and its sides *were* of wood; and he said to me, "This *is* the table that *is* before the LORD."

23The temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24The doors had two panels *apiece,* two folding panels: two *panels* for one door and two panels for the other *door.* 25Cherubim and palm trees

**41:1** [a]Hebrew *heykal,* here the main room of the temple, sometimes called the *holy place* (compare Exodus 26:33)
**41:17** [a]Literally *house,* here *the Most Holy Place*

*were* carved on the doors of the temple just as they *were* carved on the walls. A wooden canopy *was* on the front of the vestibule outside. 26 *There were* beveled window *frames* and palm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the vestibule—also on the side chambers of the temple and on the canopies.

### *The Chambers for the Priests*

42 Then he brought me out into the outer court, by the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber which *was* opposite the separating courtyard, and which *was* opposite the building toward the north. 2 Facing the length, *which was* one hundred cubits (the width was fifty cubits), was the north door. 3 Opposite the inner court of twenty *cubits,* and opposite the pavement of the outer court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories.* 4 In front of the chambers, toward the inside, *was* a walk ten cubits wide, at a distance of one cubit; and their doors faced north. 5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter, because the galleries took away *space* from them more than from the lower and middle stories of the building. 6 For they *were* in three *stories* and did not have pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore *the upper level* was shortened more than the lower and middle levels from the ground up. 7 And a wall which *was* outside ran parallel to the chambers, at the front of the chambers, toward the outer court; its length *was* fifty cubits. 8 The length of the chambers toward the outer court *was* fifty cubits, whereas that facing the temple *was* one hundred cubits. 9 At the lower chambers *was* the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10 Also *there were* chambers in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, opposite the separating courtyard and opposite the building. 11 *There was* a walk in front of them also, and their appearance *was* like the chambers which *were* toward the north; they *were* as long and as wide as the others, and all their exits and entrances *were* according to plan. 12 And corresponding to the doors of the chambers that *were* facing south, as one enters them, *there was* a door in front of the walk, the way directly in front of the wall toward the east.

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* opposite the separating courtyard, *are* the holy chambers where the priests who approach the LORD shall eat the most holy offerings. There they shall lay the most holy offerings—the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering—for the place *is* holy. 14 When the priests enter them, they shall not go out of the holy *chamber* into the outer court; but there they shall leave their garments in which they minister, for they *are* holy. They shall put on other garments; then they may approach *that* which *is* for the people."

### *Outer Dimensions of the Temple*

15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner temple, he brought me out through the gateway that faces toward the east, and measured it all around. 16 He measured the east side with the measuring rod,[a] five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around. 17 He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around. 18 He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod. 19 He came around to the west side *and* measured five hundred rods by the measuring rod. 20 He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred *cubits* long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the common.

### *The Temple, the LORD's Dwelling Place*

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. 2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice *was* like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. 3 *It was* like the appearance of the vision which I saw—like the vision which I saw when I[a] came to destroy the city. The visions *were* like the vision which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4 And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. 5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

6 Then I heard *Him* speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. 7 And He said to me, "Son of man, *this is* the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their

**42:16** [a]Compare 40:5 **43:3** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts and Vulgate read *He*.

high places. [8]When they set their threshold by My threshold, and their doorpost by My doorpost, with a wall between them and Me, they defiled My holy name by the abominations which they committed; therefore I have consumed them in My anger. [9]Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

[10]"Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. [11]And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write *it* down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. [12]This *is* the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop *is* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the temple.

### *Dimensions of the Altar*

[13]"These are the measurements of the altar in cubits (the cubit *is* one cubit and a handbreadth): the base one cubit high and one cubit wide, with a rim all around its edge of one span. This *is* the height of the altar: [14]from the base on the ground to the lower ledge, two cubits; the width of the ledge, one cubit; from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge, four cubits; and the width of the ledge, *one* cubit. [15]The altar hearth *is* four cubits high, with four horns extending upward from the hearth. [16]The altar hearth *is* twelve *cubits* long, twelve wide, square at its four corners; [17]the ledge, fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen wide on its four sides, with a rim of half a cubit around it; its base, one cubit all around; and its steps face toward the east."

### *Consecrating the Altar*

[18]And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: 'These *are* the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. [19]You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. [20]'You shall take some of its blood and put *it* on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it. [21]Then you shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and burn it in the appointed place of the temple, outside the sanctuary. [22]On the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed *it* with the bull. [23]When you have finished cleansing *it,* you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram from the flock without blemish. [24]When you offer them before the LORD, the priests shall throw salt on them, and they will offer them up *as* a burnt offering to the LORD. [25]Every day for seven days you shall prepare a goat *for* a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock, both without blemish. [26]Seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it, and so consecrate *it.* [27]When these days are over it shall be, on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests shall offer your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar; and I will accept you,' says the Lord GOD."

### *The East Gate and the Prince*

**44** Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it *was* shut. [2]And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut. [3]*As for* the prince, *because* he *is* the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."

### *Those Admitted to the Temple*

[4]Also He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; so I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell on my face. [5]And the LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD and all its laws. Mark well who may enter the house and all who go out from the sanctuary.

[6]"Now say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "O house of Israel, let Us have no more of all your abominations. [7]When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it—My house—and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations. [8]And you have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have set *others* to keep charge of My sanctuary for you." [9]Thus says the Lord GOD: "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My

sanctuary, including any foreigner who *is* among the children of Israel.

### *Laws Governing Priests*

10"And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. 11Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, *as* gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. 12Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them," says the Lord GOD, "that they shall bear their iniquity. 13And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy *Place;* but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. 14Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.

15"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD. 16"They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge. 17And it shall be, whenever they enter the gates of the inner court, that they shall put on linen garments; no wool shall come upon them while they minister within the gates of the inner court or within the house. 18They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies; they shall not clothe themselves with *anything that causes* sweat. 19When they go out to the outer court, to the outer court to the people, they shall take off their garments in which they have ministered, leave them in the holy chambers, and put on other garments; and in their holy garments they shall not sanctify the people.

20"They shall neither shave their heads, nor let their hair grow long, but they shall keep their hair well trimmed. 21No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court. 22They shall not take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or widows of priests.

23"And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. 24In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.

25"They shall not defile *themselves* by coming near a dead person. Only for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister may they defile themselves. 26After he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him. 27And on the day that he goes to the sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary, he must offer his sin offering in the inner court," says the Lord GOD.

28"It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, *that* I *am* their inheritance. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I *am* their possession. 29They shall eat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering; every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30The best of all firstfruits of any kind, and every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifices, shall be the priest's; also you shall give to the priest the first of your ground meal, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. 31The priests shall not eat anything, bird or beast, that died naturally or was torn *by wild beasts.*

### *The Holy District*

45 "Moreover, when you divide the land by lot into inheritance, you shall set apart a district for the LORD, a holy section of the land; its length *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits,* and the width ten thousand. It *shall be* holy throughout its territory all around. 2Of this there shall be a square plot for the sanctuary, five hundred by five hundred *rods,* with fifty cubits around it for an open space. 3So this is the district you shall measure: twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand wide; in it shall be the sanctuary, the Most Holy *Place.* 4It shall be a holy *section* of the land, belonging to the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the LORD; it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5*An area* twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand wide shall belong to the Levites, the ministers of the temple; they shall have twenty chambers as a possession.[a]

**45:5** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *a possession, cities of dwelling.*

*Properties of the City and the Prince*

6"'You shall appoint as the property of the city *an area* five thousand *cubits* wide and twenty-five thousand long, adjacent to the district of the holy *section;* it shall belong to the whole house of Israel.

7"'The prince shall have *a section* on one side and the other of the holy district and the city's property; and bordering on the holy district and the city's property, extending westward on the west side and eastward on the east side, the length *shall be* side by side with one of the *tribal* portions, from the west border to the east border. 8The land shall be his possession in Israel; and My princes shall no more oppress My people, but they shall give *the rest of* the land to the house of Israel, according to their tribes."

*Laws Governing the Prince*

9"'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Enough, O princes of Israel! Remove violence and plundering, execute justice and righteousness, and stop dispossessing My people," says the Lord GOD. 10"'You shall have honest scales, an honest ephah, and an honest bath. 11The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure, so that the bath contains one-tenth of a homer, and the ephah one-tenth of a homer; their measure shall be according to the homer. 12The shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, *and* fifteen shekels shall be your mina.

13"'This *is* the offering which you shall offer: you shall give one-sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat, and one-sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley. 14The ordinance concerning oil, the bath of oil, *is* one-tenth of a bath from a kor. *A kor is* a homer or ten baths, for ten baths *are* a homer. 15And one lamb shall be given from a flock of two hundred, from the rich pastures of Israel. These shall be for grain offerings, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, to make atonement for them," says the Lord GOD. 16"'All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel. 17Then it shall be the prince's part *to give* burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed seasons of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel."

*Keeping the Feasts*

18"'Thus says the Lord GOD: "In the first *month,* on the first *day* of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. 19The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put *it* on the doorposts of the temple, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court. 20And so you shall do on the seventh *day* of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple.

21"'In the first *month,* on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull *for* a sin offering. 23On the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish, daily for seven days, and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering. 24And he shall prepare a grain offering of one ephah for each bull and one ephah for each ram, together with a hin of oil for each ephah.

25"'In the seventh *month,* on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall do likewise for seven days, according to the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

*The Manner of Worship*

**46** 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "The gateway of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the New Moon it shall be opened. 2The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening. 3Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrance to this gateway before the LORD on the Sabbaths and the New Moons. 4The burnt offering that the prince offers to the LORD on the Sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish; 5and the grain offering *shall be one* ephah for a ram, and the grain offering for the lambs, as much as he wants to give, as well as a hin of oil with every ephah. 6On the day of the New Moon *it shall be* a young bull without blemish, six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish. 7He shall prepare a grain offering of an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every

ephah. [8]When the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way.

[9]"But when the people of the land come before the LORD on the appointed feast days, whoever enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate; and whoever enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. He shall not return by way of the gate through which he came, but shall go out through the opposite gate. [10]The prince shall then be in their midst. When they go in, he shall go in; and when they go out, he shall go out. [11]At the festivals and the appointed feast days the grain offering shall be an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah.

[12]"Now when the prince makes a voluntary burnt offering or voluntary peace offering to the LORD, the gate that faces toward the east shall then be opened for him; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he did on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and after he goes out the gate shall be shut.

[13]"You shall daily make a burnt offering to the LORD *of* a lamb of the first year without blemish; you shall prepare it every morning. [14]And you shall prepare a grain offering with it every morning, a sixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour. This grain offering is a perpetual ordinance, to be made regularly to the LORD. [15]Thus they shall prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, *as* a regular burnt offering every morning."

### *The Prince and Inheritance Laws*

[16]"Thus says the Lord GOD: "If the prince gives a gift *of some* of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. [17]But if he gives a gift of some of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the year of liberty, after which it shall return to the prince. But his inheritance shall belong to his sons; it shall become theirs. [18]Moreover the prince shall not take any of the people's inheritance by evicting them from their property; he shall provide an inheritance for his sons from his own property, so that none of My people may be scattered from his property."'"

### *How the Offerings Were Prepared*

[19]Now he brought me through the entrance, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests which face toward the north; and there a place *was* situated at their extreme western end. [20]And he said to me, "This *is* the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, *and* where they shall bake the grain offering, so that they do not bring *them* out into the outer court to sanctify the people."

[21]Then he brought me out into the outer court and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and in fact, in every corner of the court *there was another* court. [22]In the four corners of the court *were* enclosed courts, forty *cubits* long and thirty wide; all four corners *were* the same size. [23]*There was* a row *of building stones* all around in them, all around the four of them; and cooking hearths were made under the rows of stones all around. [24]And he said to me, "These *are* the kitchens where the ministers of the temple shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

### *The Healing Waters and Trees*

47 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. [2]He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

[3]And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my* ankles. [4]Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my* knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water *came up to my* waist. [5]Again he measured one thousand, *and it was* a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. [6]He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen *this?*" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.

[7]When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, *were* very many trees on one side and the other. [8]Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. *When it* reaches the sea, *its* waters are healed. [9]And it shall be *that* every liv-

ing thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. [10]It shall be *that* fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be *places* for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. [11]But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt. [12]Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of* trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."

### *Borders of the Land*

[13]Thus says the Lord GOD: "These *are* the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have two* portions. [14]You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

[15]"This *shall be* the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, *by* the road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad, [16]Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon (which *is* on the border of Hauran). [17]Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. *This is* the north side.

[18]"On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. *This is* the east side.

[19]"The south side, toward the South,[a] *shall be* from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. *This is* the south side, toward the South.

[20]"The west side *shall be* the Great Sea, from the *southern* boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. This *is* the west side.

[21]"Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. [22]It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. [23]And it shall be *that* in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give *him* his inheritance," says the Lord GOD.

### *Division of the Land*

**48** "Now these *are* the names of the tribes: From the northern border along the road to Hethlon at the entrance of Hamath, to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus northward, in the direction of Hamath, *there shall be* one *section for* Dan from its east to its west side; [2]by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west, one *section for* Asher; [3]by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west, one *section for* Naphtali; [4]by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west, one *section for* Manasseh; [5]by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west, one *section for* Ephraim; [6]by the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west, one *section for* Reuben; [7]by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west, one *section for* Judah; [8]by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west, shall be the district which you shall set apart, twenty-five thousand *cubits* in width, and *in* length the same as one of the *other* portions, from the east side to the west, with the sanctuary in the center.

[9]"The district that you shall set apart for the LORD *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width. [10]To these—to the priests—the holy district shall belong: on the north twenty-five thousand *cubits in length,* on the west ten thousand in width, on the east ten thousand in width, and on the south twenty-five thousand in length. The sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the center. [11]*It shall be* for the priests of the sons of Zadok, who are sanctified, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. [12]And *this* district of land that is set apart shall be to them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

[13]"Opposite the border of the priests, the Levites *shall have an area* twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width; its entire length *shall be* twenty-five thousand and its width ten thousand. [14]And they shall not sell or

**47:19** [a]Hebrew *Negev*

exchange any of it; they may not alienate this best *part* of the land, for *it is* holy to the LORD.

15"The five thousand *cubits* in width that remain, along the edge of the twenty-five thousand, shall be for general use by the city, for dwellings and common-land; and the city shall be in the center. 16These *shall be* its measurements: the north side four thousand five hundred *cubits,* the south side four thousand five hundred, the east side four thousand five hundred, and the west side four thousand five hundred. 17The common-land of the city shall be: to the north two hundred and fifty *cubits,* to the south two hundred and fifty, to the east two hundred and fifty, and to the west two hundred and fifty. 18The rest of the length, alongside the district of the holy *section, shall be* ten thousand *cubits* to the east and ten thousand to the west. It shall be adjacent to the district of the holy *section,* and its produce shall be food for the workers of the city. 19The workers of the city, from all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it. 20The entire district *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits* by twenty-five thousand *cubits,* foursquare. You shall set apart the holy district with the property of the city.

21"The rest *shall belong* to the prince, on one side and on the other of the holy district and of the city's property, next to the twenty-five thousand *cubits* of the *holy* district as far as the eastern border, and westward next to the twenty-five thousand as far as the western border, adjacent to the *tribal* portions; *it shall belong* to the prince. It shall be the holy district, and the sanctuary of the temple *shall be* in the center. 22Moreover, apart from the possession of the Levites and the possession of the city *which are* in the midst of what *belongs* to the prince, *the area* between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall belong to the prince.

23"As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west, Benjamin *shall have* one *section;* 24by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west, Simeon *shall have* one *section;* 25by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west, Issachar *shall have* one *section;* 26by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west, Zebulun *shall have* one *section;* 27by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west, Gad *shall have* one *section;* 28by the border of Gad, on the south side, toward the South,[a] the border shall be from Tamar *to* the waters of Meribah *by* Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. 29This *is* the land which you shall divide by lot as an inheritance among the tribes of Israel, and these *are* their portions," says the Lord GOD.

### *The Gates of the City and Its Name*

30"These *are* the exits of the city. On the north side, measuring four thousand five hundred *cubits* 31(the gates of the city *shall be* named after the tribes of Israel), the three gates northward: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi; 32on the east side, four thousand five hundred *cubits,* three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan; 33on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred *cubits,* three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun; 34on the west side, four thousand five hundred *cubits* with their three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali. 35All the way around *shall be* eighteen thousand *cubits;* and the name of the city from *that* day *shall be:* THE LORD *IS* THERE."[a]

**48:28** [a]Hebrew *Negev* **48:35** [a]Hebrew *YHWH Shammah*

# The Book of
# DANIEL

### *Daniel and His Friends Obey God*

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

3Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, 4young men in whom *there was* no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. 5And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might serve before the king. 6Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

8But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs. 10And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

11So Daniel said to the steward[a] whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12"Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, *so* deal with your servants." 14So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

15And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. 16Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19Then the king interviewed[a] them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. 20And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers who *were* in all his realm. 21Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

### *Nebuchadnezzar's Dream*

2 Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was *so* troubled that his sleep left him. 2Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. 3And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream."

4Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic,[a] "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

5The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. 6However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts,

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**1:11** [a]Hebrew *Melzar,* also in verse 16 **1:19** [a]Literally *talked with them* **2:4** [a]The original language of Daniel 2:4b through 7:28 is Aramaic.

rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation."

7They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

8The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: 9if you do not make known the dream to me, *there is only* one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."

10The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has *ever* asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. 11*It is* a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

12For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon. 13So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise *men;* and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them.*

### *God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream*

14Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon; 15he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

16So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. 17Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon. 19Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
For wisdom and might are His.
21 And He changes the times and the seasons;
He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise
And knowledge to those who have understanding.
22 He reveals deep and secret things;
He knows what *is* in the darkness,
And light dwells with Him.

23 "I thank You and praise You,
O God of my fathers;
You have given me wisdom and might,

## ABUSE VICTIM — 2 TAKING ACTION

▸ *See* DANIEL 2:22

God knows what you have been going through, though it may have been hidden from others. You must contact a local pastor or family services office and tell the truth about the abuse you have experienced or are experiencing. They will be able to help you sort things out and find a safe place to do so. You must take immediate and decisive action. You are the only one who can stop the cycle of abuse you are experiencing—others can help you, but you must take the first step. Pray and ask God for the courage and strength to take this step. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, / And lean not on your own understanding; / In all your ways acknowledge Him, / And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

Victims of abuse are usually emotionally isolated and have little contact with family. An abused wife may take three to four months of counseling—even after she has been separated from her tormentor—before she can break through and begin to heal emotionally. Only when she and her children are in a safe place where the husband cannot reach them and she has had time to reflect and sort out her feelings will she be able to express her anger.

As you begin to deal with the abuse you have experienced, continue to receive counseling from your pastor or a qualified Christian counselor. You will also need emotional support from others. It is important to be involved in a local church where you can grow in your faith and understanding of God and build supportive friendships with other believers. Be sure that you are studying the Bible and spending time with God in prayer personally, as well. This will give you comfort and spiritual strength.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

And have now made known to me what we
asked of You,
For You have made known to us the king's
demand."

### *Daniel Explains the Dream*

[24]Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."

[25]Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives[a] of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."

[26]The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"

[27]Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise *men,* the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. [28]But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: [29]As for you, O king, thoughts came *to* your *mind while* on your bed, *about* what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. [30]But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

[31]"You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor *was* excellent, stood before you; and its form *was* awesome. [32]This image's head *was* of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs[a] of bronze, [33]its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.[a] [34]You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. [35]Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

[36]"This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. [37]You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; [38]and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold. [39]But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. [40]And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. [41]Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. [42]And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. [43]As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. [44]And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. [45]Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

### *Daniel and His Friends Promoted*

[46]Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. [47]The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God *is* the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." [48]Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise *men* of Babylon. [49]Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel *sat* in the gate[a] of the king.

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**2:25** [a]Literally *of the sons of the captivity* **2:32** [a]Or *sides*
**2:33** [a]Or *baked clay,* and so in verses 34, 35, and 42
**2:49** [a]That is, the king's court

*The Image of Gold*

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits *and* its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. [2]And King Nebuchadnezzar sent *word* to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. [3]So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. [4]Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, [5]*that* at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; [6]and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

[7]So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, *and* lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down *and* worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

*Daniel's Friends Disobey the King*

[8]Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. [9]They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! [10]You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; [11]and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. [12]There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."

[13]Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. [14]Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "*Is it* true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *that* you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? [15]Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, *good!* But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who *is* the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

[16]Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. [17]If that *is the case,* our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. [18]But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

*Saved in Fiery Trial*

[19]Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven

**FAITH** **4 Faith Demonstrated in the Invisible**

► *See* **Daniel 3:16–18**

These three, who were captive prisoners, had faith in God's ability to care for them even when they were confronted with death. When asked to bow to an earthly king rather than God, the prisoners refused. When threatened with death, Daniel 3:16–18 was their response. At that moment, they didn't know whether God would rescue them physically or not. That was not the point. What mattered was that they believed that God would care for them whether through life or death. In this case, God did spare their lives. This demonstration of faith was so moving that the king praised God and openly decreed that no one should speak against God. Our faith in God during difficult times can also have a positive effect on those around us.

► *Now turn to page 257 for 1 Samuel 17:45, 46 and Point 5. Faith Demonstrated in the Incredible.*

times more than it was usually heated. [20]And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *and* cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. [21]Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. [22]Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. [23]And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

[24]Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste *and* spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"

They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

[25]"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."[a]

### *Nebuchadnezzar Praises God*

[26]Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace *and* spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come *here.*" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. [27]And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

[28]Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel[a] and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! [29]Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

[30]Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

### *Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream*

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king,

To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:

Peace be multiplied to you.

2 I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me.

3 How great *are* His signs,
And how mighty His wonders!
His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
And His dominion *is* from generation to generation.

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. [5]I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. [6]Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. [7]Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation. [8]But at last Daniel came before me (his name *is* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him *is* the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, *saying:* [9]"Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God *is* in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

10 "These *were* the visions of my head *while* on my bed:

I was looking, and behold,
A tree in the midst of the earth,
And its height was great.
11 The tree grew and became strong;
Its height reached to the heavens,
And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.
12 Its leaves *were* lovely,
Its fruit abundant,
And in it *was* food for all.

**3:25** [a]Or *a son of the gods* **3:28** [a]Or *angel*

The beasts of the field found shade under it,
The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches,
And all flesh was fed from it.

13 "I saw in the visions of my head *while* on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. 14He cried aloud and said thus:

'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.
Let the beasts get out from under it,
And the birds from its branches.
15 Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth,
*Bound* with a band of iron and bronze,
In the tender grass of the field.
Let it be wet with the dew of heaven,
And *let* him graze with the beasts
On the grass of the earth.
16 Let his heart be changed from *that of* a man,
Let him be given the heart of a beast,
And let seven times[a] pass over him.

17 'This decision *is* by the decree of the watchers,
And the sentence by the word of the holy ones,
In order that the living may know
That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
Gives it to whomever He will,
And sets over it the lowest of men.'

18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you *are* able, for the Spirit of the Holy God *is* in you."

### *Daniel Explains the Second Dream*

19 Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time, and his thoughts troubled him. *So* the king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation trouble you."

Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, *may* the dream concern those who hate you, and its interpretation concern your enemies!

20 "The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which *could be* seen by all the earth, 21whose leaves *were* lovely and its fruit abundant, in which *was* food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home— 22it *is* you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 "And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, *bound* with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him'; 24this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: 25They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.

26 "And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump *and* roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules. 27Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by *being* righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to *the* poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."

### *Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation*

28 All *this* came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. 30The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

31 While the word *was still* in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King

**4:16** [a]Possibly *seven years,* and so in verses 23, 25, and 32

Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! 32And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws.*

### *Nebuchadnezzar Praises God*

34 And at the end of the time[a] I,
Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven,
and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever:

For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom *is* from generation to generation.

35 All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing;
He does according to His will in the army of heaven
And *among* the inhabitants of the earth.
No one can restrain His hand
Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. 37Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

### *Belshazzar's Feast*

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. 2While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which *had been* in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. 3Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which *had been* in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. 4They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

5In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. 7The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise *men* of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 8Now all the king's wise *men* came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. 9Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

10The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. 11There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers. 12Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas[a] were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."

### *The Writing on the Wall Explained*

13Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, "*Are* you that Daniel who is one of the captives[a] from Judah,

**4:34** [a]Literally *days* **5:12** [a]Literally *untying knots,* and so in verse 16 **5:13** [a]Literally *of the sons of the captivity*

whom my father the king brought from Judah? 14I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God *is* in you, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. 15Now the wise *men,* the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing. 16And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

17Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. 19And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. 20But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. 21Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

22"But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. 23And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who *holds* your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified. 24Then the fingers[a] of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

25"And this is the inscription that was written:

MENE,[a] MENE, TEKEL,[b] UPHARSIN.[c]

26This *is* the interpretation of *each* word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."[a] 29Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and *put* a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

### *Belshazzar's Fall*

30That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. 31And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

### *The Plot Against Daniel*

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel *was* one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. 3Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. 4So the governors and satraps sought to find *some* charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he *was* faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God."

6So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! 7All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 8Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." 9Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

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**5:24** [a]Literally *palm* **5:25** [a]Literally *a mina* (50 shekels) from the verb "to number" [b]Literally *a shekel* from the verb "to weigh" [c]Literally *and half-shekels* from the verb "to divide"
**5:28** [a]Aramaic *Paras,* consonant with *Peres*

### *Daniel in the Lions' Den*

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was
signed, he went home. And in his upper room,
with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he
knelt down on his knees three times that day, and
prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his
custom since early days.
11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel
praying and making supplication before his God.
12 And they went before the king, and spoke con-
cerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a
decree that every man who petitions any god or
man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall
be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered and said, "The thing *is* true,
according to the law of the Medes and Persians,
which does not alter."
13 So they answered and said before the king,
"That Daniel, who is one of the captives[a] from Ju-
dah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or
for the decree that you have signed, but makes his
petition three times a day."
14 And the king, when he heard *these* words, was
greatly displeased with himself, and set *his* heart
on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the
going down of the sun to deliver him. 15 Then
these men approached the king, and said to the
king, "Know, O king, that *it is* the law of the Medes
and Persians that no decree or statute which the
king establishes may be changed."
16 So the king gave the command, and they
brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions.
*But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God,
whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."
17 Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth
of the den, and the king sealed it with his own
signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that
the purpose concerning Daniel might not be
changed.

### *Daniel Saved from the Lions*

18 Now the king went to his palace and spent the
night fasting; and no musicians[a] were brought be-
fore him. Also his sleep went from him. 19 Then the
king arose very early in the morning and went in
haste to the den of lions. 20 And when he came to
the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to
Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel,
servant of the living God, has your God, whom
you serve continually, been able to deliver you
from the lions?"
21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live for-
ever! 22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions'
mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I
was found innocent before Him; and also, O king,
I have done no wrong before you."
23 Now the king was exceedingly glad for him,
and commanded that they should take Daniel up
out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the
den, and no injury whatever was found on him,
because he believed in his God.

### *Darius Honors God*

24 And the king gave the command, and they
brought those men who had accused Daniel, and
they cast *them* into the den of lions—them, their
children, and their wives; and the lions overpow-
ered them, and broke all their bones in pieces be-
fore they ever came to the bottom of the den.
25 Then King Darius wrote:

To all peoples, nations, and languages that
dwell in all the earth:

Peace be multiplied to you.

26 I make a decree that in every dominion of
my kingdom *men must* tremble and fear
before the God of Daniel.

For He *is* the living God,
And steadfast forever;
His kingdom *is the one* which shall not be
destroyed,
And His dominion *shall endure* to the end.
27 He delivers and rescues,
And He works signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the power of
the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Da-
rius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

### *Vision of the Four Beasts*

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Bab-
ylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his
head *while* on his bed. Then he wrote down
the dream, telling the main facts.[a]
2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by
night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were
stirring up the Great Sea. 3 And four great beasts
came up from the sea, each different from the

**6:13** [a]Literally *of the sons of the captivity* **6:18** [a]Exact meaning unknown **7:1** [a]Literally *the head* (or *chief*) *of the words*

other. 4The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's
wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off;
and it was lifted up from the earth and made to
stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart
was given to it.

5"And suddenly another beast, a second, like a
bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three
ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said
thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6"After this I looked, and there was another, like
a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a
bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold,
a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly
strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring,
breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with
its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were*
before it, and it had ten horns. 8I was considering
the horns, and there was another horn, a little one,
coming up among them, before whom three of
the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And
there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man,
and a mouth speaking pompous words.

### *Vision of the Ancient of Days*

9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment *was* white as snow,
And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool.
His throne *was* a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;
10 A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before Him.
The court[a] was seated,
And the books were opened.

11"I watched then because of the sound of the
pompous words which the horn was speaking; I
watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. 12As for
the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion
taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a
season and a time.

13 "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory
and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve Him.
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed.

### *Daniel's Visions Interpreted*

15"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within *my*
body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16I
came near to one of those who stood by, and
asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and
made known to me the interpretation of these
things: 17'Those great beasts, which are four, *are*
four kings[a] *which* arise out of the earth. 18But the
saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom,
and possess the kingdom forever, even forever
and ever.'

19"Then I wished to know the truth about the
fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, *with* its teeth of iron
and its nails of bronze, *which* devoured, broke in
pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;
20and the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the
other *horn* which came up, before which three
fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a
mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows.

21"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against
them, 22until the Ancient of Days came, and a
judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the
Most High, and the time came for the saints to
possess the kingdom.

23"Thus he said:

'The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all *other*
kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.
24 The ten horns *are* ten kings
*Who* shall arise from this kingdom.
And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first *ones,*
And shall subdue three kings.

**7:10** [a]Or *judgment* **7:17** [a]Representing their kingdoms (compare verse 23)

25 He shall speak *pompous* words against the
Most High,
Shall persecute[a] the saints of the Most High,
And shall intend to change times and law.
Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.

26 'But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy *it* forever.
27 Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under
the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the
Most High.
His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey
Him.'

28"This *is* the end of the account.[a] As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

### *Vision of a Ram and a Goat*

8 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared *to* me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time. 2I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I *was* in Shushan, the citadel, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai. 3Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher *one* came up last. 4I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor *was there any* that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

5And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat *had* a notable horn between his eyes. 6Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power. 7And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.

8Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. 9And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious *Land.* 10And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and *some* of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. 11He even exalted *himself* as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily *sacrifices* were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. 12Because of transgression, an army was given over *to the horn* to oppose the daily *sacrifices;* and he cast truth down to the ground. He did *all this* and prospered.

13Then I heard a holy one speaking; and *another* holy one said to that certain *one* who was speaking, "How long *will* the vision *be, concerning* the daily *sacrifices* and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?"

14And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days;[a] then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

### *Gabriel Interprets the Vision*

15Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. 16And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this *man* understand the vision." 17So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end."

18Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. 19And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be.* 20The ram which you saw, having the two horns—*they are* the kings of Media and Persia. 21And the male goat *is* the kingdom[a] of Greece. The large horn that *is* between its eyes *is* the first king. 22As for

**7:25** [a]Literally *wear out* **7:28** [a]Literally *the word* **8:14** [a]Literally *evening-mornings* **8:21** [a]Literally *king,* representing his kingdom (compare 7:17, 23)

the broken *horn* and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom,
When the transgressors have reached their fullness,
A king shall arise,
Having fierce features,
Who understands sinister schemes.
24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power;
He shall destroy fearfully,
And shall prosper and thrive;
He shall destroy the mighty, and *also* the holy people.

25 "Through his cunning
He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule;[a]
And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart.
He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity.
He shall even rise against the Prince of princes;
But he shall be broken without *human* means.[b]

26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings
Which was told is true;
Therefore seal up the vision,
For *it refers* to many days *in the future.*"

27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

### *Daniel's Prayer for the People*

9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face, as *it is* this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

8 "O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. 10 We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

13 "As *it is* written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14 Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as *it is* this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people *are* a reproach to all *those* around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to

**8:25** [a] Literally *hand* [b] Literally *hand*

shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. [18]O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. [19]O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

### *The Seventy-Weeks Prophecy*

[20]Now while I *was* speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, [21]yes, while I *was* speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. [22]And he informed *me,* and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. [23]At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell *you,* for you *are* greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

[24] "Seventy weeks[a] are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of[b] sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

[25] "Know therefore and understand,
*That* from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
*There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
The street[a] shall be built again, and the wall,[b]
Even in troublesome times.

[26] "And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

[27] Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;
But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate."

### *Vision of the Glorious Man*

**10** In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message *was* true, but the appointed time *was* long;[a] and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. [2]In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. [3]I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

[4]Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that *is,* the Tigris,[a] [5]I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist *was* girded with gold of Uphaz! [6]His body *was* like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

[7]And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. [8]Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. [9]Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

### *Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece*

[10]Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and *on* the palms of my hands. [11]And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

[12]Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to

**9:24** [a]Literally *sevens,* and so throughout the chapter [b]Following Qere, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Kethib and Theodotion read *To seal up*. **9:25** [a]Or *open square* [b]Or *moat* **10:1** [a]Or *and of great conflict* **10:4** [a]Hebrew *Hiddekel*

understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. [13]But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. [14]Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers* to *many* days yet *to come.*"

[15]When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. [16]And suddenly, *one* having the likeness of the sons[a] of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength. [17]For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."

[18]Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. [19]And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace *be* to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"

So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

[20]Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. [21]But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

**11** "Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, *even* I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.) [2]And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than *them* all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. [3]Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. [4]And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these.

### *Warring Kings of North and South*

[5]"Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as *one* of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion *shall be* a great dominion. [6]And at the end of *some* years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority,[a] and neither he nor his authority[b] shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in *those* times. [7]But from a branch of her roots *one* shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail. [8]And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes[a] *and* their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the North.

[9]"Also *the king of the North* shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land. [10]However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and *one* shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.

[11]"And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his *enemy.* [12]When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail. [13]For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.

[14]"Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men[a] of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall. [15]So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces[a] of the South shall not withstand *him.* Even his choice troops *shall have* no strength to resist. [16]But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.[a]

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**10:16** [a]Theodotion and Vulgate read *the son;* Septuagint reads *a hand*. **11:6** [a]Literally *arm* [b]Literally *arm* **11:8** [a]Or *molded images* **11:14** [a]Or *robbers,* literally *sons of breakage* **11:15** [a]Literally *arms* **11:16** [a]Literally *hand*

17"He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones[a] with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand *with him,* or be for him. 18After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him. 19Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20"There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes *on* the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle. 21And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue. 22With the force[a] of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant. 23And after the league *is made* with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small *number of* people. 24He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do *what* his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but *only* for a time.

25"He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him. 26Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. 27Both these kings' hearts *shall be* bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end *will* still *be* at the appointed time. 28While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be *moved* against the holy covenant; so he shall do *damage* and return to his own land.

### *The Northern King's Blasphemies*

29"At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter. 30For ships from Cyprus[a] shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do *damage.*

"So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. 31And forces[a] shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices,* and place *there* the abomination of desolation. 32Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out *great exploits.* 33And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet *for many* days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. 34Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue. 35And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them,* and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the appointed time.

36"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. 37He shall regard neither the God[a] of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all. 38But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. 39Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, *and* advance *its* glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

### *The Northern King's Conquests*

40"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them,* and pass through. 41He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the

**11:17** [a]Or *bring equitable terms* **11:22** [a]Literally *arms*
**11:30** [a]Hebrew *Kittim,* western lands, especially Cyprus
**11:31** [a]Literally *arms* **11:37** [a]Or *gods*

Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels.
44But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 45And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

### *Prophecy of the End Time*

12 "At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
*Even* to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book.
2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
3 Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

4"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

5Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. 6And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, who *was* above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders *be?*"

7Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that *it shall be* for a time, times, and half *a time;* and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these *things* shall be finished.

8Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things?*"

9And he said, "Go *your way,* Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

11"And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12Blessed *is* he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13"But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

# The Book of
# HOSEA

1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea the
son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham,
Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the
days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

### *The Family of Hosea*

2 When the LORD began to speak by Hosea, the
LORD said to Hosea:

"Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry
And children of harlotry,
For the land has committed great harlotry
*By departing* from the LORD."

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Dib-
laim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
4 Then the LORD said to him:

"Call his name Jezreel,
For in a little *while*
I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the
house of Jehu,
And bring an end to the kingdom of the
house of Israel.
5 It shall come to pass in that day
That I will break the bow of Israel in the
Valley of Jezreel."

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter.
Then *God* said to him:

"Call her name Lo-Ruhamah,[a]
For I will no longer have mercy on the house
of Israel,
But I will utterly take them away.[b]
7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah,
Will save them by the LORD their God,
And will not save them by bow,
Nor by sword or battle,
By horses or horsemen."

8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she
conceived and bore a son. 9 Then *God* said:

"Call his name Lo-Ammi,[a]
For you *are* not My people,
And I will not be your *God.*

### *The Restoration of Israel*

10 "Yet the number of the children of Israel
Shall be as the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured or numbered.
And it shall come to pass
In the place where it was said to them,
'You *are* not My people,'[a]
*There* it shall be said to them,
'*You are* sons of the living God.'
11 Then the children of Judah and the children
of Israel
Shall be gathered together,
And appoint for themselves one head;
And they shall come up out of the land,
For great *will be* the day of Jezreel!

2 Say to your brethren, 'My people,'[a]
And to your sisters, 'Mercy[b] *is shown.*'

### *God's Unfaithful People*

2 "Bring charges against your mother, bring
charges;
For she *is* not My wife, nor *am* I her Husband!
Let her put away her harlotries from her
sight,
And her adulteries from between her
breasts;
3 Lest I strip her naked
And expose her, as in the day she was born,
And make her like a wilderness,
And set her like a dry land,
And slay her with thirst.

4 "I will not have mercy on her children,
For they *are* the children of harlotry.
5 For their mother has played the harlot;
She who conceived them has behaved
shamefully.
For she said, 'I will go after my lovers,
Who give *me* my bread and my water,
My wool and my linen,
My oil and my drink.'

6 "Therefore, behold,
I will hedge up your way with thorns,
And wall her in,
So that she cannot find her paths.

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**1:6** [a]Literally *No-Mercy* [b]Or *That I may forgive them at all*
**1:9** [a]Literally *Not-My-People* **1:10** [a]Hebrew *lo-ammi* (compare verse 9) **2:1** [a]Hebrew *Ammi* (compare 1:9, 10) [b]Hebrew *Ruhamah* (compare 1:6)

7 She will chase her lovers,
But not overtake them;
Yes, she will seek them, but not find *them.*
Then she will say,
'I will go and return to my first husband,
For then *it was* better for me than now.'
8 For she did not know
That I gave her grain, new wine, and oil,
And multiplied her silver and gold—
*Which* they prepared for Baal.

9 "Therefore I will return and take away
My grain in its time
And My new wine in its season,
And will take back My wool and My linen,
*Given* to cover her nakedness.
10 Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers,
And no one shall deliver her from My hand.
11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease,
Her feast days,
Her New Moons,
Her Sabbaths—
All her appointed feasts.

12 "And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees,
Of which she has said,
'These *are* my wages that my lovers have given me.'
So I will make them a forest,
And the beasts of the field shall eat them.
13 I will punish her
For the days of the Baals to which she burned incense.
She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry,
And went after her lovers;
But Me she forgot," says the LORD.

### *God's Mercy on His People*

14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
Will bring her into the wilderness,
And speak comfort to her.
15 I will give her her vineyards from there,
And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope;
She shall sing there,
As in the days of her youth,
As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

16 "And it shall be, in that day,"
Says the LORD,
"*That* you will call Me 'My Husband,'[a]
And no longer call Me 'My Master,'[b]
17 For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals,
And they shall be remembered by their name no more.
18 In that day I will make a covenant for them
With the beasts of the field,
With the birds of the air,
And *with* the creeping things of the ground.
Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth,
To make them lie down safely.

19 "I will betroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me
In righteousness and justice,
In lovingkindness and mercy;
20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,
And you shall know the LORD.

21 "It shall come to pass in that day
*That* I will answer," says the LORD;
"I will answer the heavens,
And they shall answer the earth.
22 The earth shall answer
With grain,
With new wine,
And with oil;
They shall answer Jezreel.[a]
23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth,
And I will have mercy on *her who had* not obtained mercy;[a]
Then I will say to *those who were* not My people,[b]
'You *are* My people!'
And they shall say, '*You are* my God!'"

### *Israel Will Return to God*

3 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman *who is* loved by a lover[a] and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love *the* raisin cakes *of the pagans.*"

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley. 3 And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man—so, too, *will* I *be* toward you."

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many

**2:16** [a]Hebrew *Ishi* [b]Hebrew *Baali* **2:22** [a]Literally *God Will Sow* **2:23** [a]Hebrew *lo-ruhamah* [b]Hebrew *lo-ammi* **3:1** [a]Literally *friend* or *husband*

days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ephod or teraphim. 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

### *God's Charge Against Israel*

4 Hear the word of the LORD,
You children of Israel,
For the LORD *brings* a charge against the inhabitants of the land:

"There is no truth or mercy
Or knowledge of God in the land.
2 *By* swearing and lying,
Killing and stealing and committing adultery,
They break all restraint,
With bloodshed upon bloodshed.
3 Therefore the land will mourn;
And everyone who dwells there will waste away
With the beasts of the field
And the birds of the air;
Even the fish of the sea will be taken away.

4 "Now let no man contend, or rebuke another;
For your people *are* like those who contend with the priest.
5 Therefore you shall stumble in the day;
The prophet also shall stumble with you in the night;
And I will destroy your mother.
6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

7 "The more they increased,
The more they sinned against Me;
I will change[a] their glory[b] into shame.
8 They eat up the sin of My people;
They set their heart on their iniquity.
9 And it shall be: like people, like priest.
So I will punish them for their ways,
And reward them for their deeds.
10 For they shall eat, but not have enough;
They shall commit harlotry, but not increase;
Because they have ceased obeying the LORD.

### *The Idolatry of Israel*

11 "Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart.
12 My people ask counsel from their wooden *idols,*
And their staff informs them.
For the spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to stray,
And they have played the harlot against their God.
13 They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops,
And burn incense on the hills,
Under oaks, poplars, and terebinths,
Because their shade *is* good.
Therefore your daughters commit harlotry,
And your brides commit adultery.

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry,
Nor your brides when they commit adultery;
For *the men* themselves go apart with harlots,
And offer sacrifices with a ritual harlot.[a]
Therefore people *who* do not understand will be trampled.

15 "Though you, Israel, play the harlot,
Let not Judah offend.
Do not come up to Gilgal,
Nor go up to Beth Aven,
Nor swear an oath, *saying,* 'As the LORD lives'—

16 "For Israel is stubborn
Like a stubborn calf;
Now the LORD will let them forage
Like a lamb in open country.

17 "Ephraim *is* joined to idols,
Let him alone.
18 Their drink is rebellion,
They commit harlotry continually.
Her rulers dearly[a] love dishonor.
19 The wind has wrapped her up in its wings,
And they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

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**4:7** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and Vulgate; scribal tradition, Syriac, and Targum read *They will change*. [b]Following Masoretic Text, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate; scribal tradition reads *My glory*. **4:14** [a]Compare Deuteronomy 23:18 **4:18** [a]Hebrew is difficult; a Jewish tradition reads *Her rulers shamefully love, 'Give!'*

### *Impending Judgment on Israel and Judah*

5 "Hear this, O priests!
Take heed, O house of Israel!
Give ear, O house of the king!
For yours *is* the judgment,
Because you have been a snare to Mizpah
And a net spread on Tabor.
2 The revolters are deeply involved in
slaughter,
Though I rebuke them all.
3 I know Ephraim,
And Israel is not hidden from Me;
For now, O Ephraim, you commit harlotry;
Israel is defiled.

4 "They do not direct their deeds
Toward turning to their God,
For the spirit of harlotry is in their midst,
And they do not know the LORD.
5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face;
Therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in
their iniquity;
Judah also stumbles with them.

6 "With their flocks and herds
They shall go to seek the LORD,
But they will not find *Him;*
He has withdrawn Himself from them.
7 They have dealt treacherously with the LORD,
For they have begotten pagan children.
Now a New Moon shall devour them and
their heritage.

8 "Blow the ram's horn in Gibeah,
The trumpet in Ramah!
Cry aloud *at* Beth Aven,
'*Look* behind you, O Benjamin!'
9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of
rebuke;
Among the tribes of Israel I make known
what is sure.

10 "The princes of Judah are like those who
remove a landmark;
I will pour out My wrath on them like water.
11 Ephraim is oppressed *and* broken in
judgment,
Because he willingly walked by *human*
precept.
12 Therefore I *will be* to Ephraim like a moth,
And to the house of Judah like rottenness.

13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness,
And Judah *saw* his wound,
Then Ephraim went to Assyria
And sent to King Jareb;
Yet he cannot cure you,
Nor heal you of your wound.
14 For I *will be* like a lion to Ephraim,
And like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I, *even* I, will tear *them* and go away;
I will take *them* away, and no one shall
rescue.
15 I will return again to My place
Till they acknowledge their offense.
Then they will seek My face;
In their affliction they will earnestly seek
Me."

### *A Call to Repentance*

6 Come, and let us return to the LORD;
For He has torn, but He will heal us;
He has stricken, but He will bind us up.
2 After two days He will revive us;
On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may live in His sight.
3 Let us know,
Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.
His going forth is established as the
morning;
He will come to us like the rain,
Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

### *Impenitence of Israel and Judah*

4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you?
O Judah, what shall I do to you?
For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud,
And like the early dew it goes away.
5 Therefore I have hewn *them* by the prophets,
I have slain them by the words of My mouth;
And your judgments *are like* light *that* goes
forth.
6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God more than burnt
offerings.

7 "But like men[a] they transgressed the
covenant;
There they dealt treacherously with Me.
8 Gilead *is* a city of evildoers
*And* defiled with blood.
9 As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man,
*So* the company of priests murder on the
way to Shechem;
Surely they commit lewdness.

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**6:7** [a]Or *like Adam*

10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of
Israel:
There *is* the harlotry of Ephraim;
Israel is defiled.
11 Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you,
When I return the captives of My people.

7 "When I would have healed Israel,
Then the iniquity of Ephraim was
uncovered,
And the wickedness of Samaria.
For they have committed fraud;
A thief comes in;
A band of robbers takes spoil outside.
2 They do not consider in their hearts
*That* I remember all their wickedness;
Now their own deeds have surrounded them;
They are before My face.
3 They make a king glad with their
wickedness,
And princes with their lies.

4 "They *are* all adulterers.
Like an oven heated by a baker—
He ceases stirring *the fire* after kneading the
dough,
Until it is leavened.
5 In the day of our king
Princes have made *him* sick, inflamed with
wine;
He stretched out his hand with scoffers.
6 They prepare their heart like an oven,
While they lie in wait;
Their baker[a] sleeps all night;
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.
7 They are all hot, like an oven,
And have devoured their judges;
All their kings have fallen.
None among them calls upon Me.

8 "Ephraim has mixed himself among the
peoples;
Ephraim is a cake unturned.
9 Aliens have devoured his strength,
But he does not know *it;*
Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him,
Yet he does not know *it.*
10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face,
But they do not return to the LORD their God,
Nor seek Him for all this.

### *Futile Reliance on the Nations*

11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without
sense—
They call to Egypt,
They go to Assyria.
12 Wherever they go, I will spread My net on
them;
I will bring them down like birds of the air;
I will chastise them
According to what their congregation has
heard.

13 "Woe to them, for they have fled from Me!
Destruction to them,
Because they have transgressed against Me!
Though I redeemed them,
Yet they have spoken lies against Me.
14 They did not cry out to Me with their
heart
When they wailed upon their beds.

"They assemble together for[a] grain and new
wine,
They rebel against Me;[b]
15 Though I disciplined *and* strengthened their
arms,
Yet they devise evil against Me;
16 They return, *but* not to the Most High;[a]
They are like a treacherous bow.
Their princes shall fall by the sword
For the cursings of their tongue.
This *shall be* their derision in the land of
Egypt.

### *The Apostasy of Israel*

8 "*Set* the trumpet[a] to your mouth!
*He shall come* like an eagle against the
house of the LORD,
Because they have transgressed My
covenant
And rebelled against My law.
2 Israel will cry to Me,
'My God, we know You!'
3 Israel has rejected the good;
The enemy will pursue him.

4 "They set up kings, but not by Me;
They made princes, but I did not
acknowledge *them.*
From their silver and gold

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**7:6** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Syriac and Targum read *Their anger;* Septuagint reads *Ephraim*. **7:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Vulgate reads *thought upon;* Septuagint reads *slashed themselves for* (compare 1 Kings 18:28). [b]Following Masoretic Text, Syriac, and Targum; Septuagint omits *They rebel against Me;* Vulgate reads *They departed from Me.* **7:16** [a]Or *upward* **8:1** [a]Hebrew *shophar,* ram's horn

They made idols for themselves—
That they might be cut off.
5 Your calf is rejected, O Samaria!
My anger is aroused against them—
How long until they attain to innocence?
6 For from Israel *is* even this:
A workman made it, and it *is* not God;
But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.

7 "They sow the wind,
And reap the whirlwind.
The stalk has no bud;
It shall never produce meal.
If it should produce,
Aliens would swallow it up.
8 Israel is swallowed up;
Now they are among the Gentiles
Like a vessel in which *is* no pleasure.
9 For they have gone up to Assyria,
*Like* a wild donkey alone by itself;
Ephraim has hired lovers.
10 Yes, though they have hired among the nations,
Now I will gather them;
And they shall sorrow a little,[a]
Because of the burden[b] of the king of princes.

11 "Because Ephraim has made many altars for sin,
They have become for him altars for sinning.
12 I have written for him the great things of My law,
*But* they were considered a strange thing.
13 *For* the sacrifices of My offerings they sacrifice flesh and eat *it,*
*But* the LORD does not accept them.
Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.
They shall return to Egypt.

14 "For Israel has forgotten his Maker,
And has built temples;[a]
Judah also has multiplied fortified cities;
But I will send fire upon his cities,
And it shall devour his palaces."

### *Judgment of Israel's Sin*

9 Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like *other* peoples,
For you have played the harlot against your God.
You have made love *for* hire on every threshing floor.
2 The threshing floor and the winepress
Shall not feed them,
And the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the LORD's land,
But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,
And shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria.
4 They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD,
Nor shall their sacrifices be pleasing to Him.
*It shall be* like bread of mourners to them;
All who eat it shall be defiled.
For their bread *shall be* for their *own* life;
It shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will you do in the appointed day,
And in the day of the feast of the LORD?
6 For indeed they are gone because of destruction.
Egypt shall gather them up;
Memphis shall bury them.
Nettles shall possess their valuables of silver;
Thorns *shall be* in their tents.

7 The days of punishment have come;
The days of recompense have come.
Israel knows!
The prophet *is* a fool,
The spiritual man *is* insane,
Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity.
8 The watchman of Ephraim *is* with my God;
But the prophet *is* a fowler's[a] snare in all his ways—
Enmity in the house of his God.
9 They are deeply corrupted,
As in the days of Gibeah.
He will remember their iniquity;
He will punish their sins.

10 "I found Israel
Like grapes in the wilderness;
I saw your fathers
As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season.
*But* they went to Baal Peor,
And separated themselves *to that* shame;
They became an abomination like the thing they loved.
11 *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird—

**8:10** [a]Or *begin to diminish* [b]Or *oracle* **8:14** [a]Or *palaces*
**9:8** [a]That is, one who catches birds in a trap or snare

No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!
12 Though they bring up their children,
Yet I will bereave them to the last man.
Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!
13 Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place,
So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer."

14 Give them, O LORD—
What will You give?
Give them a miscarrying womb
And dry breasts!

15 "All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal,
For there I hated them.
Because of the evil of their deeds
I will drive them from My house;
I will love them no more.
All their princes *are* rebellious.
16 Ephraim is stricken,
Their root is dried up;
They shall bear no fruit.
Yes, were they to bear children,
I would kill the darlings of their womb."

17 My God will cast them away,
Because they did not obey Him;
And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

### *Israel's Sin and Captivity*

10 Israel empties *his* vine;
He brings forth fruit for himself.
According to the multitude of his fruit
He has increased the altars;
According to the bounty of his land
They have embellished *his sacred* pillars.
2 Their heart is divided;
Now they are held guilty.
He will break down their altars;
He will ruin their *sacred* pillars.

3 For now they say,
"We have no king,
Because we did not fear the LORD.
And as for a king, what would he do for us?"
4 They have spoken words,
Swearing falsely in making a covenant.
Thus judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear
Because of the calf[a] of Beth Aven.
For its people mourn for it,
And its priests shriek for it—
Because its glory has departed from it.
6 *The idol* also shall be carried to Assyria
*As* a present for King Jareb.
Ephraim shall receive shame,
And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off
Like a twig on the water.
8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel,
Shall be destroyed.
The thorn and thistle shall grow on their altars;
They shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!"
And to the hills, "Fall on us!"

9 "O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah;
There they stood.
The battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity[a]
Did not overtake them.
10 When *it is* My desire, I will chasten them.
Peoples shall be gathered against them
When I bind them for their two transgressions.[a]
11 Ephraim *is* a trained heifer
That loves to thresh *grain;*
But I harnessed her fair neck,
I will make Ephraim pull *a plow.*
Judah shall plow;
Jacob shall break his clods."

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness;
Reap in mercy;
Break up your fallow ground,
For *it is* time to seek the LORD,
Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

13 You have plowed wickedness;
You have reaped iniquity.
You have eaten the fruit of lies,
Because you trusted in your own way,
In the multitude of your mighty men.
14 Therefore tumult shall arise among your people,
And all your fortresses shall be plundered

**10:5** [a]Literally *calves* **10:9** [a]So read many Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text reads *unruliness.*
**10:10** [a]Or *in their two habitations*

As Shalman plundered Beth Arbel in the day
of battle—
A mother dashed in pieces upon *her*
children.
15 Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel,
Because of your great wickedness.
At dawn the king of Israel
Shall be cut off utterly.

### *God's Continuing Love for Israel*

11 "When Israel *was* a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.
2 *As* they called them,[a]
So they went from them;[b]
They sacrificed to the Baals,
And burned incense to carved images.

3 "I taught Ephraim to walk,
Taking them by their arms;[a]
But they did not know that I healed them.
4 I drew them with gentle cords,[a]
With bands of love,
And I was to them as those who take the
yoke from their neck.[b]
I stooped *and* fed them.

5 "He shall not return to the land of Egypt;
But the Assyrian shall be his king,
Because they refused to repent.
6 And the sword shall slash in his cities,
Devour his districts,
And consume *them,*
Because of their own counsels.
7 My people are bent on backsliding from Me.
Though they call to the Most High,[a]
None at all exalt *Him.*

8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim?
*How* can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
*How* can I set you like Zeboiim?
My heart churns within Me;
My sympathy is stirred.
9 I will not execute the fierceness of My anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim.
For I *am* God, and not man,
The Holy One in your midst;
And I will not come with terror.[a]

10 "They shall walk after the LORD.
He will roar like a lion.
When He roars,
Then *His* sons shall come trembling from
the west;
11 They shall come trembling like a bird from
Egypt,
Like a dove from the land of Assyria.
And I will let them dwell in their houses,"
Says the LORD.

### *God's Charge Against Ephraim*

12 "Ephraim has encircled Me with lies,
And the house of Israel with deceit;
But Judah still walks with God,
Even with the Holy One[a] *who is* faithful.

12 "Ephraim feeds on the wind,
And pursues the east wind;
He daily increases lies and desolation.
Also they make a covenant with the
Assyrians,
And oil is carried to Egypt.

2 "The LORD also *brings* a charge against
Judah,
And will punish Jacob according to his ways;
According to his deeds He will recompense
him.
3 He took his brother by the heel in the
womb,
And in his strength he struggled with God.[a]
4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and
prevailed;
He wept, and sought favor from Him.
He found Him *in* Bethel,
And there He spoke to us—
5 That is, the LORD God of hosts.
The LORD *is* His memorable name.
6 So you, by *the help of* your God, return;
Observe mercy and justice,
And wait on your God continually.

7 "A cunning Canaanite!
Deceitful scales *are* in his hand;
He loves to oppress.
8 And Ephraim said,
'Surely I have become rich,
I have found wealth for myself;
*In* all my labors
They shall find in me no iniquity that *is* sin.'

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**11:2** [a]Following Masoretic Text and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *Just as I called them;* Targum interprets as *I sent prophets to a thousand of them.* [b]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *from My face.* **11:3** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *My arms.* **11:4** [a]Literally *cords of a man* [b]Literally *jaws* **11:7** [a]Or *upward* **11:9** [a]Or *I will not enter a city* **11:12** [a]Or *holy ones* **12:3** [a]Compare Genesis 32:28

9 "But I *am* the LORD your God,
Ever since the land of Egypt;
I will again make you dwell in tents,
As in the days of the appointed feast.
10 I have also spoken by the prophets,
And have multiplied visions;
I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets."

11 Though Gilead *has* idols—
Surely they are vanity—
Though they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal,
Indeed their altars *shall be* heaps in the furrows of the field.

12 Jacob fled to the country of Syria;
Israel served for a spouse,
And for a wife he tended *sheep.*
13 By a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt,
And by a prophet he was preserved.
14 Ephraim provoked *Him* to anger most bitterly;
Therefore his Lord will leave the guilt of his bloodshed upon him,
And return his reproach upon him.

### *Relentless Judgment on Israel*

13 When Ephraim spoke, trembling,
He exalted *himself* in Israel;
But when he offended through Baal *worship*, he died.
2 Now they sin more and more,
And have made for themselves molded images,
Idols of their silver, according to their skill;
All of it *is* the work of craftsmen.
They say of them,
"Let the men who sacrifice[a] kiss the calves!"
3 Therefore they shall be like the morning cloud
And like the early dew that passes away,
Like chaff blown off from a threshing floor
And like smoke from a chimney.

4 "Yet I *am* the LORD your God
Ever since the land of Egypt,
And you shall know no God but Me;
For *there is* no savior besides Me.
5 I knew you in the wilderness,
In the land of great drought.
6 When they had pasture, they were filled;
They were filled and their heart was exalted;
Therefore they forgot Me.

7 "So I will be to them like a lion;
Like a leopard by the road I will lurk;
8 I will meet them like a bear deprived *of her cubs;*
I will tear open their rib cage,
And there I will devour them like a lion.
The wild beast shall tear them.

9 "O Israel, you are destroyed,[a]
But your help[b] *is* from Me.
10 I will be your King;[a]
Where *is any other,*
That he may save you in all your cities?
And your judges to whom you said,
'Give me a king and princes'?
11 I gave you a king in My anger,
And took *him* away in My wrath.

12 "The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up;
His sin *is* stored up.
13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him.
He *is* an unwise son,
For he should not stay long where children are born.

14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave;[a]
I will redeem them from death.
O Death, I will be your plagues![b]
O Grave,[c] I will be your destruction![d]
Pity is hidden from My eyes."

15 Though he is fruitful among *his* brethren,
An east wind shall come;
The wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness.
Then his spring shall become dry,
And his fountain shall be dried up.
He shall plunder the treasury of every desirable prize.
16 Samaria is held guilty,[a]
For she has rebelled against her God.
They shall fall by the sword,
Their infants shall be dashed in pieces,
And their women with child ripped open.

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**13:2** [a]Or *those who offer human sacrifice* **13:9** [a]Literally *it* or *he destroyed you* [b]Literally *in your help* **13:10** [a]Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *Where is your king?* **13:14** [a]Or *Sheol* [b]Septuagint reads *where is your punishment?* [c]Or *Sheol* [d]Septuagint reads *where is your sting?* **13:16** [a]Septuagint reads *shall be disfigured*

*Israel Restored at Last*

14 O Israel, return to the LORD your God,
For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;
2 Take words with you,
And return to the LORD.
Say to Him,
"Take away all iniquity;
Receive *us* graciously,
For we will offer the sacrifices[a] of our lips.
3 Assyria shall not save us,
We will not ride on horses,
Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, '*You are* our gods.'
For in You the fatherless finds mercy."

4 "I will heal their backsliding,
I will love them freely,
For My anger has turned away from him.
5 I will be like the dew to Israel;
He shall grow like the lily,
And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.
6 His branches shall spread;
His beauty shall be like an olive tree,
And his fragrance like Lebanon.
7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return;
They shall be revived *like* grain,
And grow like a vine.
Their scent[a] *shall be* like the wine of Lebanon.

8 "Ephraim *shall say,* 'What have I to do anymore with idols?'
I have heard and observed him.
I *am* like a green cypress tree;
Your fruit is found in Me."

9 Who *is* wise?
Let him understand these things.
*Who is* prudent?
Let him know them.
For the ways of the LORD *are* right;
The righteous walk in them,
But transgressors stumble in them.

**14:2** [a]Literally *bull calves;* Septuagint reads *fruit.* **14:7** [a]Literally *remembrance*

**WAYWARD CHRISTIANS**

**4 RETURNING TO FAITH**

► *See* **HOSEA 14:4**

Like the father of the prodigal son, God longs for His wayward children to return to Him. He stands ready and waiting for your return. God will forgive any sin, no matter how great, if you ask His forgiveness. Sin separates you from God and obstructs His work in your life (see *Sin*). When unconfessed sin accumulates in your life, it desensitizes you to His Holy Spirit and dulls your conscience regarding sin. Confess your sin before God daily and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal unconfessed sin. "Do not be wise in your own eyes; / Fear the LORD and depart from evil. / It will be health to your flesh, / And strength to your bones" (Proverbs 3:7, 8). (See *Repentance; Restoration*.)

Close relationships with other Christians are very important to help you strengthen your faith, as well, and to keep you from wandering away from God (Hebrews 10:23–25). We all need to be encouraged by one another in our faith to live according to the Spirit, "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6).

Spend time reading, studying, and memorizing the Word of God. "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things . . . and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8, 9).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

# The Book of
# JOEL

1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel the
son of Pethuel.

### *The Land Laid Waste*

2 Hear this, you elders,
And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land!
Has *anything like* this happened in your
days,
Or even in the days of your fathers?
3 Tell your children about it,
*Let* your children *tell* their children,
And their children another generation.

4 What the chewing locust[a] left, the swarming
locust has eaten;
What the swarming locust left, the crawling
locust has eaten;
And what the crawling locust left, the
consuming locust has eaten.

5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep;
And wail, all you drinkers of wine,
Because of the new wine,
For it has been cut off from your mouth.
6 For a nation has come up against My land,
Strong, and without number;
His teeth *are* the teeth of a lion,
And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.
7 He has laid waste My vine,
And ruined My fig tree;
He has stripped it bare and thrown *it* away;
Its branches are made white.

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth
For the husband of her youth.
9 The grain offering and the drink offering
Have been cut off from the house of the
LORD;
The priests mourn, who minister to the LORD.
10 The field is wasted,
The land mourns;
For the grain is ruined,
The new wine is dried up,
The oil fails.

11 Be ashamed, you farmers,
Wail, you vinedressers,
For the wheat and the barley;
Because the harvest of the field has perished.
12 The vine has dried up,
And the fig tree has withered;
The pomegranate tree,
The palm tree also,
And the apple tree—
All the trees of the field are withered;
Surely joy has withered away from the sons
of men.

### *Mourning for the Land*

13 Gird yourselves and lament, you priests;
Wail, you who minister before the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth,
You who minister to my God;
For the grain offering and the drink offering
Are withheld from the house of your God.
14 Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
Gather the elders
*And* all the inhabitants of the land
*Into* the house of the LORD your God,
And cry out to the LORD.

15 Alas for the day!
For the day of the LORD *is* at hand;
It shall come as destruction from the
Almighty.
16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes,
Joy and gladness from the house of our
God?
17 The seed shrivels under the clods,
Storehouses are in shambles;
Barns are broken down,
For the grain has withered.
18 How the animals groan!
The herds of cattle are restless,
Because they have no pasture;
Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment.[a]

19 O LORD, to You I cry out;
For fire has devoured the open pastures,
And a flame has burned all the trees of the
field.
20 The beasts of the field also cry out to You,
For the water brooks are dried up,
And fire has devoured the open pastures.

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**1:4** [a]Exact identity of these locusts is unknown.
**1:18** [a]Septuagint and Vulgate read *are made desolate.*

### *The Day of the Lord*

2 Blow the trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;
For the day of the Lord is coming,
For it is at hand:
2 A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains.
A people *come,* great and strong,
The like of whom has never been;
Nor will there ever be any *such* after them,
Even for many successive generations.

3 A fire devours before them,
And behind them a flame burns;
The land *is* like the Garden of Eden before them,
And behind them a desolate wilderness;
Surely nothing shall escape them.
4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses;
And like swift steeds, so they run.
5 With a noise like chariots
Over mountaintops they leap,
Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble,
Like a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before them the people writhe in pain;
All faces are drained of color.[a]
7 They run like mighty men,
They climb the wall like men of war;
Every one marches in formation,
And they do not break ranks.
8 They do not push one another;
Every one marches in his own column.[a]
Though they lunge between the weapons,
They are not cut down.[b]
9 They run to and fro in the city,
They run on the wall;
They climb into the houses,
They enter at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth quakes before them,
The heavens tremble;
The sun and moon grow dark,
And the stars diminish their brightness.
11 The Lord gives voice before His army,
For His camp is very great;
For strong *is the One* who executes His word.
For the day of the Lord *is* great and very terrible;
Who can endure it?

### *A Call to Repentance*

12 "Now, therefore," says the Lord,
"Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."
13 So rend your heart, and not your garments;
Return to the Lord your God,
For He *is* gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm.
14 Who knows *if* He will turn and relent,
And leave a blessing behind Him—
A grain offering and a drink offering
For the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
16 Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children and nursing babes;
Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber,
And the bride from her dressing room.
17 Let the priests, who minister to the Lord,
Weep between the porch and the altar;
Let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord,
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,
That the nations should rule over them.
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where *is* their God?'"

### *The Land Refreshed*

18 Then the Lord will be zealous for His land,
And pity His people.
19 The Lord will answer and say to His people,
"Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil,
And you will be satisfied by them;
I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

20 "But I will remove far from you the northern *army,*
And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land,

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**2:6** [a]Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *gather blackness.*
**2:8** [a]Literally *his own highway* [b]That is, they are not halted by losses

With his face toward the eastern sea
And his back toward the western sea;
His stench will come up,
And his foul odor will rise,
Because he has done monstrous things."

21 Fear not, O land;
Be glad and rejoice,
For the LORD has done marvelous things!
22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field;
For the open pastures are springing up,
And the tree bears its fruit;
The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.
23 Be glad then, you children of Zion,
And rejoice in the LORD your God;
For He has given you the former rain faithfully,[a]
And He will cause the rain to come down for you—
The former rain,
And the latter rain in the first *month.*
24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
The crawling locust,
The consuming locust,
And the chewing locust,[a]
My great army which I sent among you.
26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
And praise the name of the LORD your God,
Who has dealt wondrously with you;
And My people shall never be put to shame.
27 Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel:
I *am* the LORD your God
And there is no other.
My people shall never be put to shame.

### *God's Spirit Poured Out*

28 "And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.
29 And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:
Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
32 And it shall come to pass
*That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,
As the LORD has said,
Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

### *God Judges the Nations*

3 "For behold, in those days and at that time,
When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,
2 I will also gather all nations,
And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
And I will enter into judgment with them there
On account of My people, My heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations;
They have also divided up My land.
3 They have cast lots for My people,
Have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot,
And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

4 "Indeed, what have you to do with Me,
O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia?
Will you retaliate against Me?
But if you retaliate against Me,
Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head;
5 Because you have taken My silver and My gold,
And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.
6 Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem
You have sold to the Greeks,
That you may remove them far from their borders.

7 "Behold, I will raise them
Out of the place to which you have sold them,
And will return your retaliation upon your own head.

**2:23** [a]Or *the teacher of righteousness* **2:25** [a]Compare 1:4

8 I will sell your sons and your daughters
Into the hand of the people of Judah,
And they will sell them to the Sabeans,[a]
To a people far off;
For the LORD has spoken."

9 Proclaim this among the nations:
"Prepare for war!
Wake up the mighty men,
Let all the men of war draw near,
Let them come up.
10 Beat your plowshares into swords
And your pruning hooks into spears;
Let the weak say, 'I *am* strong.'"
11 Assemble and come, all you nations,
And gather together all around.
Cause Your mighty ones to go down there,
O LORD.

12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.
13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.
Come, go down;
For the winepress is full,
The vats overflow—
For their wickedness *is* great."

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!
For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.
15 The sun and moon will grow dark,
And the stars will diminish their brightness.
16 The LORD also will roar from Zion,
And utter His voice from Jerusalem;
The heavens and earth will shake;
But the LORD will be a shelter for His people,
And the strength of the children of Israel.

17 "So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God,
Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain.
Then Jerusalem shall be holy,
And no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

### *God Blesses His People*

18 And it will come to pass in that day
*That* the mountains shall drip with new wine,
The hills shall flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water;
A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD
And water the Valley of Acacias.

19 "Egypt shall be a desolation,
And Edom a desolate wilderness,
Because of violence *against* the people of Judah,
For they have shed innocent blood in their land.
20 But Judah shall abide forever,
And Jerusalem from generation to generation.
21 For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted;
For the LORD dwells in Zion."

**3:8** [a]Literally *Shebaites* (compare Isaiah 60:6 and Ezekiel 27:22)

# The Book of
# AMOS

1 The words of Amos, who was among the sheepbreeders[a] of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said:

"The LORD roars from Zion,
And utters His voice from Jerusalem;
The pastures of the shepherds mourn,
And the top of Carmel withers."

### *Judgment on the Nations*

3 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron.
4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael,
Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.
5 I will also break the *gate* bar of Damascus,
And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven,
And the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden.
The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir,"
Says the LORD.

6 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because they took captive the whole captivity
To deliver *them* up to Edom.
7 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza,
Which shall devour its palaces.
8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod,
And the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;
I will turn My hand against Ekron,
And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,"
Says the Lord GOD.

9 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom,
And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.
10 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre,
Which shall devour its palaces."

11 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Edom, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because he pursued his brother with the sword,
And cast off all pity;
His anger tore perpetually,
And he kept his wrath forever.
12 But I will send a fire upon Teman,
Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah."

13 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead,
That they might enlarge their territory.
14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah,
And it shall devour its palaces,
Amid shouting in the day of battle,
And a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
15 Their king shall go into captivity,
He and his princes together,"
Says the LORD.

2 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

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**1:1** [a]Compare 2 Kings 3:4

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab,
And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth;
Moab shall die with tumult,
With shouting *and* trumpet sound.
3 And I will cut off the judge from its midst,
And slay all its princes with him,"
Says the LORD.

### *Judgment on Judah*

4 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Judah, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because they have despised the law of the LORD,
And have not kept His commandments.
Their lies lead them astray,
*Lies* which their fathers followed.
5 But I will send a fire upon Judah,
And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem."

### *Judgment on Israel*

6 Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Israel, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment,*
Because they sell the righteous for silver,
And the poor for a pair of sandals.
7 They pant after[a] the dust of the earth *which is* on the head of the poor,
And pervert the way of the humble.
A man and his father go in to the *same* girl,
To defile My holy name.
8 They lie down by every altar on clothes taken in pledge,
And drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house of their god.

9 "Yet *it was* I *who* destroyed the Amorite before them,
Whose height *was* like the height of the cedars,
And he *was as* strong as the oaks;
Yet I destroyed his fruit above
And his roots beneath.
10 Also *it was* I *who* brought you up from the land of Egypt,
And led you forty years through the wilderness,
To possess the land of the Amorite.
11 I raised up some of your sons as prophets,
And some of your young men as Nazirites.
*Is it* not so, O you children of Israel?"
Says the LORD.
12 "But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink,
And commanded the prophets saying,
'Do not prophesy!'

13 "Behold, I am weighed down by you,
As a cart full of sheaves is weighed down.
14 Therefore flight shall perish from the swift,
The strong shall not strengthen his power,
Nor shall the mighty deliver himself;
15 He shall not stand who handles the bow,
The swift of foot shall not escape,
Nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.
16 The most courageous men of might
Shall flee naked in that day,"
Says the LORD.

### *Authority of the Prophet's Message*

3 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:

2 "You only have I known of all the families of the earth;
Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?
4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey?
Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?
5 Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no trap for it?
Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all?
6 If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid?
If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done *it?*

7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
8 A lion has roared!
Who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken!
Who can but prophesy?

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**2:7** [a]Or *trample on*

*Punishment of Israel's Sins*

9 "Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod,[a]
And in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say:
'Assemble on the mountains of Samaria;
See great tumults in her midst,
And the oppressed within her.
10 For they do not know to do right,'
Says the LORD,
'Who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.'"

11 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"An adversary *shall be* all around the land;
He shall sap your strength from you,
And your palaces shall be plundered."

12 Thus says the LORD:

"As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion
Two legs or a piece of an ear,
So shall the children of Israel be taken out
Who dwell in Samaria—
In the corner of a bed and on the edge[a] of a couch!
13 Hear and testify against the house of Jacob,"
Says the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,
14 "That in the day I punish Israel for their transgressions,
I will also visit *destruction* on the altars of Bethel;
And the horns of the altar shall be cut off
And fall to the ground.
15 I will destroy the winter house along with the summer house;
The houses of ivory shall perish,
And the great houses shall have an end,"
Says the LORD.

4 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who *are* on the mountain of Samaria,
Who oppress the poor,
Who crush the needy,
Who say to your husbands,[a] "Bring *wine,* let us drink!"
2 The Lord GOD has sworn by His holiness:
"Behold, the days shall come upon you
When He will take you away with fishhooks,
And your posterity with fishhooks.
3 You will go out *through* broken *walls,*
Each one straight ahead of her,
And you will be cast into Harmon,"
Says the LORD.

4 "Come to Bethel and transgress,
At Gilgal multiply transgression;
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
Your tithes every three days.[a]
5 Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven,
Proclaim *and* announce the freewill offerings;
For this you love,
*You* children of Israel!"
Says the Lord GOD.

*Israel Did Not Accept Correction*

6 "Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities.
And lack of bread in all your places;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

7 "I also withheld rain from you,
When *there were* still three months to the harvest.
I made it rain on one city,
I withheld rain from another city.
One part was rained upon,
And where it did not rain the part withered.
8 So two *or* three cities wandered to another city to drink water,
But they were not satisfied;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

9 "I blasted you with blight and mildew.
When your gardens increased,
Your vineyards,
Your fig trees,
And your olive trees,
The locust devoured *them;*
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

10 "I sent among you a plague after the manner of Egypt;
Your young men I killed with a sword,
Along with your captive horses;
I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

11 "I overthrew *some* of you,
As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,

**3:9** [a]Following Masoretic Text; Septuagint reads *Assyria*.
**3:12** [a]The Hebrew is uncertain. **4:1** [a]Literally *their lords* or *their masters* **4:4** [a]Or *years* (compare Deuteronomy 14:28)

And you were like a firebrand plucked from
the burning;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel;
Because I will do this to you,
Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"

13 For behold,
He who forms mountains,
And creates the wind,
Who declares to man what his[a] thought *is,*
And makes the morning darkness,
Who treads the high places of the earth—
The LORD God of hosts *is* His name.

### *A Lament for Israel*

5 Hear this word which I take up against you,
a lamentation, O house of Israel:

2 The virgin of Israel has fallen;
She will rise no more.
She lies forsaken on her land;
*There is* no one to raise her up.

3 For thus says the Lord GOD:

"The city that goes out by a thousand
Shall have a hundred left,
And that which goes out by a hundred
Shall have ten left to the house of Israel."

### *A Call to Repentance*

4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:

"Seek Me and live;
5 But do not seek Bethel,
Nor enter Gilgal,
Nor pass over to Beersheba;
For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,
And Bethel shall come to nothing.
6 Seek the LORD and live,
Lest He break out like fire *in* the house of
Joseph,
And devour *it,*
With no one to quench *it* in Bethel—
7 You who turn justice to wormwood,
And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"

8 He made the Pleiades and Orion;
He turns the shadow of death into morning
And makes the day dark as night;
He calls for the waters of the sea
And pours them out on the face of the earth;
The LORD *is* His name.

9 He rains ruin upon the strong,
So that fury comes upon the fortress.

10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,
And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.
11 Therefore, because you tread down the poor
And take grain taxes from him,
Though you have built houses of hewn stone,
Yet you shall not dwell in them;
You have planted pleasant vineyards,
But you shall not drink wine from them.
12 For I know your manifold transgressions
And your mighty sins:
Afflicting the just *and* taking bribes;
Diverting the poor *from justice* at the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that
time,
For it *is* an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil,
That you may live;
So the LORD God of hosts will be with you,
As you have spoken.
15 Hate evil, love good;
Establish justice in the gate.
It may be that the LORD God of hosts
Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### *The Day of the LORD*

16 Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord,
says this:

"*There shall be* wailing in all streets,
And they shall say in all the highways,
'Alas! Alas!'
They shall call the farmer to mourning,
And skillful lamenters to wailing.
17 In all vineyards *there shall be* wailing,
For I will pass through you,"
Says the LORD.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
For what good *is* the day of the LORD to you?
It *will be* darkness, and not light.
19 It *will be* as though a man fled from a lion,
And a bear met him!
Or *as though* he went into the house,
Leaned his hand on the wall,
And a serpent bit him!
20 *Is* not the day of the LORD darkness, and not
light?
*Is it not* very dark, with no brightness in it?

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**4:13** [a]Or *His*

21 "I hate, I despise your feast days,
And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.
22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings,
I will not accept *them,*
Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.
23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs,
For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.
24 But let justice run down like water,
And righteousness like a mighty stream.

25 "Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings
In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?
26 You also carried Sikkuth[a] your king[b]
And Chiun,[c] your idols,
The star of your gods,
Which you made for yourselves.
27 Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus,"
Says the LORD, whose name *is* the God of hosts.

### *Warnings to Zion and Samaria*

6 Woe to you *who are* at ease in Zion,
And trust in Mount Samaria,
Notable persons in the chief nation,
To whom the house of Israel comes!
2 Go over to Calneh and see;
And from there go to Hamath the great;
Then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
*Are you* better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory?

3 *Woe to* you who put far off the day of doom,
Who cause the seat of violence to come near;
4 Who lie on beds of ivory,
Stretch out on your couches,
Eat lambs from the flock
And calves from the midst of the stall;
5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments,
*And* invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;
6 Who drink wine from bowls,
And anoint yourselves with the best ointments,
But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.
7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives,
And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

8 The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself,
The LORD God of hosts says:
"I abhor the pride of Jacob,
And hate his palaces;
Therefore I will deliver up *the* city
And all that is in it."

9 Then it shall come to pass, that if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. 10 And when a relative *of the dead,* with one who will burn *the bodies,* picks up the bodies[a] to take them out of the house, he will say to one inside the house, "*Are there* any more with you?"
Then someone will say, "None."
And he will say, "Hold your tongue! For we dare not mention the name of the LORD."

11 For behold, the LORD gives a command:
He will break the great house into bits,
And the little house into pieces.

12 Do horses run on rocks?
Does *one* plow *there* with oxen?
Yet you have turned justice into gall,
And the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,
13 You who rejoice over Lo Debar,[a]
Who say, "Have we not taken Karnaim[b] for ourselves
By our own strength?"

14 "But, behold, I will raise up a nation against you,
O house of Israel,"
Says the LORD God of hosts;
"And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath
To the Valley of the Arabah."

### *Vision of the Locusts*

7 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, He formed locust swarms at the beginning of the late crop; indeed *it was* the late crop after the king's mowings. 2 And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said:

"O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray!
Oh, that Jacob may stand,
For he *is* small!"

**5:26** [a]A pagan deity [b]Septuagint and Vulgate read *tabernacle of Moloch.* [c]A pagan deity **6:10** [a]Literally *bones* **6:13** [a]Literally *Nothing* [b]Literally *Horns,* symbol of strength

3 *So* the LORD relented concerning this.
"It shall not be," said the LORD.

*Vision of the Fire*

4 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, the
Lord GOD called for conflict by fire, and it con-
sumed the great deep and devoured the territory.
5 Then I said:

"O Lord GOD, cease, I pray!
Oh, that Jacob may stand,
For he *is* small!"
6 *So* the LORD relented concerning this.
"This also shall not be," said the Lord GOD.

*Vision of the Plumb Line*

7 Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood
on a wall *made* with a plumb line, with a plumb
line in His hand. 8 And the LORD said to me,
"Amos, what do you see?"
And I said, "A plumb line."
Then the Lord said:

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
In the midst of My people Israel;
I will not pass by them anymore.
9 The high places of Isaac shall be desolate,
And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid
waste.
I will rise with the sword against the house
of Jeroboam."

*Amaziah's Complaint*

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jer-
oboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has con-
spired against you in the midst of the house of
Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.
11 For thus Amos has said:

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
And Israel shall surely be led away captive
From their own land.'"

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos:

"Go, you seer!
Flee to the land of Judah.
There eat bread,
And there prophesy.
13 But never again prophesy at Bethel,
For it *is* the king's sanctuary,
And it *is* the royal residence."

14 Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

"I *was* no prophet,
Nor *was* I a son of a prophet,
But I *was* a sheepbreeder[a]
And a tender of sycamore fruit.
15 Then the LORD took me as I followed the
flock,
And the LORD said to me,
'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'
16 Now therefore, hear the word of the LORD:
You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,
And do not spout against the house of
Isaac.'

17 "Therefore thus says the LORD:

'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city;
Your sons and daughters shall fall by the
sword;
Your land shall be divided by *survey* line;
You shall die in a defiled land;
And Israel shall surely be led away captive
From his own land.'"

*Vision of the Summer Fruit*

8 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, a
basket of summer fruit. 2 And He said, "Amos,
what do you see?"
So I said, "A basket of summer fruit."
Then the LORD said to me:

"The end has come upon My people Israel;
I will not pass by them anymore.
3 And the songs of the temple
Shall be wailing in that day,"
Says the Lord GOD—
"Many dead bodies everywhere,
They shall be thrown out in silence."

4 Hear this, you who swallow up[a] the needy,
And make the poor of the land fail,

5 Saying:

"When will the New Moon be past,
That we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
That we may trade wheat?
Making the ephah small and the shekel
large,
Falsifying the scales by deceit,
6 That we may buy the poor for silver,
And the needy for a pair of sandals—
Even sell the bad wheat?"

7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their works.

**7:14** [a]Compare 2 Kings 3:4 **8:4** [a]Or *trample on* (compare 2:7)

8 Shall the land not tremble for this,
And everyone mourn who dwells in it?
All of it shall swell like the River,[a]
Heave and subside
Like the River of Egypt.

9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD,
"That I will make the sun go down at noon,
And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;
10 I will turn your feasts into mourning,
And all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on every waist,
And baldness on every head;
I will make it like mourning for an only *son,*
And its end like a bitter day.

11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD,
"That I will send a famine on the land,
Not a famine of bread,
Nor a thirst for water,
But of hearing the words of the LORD.
12 They shall wander from sea to sea,
And from north to east;
They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
But shall not find *it.*

13 "In that day the fair virgins
And strong young men
Shall faint from thirst.
14 Those who swear by the sin[a] of Samaria,
Who say,
'As your god lives, O Dan!'
And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!'
They shall fall and never rise again."

### *The Destruction of Israel*

9 I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and He said:

"Strike the doorposts, that the thresholds may shake,
And break them on the heads of them all.
I will slay the last of them with the sword.
He who flees from them shall not get away,
And he who escapes from them shall not be delivered.

2 "Though they dig into hell,[a]
From there My hand shall take them;
Though they climb up to heaven,
From there I will bring them down;
3 And though they hide themselves on top of Carmel,
From there I will search and take them;
Though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea,
From there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them;
4 Though they go into captivity before their enemies,
From there I will command the sword,
And it shall slay them.
I will set My eyes on them for harm and not for good."

5 The Lord GOD of hosts,
He who touches the earth and it melts,
And all who dwell there mourn;
All of it shall swell like the River,[a]
And subside like the River of Egypt.
6 He who builds His layers in the sky,
And has founded His strata in the earth;
Who calls for the waters of the sea,
And pours them out on the face of the earth—
The LORD *is* His name.

7 "*Are* you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me,
O children of Israel?" says the LORD.
"Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt,
The Philistines from Caphtor,
And the Syrians from Kir?

8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* on the sinful kingdom,
And I will destroy it from the face of the earth;
Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,"
Says the LORD.

9 "For surely I will command,
And will sift the house of Israel among all nations,
As *grain* is sifted in a sieve;
Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.
10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword,

**8:8** [a]That is, the Nile; some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *River;* Masoretic Text reads *the light.* **8:14** [a]Or *Ashima,* a Syrian goddess **9:2** [a]Or *Sheol* **9:5** [a]That is, the Nile

Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake
nor confront us.'

### *Israel Will Be Restored*

11 "On that day I will raise up
The tabernacle[a] of David, which has fallen
down,
And repair its damages;
I will raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the days of old;
12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom,[a]
And all the Gentiles who are called by My
name,"
Says the LORD who does this thing.

13 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,
"When the plowman shall overtake the
reaper,
And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;
The mountains shall drip with sweet
wine,
And all the hills shall flow *with it.*
14 I will bring back the captives of My people
Israel;
They shall build the waste cities and inhabit
*them;*
They shall plant vineyards and drink wine
from them;
They shall also make gardens and eat fruit
from them.
15 I will plant them in their land,
And no longer shall they be pulled up
From the land I have given them,"
Says the LORD your God.

**9:11** [a]Literally *booth,* figure of a deposed dynasty
**9:12** [a]Septuagint reads *mankind.*

# The Book of
# OBADIAH

### *The Coming Judgment on Edom*

The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom
(We have heard a report from the Lord,
And a messenger has been sent among the nations, *saying,*
"Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle"):

2 "Behold, I will make you small among the nations;
You shall be greatly despised.
3 The pride of your heart has deceived you,
*You* who dwell in the clefts of the rock,
Whose habitation is high;
*You* who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?'
4 Though you ascend *as* high as the eagle,
And though you set your nest among the stars,
From there I will bring you down," says the Lord.

5 "If thieves had come to you,
If robbers by night—
Oh, how you will be cut off!—
Would they not have stolen till they had enough?
If grape-gatherers had come to you,
Would they not have left *some* gleanings?

6 "Oh, how Esau shall be searched out!
*How* his hidden treasures shall be sought after!
7 All the men in your confederacy
Shall force you to the border;
The men at peace with you
Shall deceive you *and* prevail against you.
*Those who eat* your bread shall lay a trap[a] for you.
No one is aware of it.

8 "Will I not in that day," says the Lord,
"Even destroy the wise *men* from Edom,
And understanding from the mountains of Esau?
9 Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed,
To the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau
May be cut off by slaughter.

### *Edom Mistreated His Brother*

10 "For violence against your brother Jacob,
Shame shall cover you,
And you shall be cut off forever.
11 In the day that you stood on the other side—
In the day that strangers carried captive his forces,
When foreigners entered his gates
And cast lots for Jerusalem—
Even you *were* as one of them.

12 "But you should not have gazed on the day of your brother
In the day of his captivity;[a]
Nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah
In the day of their destruction;
Nor should you have spoken proudly
In the day of distress.
13 You should not have entered the gate of My people
In the day of their calamity.
Indeed, you should not have gazed on their affliction
In the day of their calamity,
Nor laid *hands* on their substance
In the day of their calamity.
14 You should not have stood at the crossroads
To cut off those among them who escaped;
Nor should you have delivered up those among them who remained
In the day of distress.

15 "For the day of the Lord upon all the nations *is* near;
As you have done, it shall be done to you;
Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.
16 For as you drank on My holy mountain,
*So* shall all the nations drink continually;
Yes, they shall drink, and swallow,

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**7** [a]Or *wound,* or *plot* **12** [a]Literally *on the day he became a foreigner*

And they shall be as though they had never
been.

### *Israel's Final Triumph*

17 "But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance,
And there shall be holiness;
The house of Jacob shall possess their
possessions.
18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire,
And the house of Joseph a flame;
But the house of Esau *shall be* stubble;
They shall kindle them and devour them,
And no survivor shall *remain* of the house of
Esau,"
For the LORD has spoken.

19 The South[a] shall possess the mountains of
Esau,
And the Lowland shall possess Philistia.
They shall possess the fields of Ephraim
And the fields of Samaria.
Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.
20 And the captives of this host of the children
of Israel
*Shall possess the land* of the Canaanites
As far as Zarephath.
The captives of Jerusalem who are in
Sepharad
Shall possess the cities of the South.[a]
21 Then saviors[a] shall come to Mount Zion
To judge the mountains of Esau,
And the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

**19** [a]Hebrew *Negev* **20** [a]Hebrew *Negev* **21** [a]Or *deliverers*

# The Book of
# JONAH

### *Jonah's Disobedience*

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the
son of Amittai, saying, 2"Arise, go to Nineveh,
that great city, and cry out against it; for their
wickedness has come up before Me." 3But Jonah
arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the
Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship
going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went
down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the
presence of the Lord.

### *The Storm at Sea*

4But the Lord sent out a great wind on the sea,
and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so
that the ship was about to be broken up.
5Then the mariners were afraid; and every man
cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that *was*
in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load.[a] But
Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the
ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.
6So the captain came to him, and said to him,
"What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your
God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that
we may not perish."
7And they said to one another, "Come, let us
cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this
trouble *has come* upon us." So they cast lots, and
the lot fell on Jonah. 8Then they said to him,
"Please tell us! For whose cause *is* this trouble
upon us? What is your occupation? And where do
you come from? What is your country? And of
what people are you?"
9So he said to them, "I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear
the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea
and the dry *land*."

### *Jonah Thrown into the Sea*

10Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and
said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the
men knew that he fled from the presence of the
Lord, because he had told them. 11Then they said
to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may
be calm for us?"—for the sea was growing more
tempestuous.
12And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw
me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for
you. For I know that this great tempest *is* because
of me."
13Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to
land, but they could not, for the sea continued to
grow more tempestuous against them. 14There-
fore they cried out to the Lord and said, "We pray,
O Lord, please do not let us perish for this man's
life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for
You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You." 15So
they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea,
and the sea ceased from its raging. 16Then the
men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a
sacrifice to the Lord and took vows.

### *Jonah's Prayer and Deliverance*

17Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to
swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the
fish three days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from
the fish's belly. 2And he said:

"I cried out to the Lord because of my
affliction,
And He answered me.

"Out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
*And* You heard my voice.
3 For You cast me into the deep,
Into the heart of the seas,
And the floods surrounded me;
All Your billows and Your waves passed over
me.
4 Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your
sight;
Yet I will look again toward Your holy
temple.'
5 The waters surrounded me, *even* to my soul;
The deep closed around me;
Weeds were wrapped around my head.
6 I went down to the moorings of the
mountains;
The earth with its bars *closed* behind me
forever;
Yet You have brought up my life from the pit,
O Lord, my God.

7 "When my soul fainted within me,
I remembered the Lord;
And my prayer went *up* to You,
Into Your holy temple.

**1:5** [a]Literally *from upon them*

8 "Those who regard worthless idols
Forsake their own Mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice to You
With the voice of thanksgiving;
I will pay what I have vowed.
Salvation *is* of the LORD."

10So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry *land.*

### *Jonah Preaches at Nineveh*

3 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." 3So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey[a] *in extent.* 4And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

### *The People of Nineveh Believe*

5So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 6Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered *himself* with sackcloth and sat in ashes. 7And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying,

> Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock,
> taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink
> water. 8But let man and beast be covered
> with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes,
> let every one turn from his evil way and
> from the violence that is in his hands. 9Who
> can tell *if* God will turn and relent, and turn
> away from His fierce anger, so that we may
> not perish?

10Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

### *Jonah's Anger and God's Kindness*

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for *it is* better for me to die than to live!"

4Then the LORD said, "*Is it* right for you to be angry?"

5So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. 6And the LORD God prepared a plant[a] and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it *so* damaged the plant that it withered. 8And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "*It is* better for me to die than to live."

9Then God said to Jonah, "*Is it* right for you to be angry about the plant?"

And he said, "*It is* right for me to be angry, even to death!"

10But the LORD said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"

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**3:3** [a]Exact meaning unknown **4:6** [a]Hebrew *kikayon,* exact identity unknown

# The Book of
# MICAH

1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah of
Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and*
Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

### *The Coming Judgment on Israel*

2 Hear, all you peoples!
Listen, O earth, and all that is in it!
Let the Lord GOD be a witness against you,
The Lord from His holy temple.

3 For behold, the LORD is coming out of His
place;
He will come down
And tread on the high places of the earth.
4 The mountains will melt under Him,
And the valleys will split
Like wax before the fire,
Like waters poured down a steep place.
5 All this is for the transgression of Jacob
And for the sins of the house of Israel.
What *is* the transgression of Jacob?
*Is it* not Samaria?
And what *are* the high places of Judah?
*Are they* not Jerusalem?

6 "Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of
ruins in the field,
Places for planting a vineyard;
I will pour down her stones into the valley,
And I will uncover her foundations.
7 All her carved images shall be beaten to
pieces,
And all her pay as a harlot shall be burned
with the fire;
All her idols I will lay desolate,
For she gathered *it* from the pay of a harlot,
And they shall return to the pay of a
harlot."

### *Mourning for Israel and Judah*

8 Therefore I will wail and howl,
I will go stripped and naked;
I will make a wailing like the jackals
And a mourning like the ostriches,
9 For her wounds *are* incurable.
For it has come to Judah;
It has come to the gate of My people—
To Jerusalem.
10 Tell *it* not in Gath,
Weep not at all;
In Beth Aphrah[a]
Roll yourself in the dust.
11 Pass by in naked shame, you inhabitant of
Shaphir;
The inhabitant of Zaanan[a] does not go out.
Beth Ezel mourns;
Its place to stand is taken away from you.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth pined[a] for good,
But disaster came down from the LORD
To the gate of Jerusalem.
13 O inhabitant of Lachish,
Harness the chariot to the swift steeds
(She *was* the beginning of sin to the
daughter of Zion),
For the transgressions of Israel were found
in you.

14 Therefore you shall give presents to
Morasheth Gath;[a]
The houses of Achzib[b] *shall be* a lie to the
kings of Israel.
15 I will yet bring an heir to you, O inhabitant
of Mareshah;[a]
The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.
16 Make yourself bald and cut off your hair,
Because of your precious children;
Enlarge your baldness like an eagle,
For they shall go from you into captivity.

### *Woe to Evildoers*

2 Woe to those who devise iniquity,
And work out evil on their beds!
At morning light they practice it,
Because it is in the power of their hand.
2 They covet fields and take *them* by violence,
Also houses, and seize *them.*
So they oppress a man and his house,
A man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, against this family I am devising
disaster,

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**1:10** [a]Literally *House of Dust* **1:11** [a]Literally *Going Out*
**1:12** [a]Literally *was sick* **1:14** [a]Literally *Possession of Gath*
[b]Literally *Lie* **1:15** [a]Literally *Inheritance*

From which you cannot remove your necks;
Nor shall you walk haughtily,
For this *is* an evil time.
4 In that day *one* shall take up a proverb
against you,
And lament with a bitter lamentation, saying:
'We are utterly destroyed!
He has changed the heritage of my people;
How He has removed *it* from me!
To a turncoat He has divided our fields.'"

5 Therefore you will have no one to determine
boundaries[a] by lot
In the assembly of the LORD.

### *Lying Prophets*

6 "Do not prattle," *you say to those* who
prophesy.
So they shall not prophesy to you;[a]
They shall not return insult for insult.[b]
7 *You who are* named the house of Jacob:
"Is the Spirit of the LORD restricted?
*Are* these His doings?
Do not My words do good
To him who walks uprightly?

8 "Lately My people have risen up as an
enemy—
You pull off the robe with the garment
From those who trust *you,* as they pass by,
Like men returned from war.
9 The women of My people you cast out
From their pleasant houses;
From their children
You have taken away My glory forever.

10 "Arise and depart,
For this *is* not *your* rest;
Because it is defiled, it shall destroy,
Yes, with utter destruction.
11 If a man should walk in a false spirit
And speak a lie, *saying,*
'I will prophesy to you of wine and drink,'
Even he would be the prattler of this people.

### *Israel Restored*

12 "I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob,
I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;
I will put them together like sheep of the
fold,[a]
Like a flock in the midst of their pasture;
They shall make a loud noise because of *so
many* people.
13 The one who breaks open will come up
before them;
They will break out,
Pass through the gate,
And go out by it;
Their king will pass before them,
With the LORD at their head."

### *Wicked Rulers and Prophets*

3 And I said:

"Hear now, O heads of Jacob,
And you rulers of the house of Israel:
*Is it* not for you to know justice?
2 You who hate good and love evil;
Who strip the skin from My people,[a]
And the flesh from their bones;
3 Who also eat the flesh of My people,
Flay their skin from them,
Break their bones,
And chop *them* in pieces
Like *meat* for the pot,
Like flesh in the caldron."

4 Then they will cry to the LORD,
But He will not hear them;
He will even hide His face from them at that
time,
Because they have been evil in their deeds.

5 Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets
Who make my people stray;
Who chant "Peace"
While they chew with their teeth,
But who prepare war against him
Who puts nothing into their mouths:
6 "Therefore you shall have night without
vision,
And you shall have darkness without
divination;
The sun shall go down on the prophets,
And the day shall be dark for them.
7 So the seers shall be ashamed,
And the diviners abashed;
Indeed they shall all cover their lips;
For *there is* no answer from God."

8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of
the LORD,
And of justice and might,

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**2:5** [a]Literally *one casting a surveyor's line* **2:6** [a]Literally *to these* [b]Vulgate reads *He shall not take shame.* **2:12** [a]Hebrew *Bozrah* **3:2** [a]Literally *them*

To declare to Jacob his transgression
And to Israel his sin.
9 Now hear this,
You heads of the house of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel,
Who abhor justice
And pervert all equity,
10 Who build up Zion with bloodshed
And Jerusalem with iniquity:
11 Her heads judge for a bribe,
Her priests teach for pay,
And her prophets divine for money.
Yet they lean on the LORD, and say,
"Is not the LORD among us?
No harm can come upon us."
12 Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed *like* a field,
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple[a]
Like the bare hills of the forest.

### *The LORD's Reign in Zion*

4 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
*That* the mountain of the LORD's house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And peoples shall flow to it.
2 Many nations shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths."
For out of Zion the law shall go forth,
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
3 He shall judge between many peoples,
And rebuke strong nations afar off;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.[a]

4 But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree,
And no one shall make *them* afraid;
For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
5 For all people walk each in the name of his god,
But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
Forever and ever.

### *Zion's Future Triumph*

6 "In that day," says the LORD,
"I will assemble the lame,
I will gather the outcast
And those whom I have afflicted;
7 I will make the lame a remnant,
And the outcast a strong nation;
So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion
From now on, even forever.
8 And you, O tower of the flock,
The stronghold of the daughter of Zion,
To you shall it come,
Even the former dominion shall come,
The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem."

9 Now why do you cry aloud?
*Is there* no king in your midst?
Has your counselor perished?
For pangs have seized you like a woman in labor.
10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth,
O daughter of Zion,
Like a woman in birth pangs.
For now you shall go forth from the city,
You shall dwell in the field,
And to Babylon you shall go.
There you shall be delivered;
There the LORD will redeem you
From the hand of your enemies.

11 Now also many nations have gathered against you,
Who say, "Let her be defiled,
And let our eye look upon Zion."
12 But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD,
Nor do they understand His counsel;
For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor.

13 "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion;
For I will make your horn iron,
And I will make your hooves bronze;
You shall beat in pieces many peoples;
I will consecrate their gain to the LORD,
And their substance to the Lord of the whole earth."

**3:12** [a]Literally *house* **4:3** [a]Compare Isaiah 2:2–4

5 Now gather yourself in troops,
O daughter of troops;
He has laid siege against us;
They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod
on the cheek.

*The Coming Messiah*

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
*Though* you are little among the thousands
of Judah,
*Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting."

3 Therefore He shall give them up,
Until the time *that* she who is in labor has
given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren
Shall return to the children of Israel.
4 And He shall stand and feed *His flock*
In the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His
God;
And they shall abide,
For now He shall be great
To the ends of the earth;
5 And this *One* shall be peace.

*Judgment on Israel's Enemies*

When the Assyrian comes into our land,
And when he treads in our palaces,
Then we will raise against him
Seven shepherds and eight princely men.
6 They shall waste with the sword the land of
Assyria,
And the land of Nimrod at its entrances;
Thus He shall deliver *us* from the Assyrian,
When he comes into our land
And when he treads within our borders.

7 Then the remnant of Jacob
Shall be in the midst of many peoples,
Like dew from the LORD,
Like showers on the grass,
That tarry for no man
Nor wait for the sons of men.
8 And the remnant of Jacob
Shall be among the Gentiles,
In the midst of many peoples,
Like a lion among the beasts of the forest,
Like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
Who, if he passes through,
Both treads down and tears in pieces,
And none can deliver.
9 Your hand shall be lifted against your
adversaries,
And all your enemies shall be cut off.

10 "And it shall be in that day," says the LORD,
"That I will cut off your horses from your
midst
And destroy your chariots.
11 I will cut off the cities of your land
And throw down all your strongholds.
12 I will cut off sorceries from your hand,
And you shall have no soothsayers.
13 Your carved images I will also cut off,
And your *sacred* pillars from your midst;
You shall no more worship the work of your
hands;
14 I will pluck your wooden images[a] from your
midst;
Thus I will destroy your cities.
15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and
fury
On the nations that have not heard."[a]

*God Pleads with Israel*

6 Hear now what the LORD says:

"Arise, plead your case before the
mountains,
And let the hills hear your voice.
2 Hear, O you mountains, the LORD's
complaint,
And you strong foundations of the earth;
For the LORD has a complaint against His
people,
And He will contend with Israel.

3 "O My people, what have I done to you?
And how have I wearied you?
Testify against Me.
4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
I redeemed you from the house of bondage;
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and
Miriam.
5 O My people, remember now
What Balak king of Moab counseled,
And what Balaam the son of Beor answered
him,
From Acacia Grove[a] to Gilgal,

**5:14** [a]Hebrew *Asherim,* Canaanite deities **5:15** [a]Or *obeyed*
**6:5** [a]Hebrew *Shittim* (compare Numbers 25:1; Joshua 2:1; 3:1)

That you may know the righteousness of the LORD."

6 With what shall I come before the LORD,
*And* bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?
7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression,
The fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what *is* good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

### *Punishment of Israel's Injustice*

9 The LORD's voice cries to the city—
Wisdom shall see Your name:

"Hear the rod!
Who has appointed it?
10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness
In the house of the wicked,
And the short measure *that is* an abomination?
11 Shall I count pure *those* with the wicked scales,
And with the bag of deceitful weights?
12 For her rich men are full of violence,
Her inhabitants have spoken lies,
And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 "Therefore I will also make *you* sick by striking you,
By making *you* desolate because of your sins.
14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied;
Hunger[a] *shall be* in your midst.
You may carry *some* away,[b] but shall not save *them;*
And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.

15 "You shall sow, but not reap;
You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil;
And *make* sweet wine, but not drink wine.
16 For the statutes of Omri are kept;
All the works of Ahab's house *are done;*
And you walk in their counsels,
That I may make you a desolation,
And your inhabitants a hissing.
Therefore you shall bear the reproach of My people."[a]

### *Sorrow for Israel's Sins*

7 Woe is me!
For I am like those who gather summer fruits,
Like those who glean vintage grapes;
*There is no* cluster to eat
Of the first-ripe fruit *which* my soul desires.
2 The faithful *man* has perished from the earth,
And *there is* no one upright among men.
They all lie in wait for blood;
Every man hunts his brother with a net.

3 That they may successfully do evil with both hands—
The prince asks *for gifts,*
The judge *seeks* a bribe,
And the great *man* utters his evil desire;
So they scheme together.
4 The best of them *is* like a brier;
The most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge;
The day of your watchman and your punishment comes;
Now shall be their perplexity.

5 Do not trust in a friend;
Do not put your confidence in a companion;
Guard the doors of your mouth
From her who lies in your bosom.
6 For son dishonors father,
Daughter rises against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A man's enemies *are* the men of his own household.
7 Therefore I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me.

### *Israel's Confession and Comfort*

8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy;
When I fall, I will arise;

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**6:14** [a]Or *Emptiness* or *Humiliation* [b]Targum and Vulgate read *You shall take hold.* **6:16** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *of nations.*

When I sit in darkness,
The LORD *will be* a light to me.
9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD,
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He pleads my case
And executes justice for me.
He will bring me forth to the light;
I will see His righteousness.
10 Then *she who is* my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who said to me,
"Where is the LORD your God?"
My eyes will see her;
Now she will be trampled down
Like mud in the streets.

11 *In* the day when your walls are to be built,
*In* that day the decree shall go far and wide.[a]
12 *In* that day they[a] shall come to you
From Assyria and the fortified cities,[b]
From the fortress[c] to the River,[d]
From sea to sea,
And mountain *to* mountain.
13 Yet the land shall be desolate
Because of those who dwell in it,
And for the fruit of their deeds.

### *God Will Forgive Israel*

14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff,
The flock of Your heritage,
Who dwell solitarily *in* a woodland,
In the midst of Carmel;
Let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead,
As in days of old.
15 "As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,
I will show them[a] wonders."
16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might;
They shall put *their* hand over *their* mouth;
Their ears shall be deaf.
17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent;
They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth.
They shall be afraid of the LORD our God,
And shall fear because of You.
18 Who *is* a God like You,
Pardoning iniquity
And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights *in* mercy.
19 He will again have compassion on us,
And will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all our[a] sins
Into the depths of the sea.
20 You will give truth to Jacob
*And* mercy to Abraham,
Which You have sworn to our fathers
From days of old.

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**7:11** [a]Or *the boundary shall be extended* **7:12** [a]Literally *he,* collective of the captives [b]Hebrew *arey mazor,* possibly *cities of Egypt* [c]Hebrew *mazor*, possibly *Egypt* [d]That is, the Euphrates **7:15** [a]Literally *him,* collective for the captives **7:19** [a]Literally *their*

# The Book of
# NAHUM

1 The burden[a] against Nineveh. The book of
the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

### *God's Wrath on His Enemies*

2 God *is* jealous, and the Lord avenges;
The Lord avenges and *is* furious.
The Lord will take vengeance on His
adversaries,
And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;
3 The Lord *is* slow to anger and great in
power,
And will not at all acquit *the wicked.*

The Lord has His way
In the whirlwind and in the storm,
And the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.
4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry,
And dries up all the rivers.
Bashan and Carmel wither,
And the flower of Lebanon wilts.
5 The mountains quake before Him,
The hills melt,
And the earth heaves[a] at His presence,
Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.

6 Who can stand before His indignation?
And who can endure the fierceness of His
anger?
His fury is poured out like fire,
And the rocks are thrown down by Him.

7 The Lord *is* good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knows those who trust in Him.
8 But with an overflowing flood
He will make an utter end of its place,
And darkness will pursue His enemies.

9 What do you conspire against the Lord?
He will make an utter end *of it.*
Affliction will not rise up a second time.
10 For while tangled *like* thorns,
And while drunken *like* drunkards,
They shall be devoured like stubble fully
dried.

11 From you comes forth *one*
Who plots evil against the Lord,
A wicked counselor.

12 Thus says the Lord:

"Though *they are* safe, and likewise many,
Yet in this manner they will be cut down
When he passes through.
Though I have afflicted you,
I will afflict you no more;
13 For now I will break off his yoke from you,
And burst your bonds apart."

14 The Lord has given a command concerning
you:
"Your name shall be perpetuated no longer.
Out of the house of your gods
I will cut off the carved image and the
molded image.
I will dig your grave,
For you are vile."

15 Behold, on the mountains
The feet of him who brings good tidings,
Who proclaims peace!
O Judah, keep your appointed feasts,
Perform your vows.
For the wicked one shall no more pass
through you;
He is utterly cut off.

### *The Destruction of Nineveh*

2 He who scatters[a] has come up before your
face.
Man the fort!
Watch the road!
Strengthen *your* flanks!
Fortify *your* power mightily.

2 For the Lord will restore the excellence of
Jacob
Like the excellence of Israel,
For the emptiers have emptied them out
And ruined their vine branches.

3 The shields of his mighty men *are* made red,
The valiant men *are* in scarlet.
The chariots *come* with flaming torches
In the day of his preparation,
And the spears are brandished.[a]

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**1:1** [a]Or *oracle* **1:5** [a]Targum reads *burns.* **2:1** [a]Vulgate reads *He who destroys.* **2:3** [a]Literally *the cypresses are shaken;* Septuagint and Syriac read *the horses rush about;* Vulgate reads *the drivers are stupefied.*

4 The chariots rage in the streets,
They jostle one another in the broad roads;
They seem like torches,
They run like lightning.

5 He remembers his nobles;
They stumble in their walk;
They make haste to her walls,
And the defense is prepared.
6 The gates of the rivers are opened,
And the palace is dissolved.
7 It is decreed:[a]
She shall be led away captive,
She shall be brought up;
And her maidservants shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves,
Beating their breasts.

8 Though Nineveh of old *was* like a pool of water,
Now they flee away.
"Halt! Halt!" *they cry;*
But no one turns back.
9 Take spoil of silver!
Take spoil of gold!
*There is* no end of treasure,
Or wealth of every desirable prize.
10 She is empty, desolate, and waste!
The heart melts, and the knees shake;
Much pain *is* in every side,
And all their faces are drained of color.[a]

11 Where *is* the dwelling of the lions,
And the feeding place of the young lions,
Where the lion walked, the lioness *and* lion's cub,
And no one made *them* afraid?
12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs,
Killed for his lionesses,
Filled his caves with prey,
And his dens with flesh.

13 "Behold, I *am* against you," says the LORD of hosts, "I will burn your[a] chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more."

### *The Woe of Nineveh*

3 Woe to the bloody city!
It *is* all full of lies *and* robbery.
*Its* victim never departs.
2 The noise of a whip
And the noise of rattling wheels,
Of galloping horses,
Of clattering chariots!
3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear.
*There is* a multitude of slain,
A great number of bodies,
Countless corpses—
They stumble over the corpses—
4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot,
The mistress of sorceries,
Who sells nations through her harlotries,
And families through her sorceries.

5 "Behold, I *am* against you," says the LORD of hosts;
"I will lift your skirts over your face,
I will show the nations your nakedness,
And the kingdoms your shame.
6 I will cast abominable filth upon you,
Make you vile,
And make you a spectacle.
7 It shall come to pass *that* all who look upon you
Will flee from you, and say,
'Nineveh is laid waste!
Who will bemoan her?'
Where shall I seek comforters for you?"

8 Are you better than No Amon[a]
*That was* situated by the River,[b]
That had the waters around her,
Whose rampart *was* the sea,
Whose wall *was* the sea?
9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength,
And *it was* boundless;
Put and Lubim were your[a] helpers.
10 Yet she *was* carried away,
She went into captivity;
Her young children also were dashed to pieces
At the head of every street;
They cast lots for her honorable men,
And all her great men were bound in chains.
11 You also will be drunk;
You will be hidden;
You also will seek refuge from the enemy.

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**2:7** [a]Hebrew *Huzzab* **2:10** [a]Compare Joel 2:6 **2:13** [a]Literally *her* **3:8** [a]That is, ancient Thebes; Targum and Vulgate read *populous Alexandria.* [b]Literally *rivers*, that is, the Nile and the surrounding canals **3:9** [a]Septuagint reads *her.*

12 All your strongholds *are* fig trees with
ripened figs:
If they are shaken,
They fall into the mouth of the eater.
13 Surely, your people in your midst *are* women!
The gates of your land are wide open for
your enemies;
Fire shall devour the bars of your *gates.*

14 Draw your water for the siege!
Fortify your strongholds!
Go into the clay and tread the mortar!
Make strong the brick kiln!
15 There the fire will devour you,
The sword will cut you off;
It will eat you up like a locust.

Make yourself many—like the locust!
Make yourself many—like the *swarming*
locusts!

16 You have multiplied your merchants more
than the stars of heaven.
The locust plunders and flies away.
17 Your commanders *are* like *swarming* locusts,
And your generals like great grasshoppers,
Which camp in the hedges on a cold day;
When the sun rises they flee away,
And the place where they *are* is not known.

18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria;
Your nobles rest *in the dust.*
Your people are scattered on the mountains,
And no one gathers them.
19 Your injury *has* no healing,
Your wound is severe.
All who hear news of you
Will clap *their* hands over you,
For upon whom has not your wickedness
passed continually?

# The Book of
# HABAKKUK

1 The burden[a] which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

### *The Prophet's Question*

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry,
And You will not hear?
Even cry out to You, "Violence!"
And You will not save.
3 Why do You show me iniquity,
And cause *me* to see trouble?
For plundering and violence *are* before me;
There is strife, and contention arises.
4 Therefore the law is powerless,
And justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.

### *The Lord's Reply*

5 "Look among the nations and watch—
Be utterly astounded!
For *I will* work a work in your days
*Which* you would not believe, though it were told *you.*
6 For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans,
A bitter and hasty nation
Which marches through the breadth of the earth,
To possess dwelling places *that are* not theirs.
7 They are terrible and dreadful;
Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards,
And more fierce than evening wolves.
Their chargers charge ahead;
Their cavalry comes from afar;
They fly as the eagle *that* hastens to eat.

9 "They all come for violence;
Their faces are set *like* the east wind.
They gather captives like sand.
10 They scoff at kings,
And princes are scorned by them.
They deride every stronghold,
For they heap up earthen *mounds* and seize it.
11 Then *his* mind[a] changes, and he transgresses;
He commits offense,
*Ascribing* this power to his god."

### *The Prophet's Second Question*

12 Are You not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, You have appointed them for judgment;
O Rock, You have marked them for correction.
13 *You are* of purer eyes than to behold evil,
And cannot look on wickedness.
Why do You look on those who deal treacherously,
*And* hold Your tongue when the wicked devours
A *person* more righteous than he?
14 *Why* do You make men like fish of the sea,
Like creeping things *that have* no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with a hook,
They catch them in their net,
And gather them in their dragnet.
Therefore they rejoice and are glad.
16 Therefore they sacrifice to their net,
And burn incense to their dragnet;
Because by them their share *is* sumptuous
And their food plentiful.
17 Shall they therefore empty their net,
And continue to slay nations without pity?

2 I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what He will say to me,
And what I will answer when I am corrected.

### *The Just Live by Faith*

2 Then the Lord answered me and said:

"Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.
3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry.

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**1:1** [a]Or *oracle* **1:11** [a]Literally *spirit* or *wind*

4 "Behold the proud,
His soul is not upright in him;
But the just shall live by his faith.

### *Woe to the Wicked*

5 "Indeed, because he transgresses by wine,
*He is* a proud man,
And he does not stay at home.
Because he enlarges his desire as hell,[a]
And he *is* like death, and cannot be satisfied,
He gathers to himself all nations
And heaps up for himself all peoples.

6 "Will not all these take up a proverb against him,
And a taunting riddle against him, and say,
'Woe to him who increases
*What* is not his—how long?
And to him who loads himself with many pledges'?[a]
7 Will not your creditors[a] rise up suddenly?
Will they not awaken who oppress you?
And you will become their booty.
8 Because you have plundered many nations,
All the remnant of the people shall plunder you,
Because of men's blood
And the violence of the land *and* the city,
And of all who dwell in it.

9 "Woe to him who covets evil gain for his house,
That he may set his nest on high,
That he may be delivered from the power of disaster!
10 You give shameful counsel to your house,
Cutting off many peoples,
And sin *against* your soul.
11 For the stone will cry out from the wall,
And the beam from the timbers will answer it.

12 "Woe to him who builds a town with bloodshed,
Who establishes a city by iniquity!
13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts
That the peoples labor to feed the fire,[a]
And nations weary themselves in vain?
14 For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

15 "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor,
Pressing[a] *him to* your bottle,
Even to make *him* drunk,
That you may look on his nakedness!
16 You are filled with shame instead of glory.
You also—drink!
And be exposed as uncircumcised![a]
The cup of the LORD's right hand *will be* turned against you,
And utter shame will be on your glory.
17 For the violence *done to* Lebanon will cover you,
And the plunder of beasts *which* made them afraid,
Because of men's blood
And the violence of the land *and* the city,
And of all who dwell in it.

18 "What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it,
The molded image, a teacher of lies,
That the maker of its mold should trust in it,
To make mute idols?
19 Woe to him who says to wood, 'Awake!'
To silent stone, 'Arise! It shall teach!'
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
Yet in it there is no breath at all.

20 "But the LORD is in His holy temple.
Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

### *The Prophet's Prayer*

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, on Shigionoth.[a]

2 O LORD, I have heard Your speech *and* was afraid;
O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!
In the midst of the years make *it* known;
In wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Teman,
The Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah

His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of His praise.
4 *His* brightness was like the light;
He had rays *flashing* from His hand,
And there His power *was* hidden.

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**2:5** [a]Or *Sheol* **2:6** [a]Syriac and Vulgate read *thick clay.* **2:7** [a]Literally *those who bite you* **2:13** [a]Literally *for what satisfies fire,* that is, for what is of no lasting value **2:15** [a]Literally *Attaching* or *Joining* **2:16** [a]Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint read *And reel!;* Syriac and Vulgate read *And fall fast asleep!* **3:1** [a]Exact meaning unknown

5 Before Him went pestilence,
And fever followed at His feet.

6 He stood and measured the earth;
He looked and startled the nations.
And the everlasting mountains were scattered,
The perpetual hills bowed.
His ways *are* everlasting.
7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
The curtains of the land of Midian trembled.

8 O LORD, were *You* displeased with the rivers,
*Was* Your anger against the rivers,
*Was* Your wrath against the sea,
That You rode on Your horses,
Your chariots of salvation?
9 Your bow was made quite ready;
Oaths were sworn over *Your* arrows.[a] Selah

You divided the earth with rivers.
10 The mountains saw You *and* trembled;
The overflowing of the water passed by.
The deep uttered its voice,
*And* lifted its hands on high.
11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation;
At the light of Your arrows they went,
At the shining of Your glittering spear.

12 You marched through the land in indignation;
You trampled the nations in anger.
13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people,
For salvation with Your Anointed.
You struck the head from the house of the wicked,
By laying bare from foundation to neck. Selah

14 You thrust through with his own arrows
The head of his villages.
They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me;
Their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in secret.
15 You walked through the sea with Your horses,
Through the heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my body trembled;
My lips quivered at *the* voice;
Rottenness entered my bones;
And I trembled in myself,
That I might rest in the day of trouble.
When he comes up to the people,
He will invade them with his troops.

### *A Hymn of Faith*

17 Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail,
And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stalls—
18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God[a] is my strength;
He will make my feet like deer's *feet,*
And He will make me walk on my high hills.

To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.

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**3:9** [a]Literally *rods* or *tribes* (compare verse 14) **3:19** [a]Hebrew *YHWH Adonai*

# The Book of
# ZEPHANIAH

1 The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

### *The Great Day of the LORD*

2 "I will utterly consume everything
From the face of the land,"
Says the LORD;
3 "I will consume man and beast;
I will consume the birds of the heavens,
The fish of the sea,
And the stumbling blocks[a] along with the wicked.
I will cut off man from the face of the land,"
Says the LORD.

4 "I will stretch out My hand against Judah,
And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place,
The names of the idolatrous priests[a] with the *pagan* priests—
5 Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops;
Those who worship and swear *oaths* by the LORD,
But who *also* swear by Milcom;[a]
6 Those who have turned back from *following* the LORD,
And have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him."

7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD;
For the day of the LORD *is* at hand,
For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
He has invited[a] His guests.

8 "And it shall be,
In the day of the LORD's sacrifice,
That I will punish the princes and the king's children,
And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.
9 In the same day I will punish
All those who leap over the threshold,[a]
Who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10 "And there shall be on that day," says the LORD,
"The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate,
A wailing from the Second Quarter,
And a loud crashing from the hills.
11 Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh![a]
For all the merchant people are cut down;
All those who handle money are cut off.

12 "And it shall come to pass at that time
*That* I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
And punish the men
Who are settled in complacency,[a]
Who say in their heart,
'The LORD will not do good,
Nor will He do evil.'
13 Therefore their goods shall become booty,
And their houses a desolation;
They shall build houses, but not inhabit *them;*
They shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine."

14 The great day of the LORD *is* near;
*It is* near and hastens quickly.
The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter;
There the mighty men shall cry out.
15 That day *is* a day of wrath,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of devastation and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 A day of trumpet and alarm
Against the fortified cities
And against the high towers.

17 "I will bring distress upon men,
And they shall walk like blind men,
Because they have sinned against the LORD;
Their blood shall be poured out like dust,
And their flesh like refuse."

18 Neither their silver nor their gold
Shall be able to deliver them

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**1:3** [a]Figurative of idols **1:4** [a]Hebrew *chemarim*
**1:5** [a]Or *Malcam,* an Ammonite god, also called *Molech* (compare Leviticus 18:21) **1:7** [a]Literally *set apart, consecrated*
**1:9** [a]Compare 1 Samuel 5:5 **1:11** [a]Literally *Mortar,* a market district of Jerusalem **1:12** [a]Literally *on their lees,* that is, settled like the dregs of wine

In the day of the LORD's wrath;
But the whole land shall be devoured
By the fire of His jealousy,
For He will make speedy riddance
Of all those who dwell in the land.

### *A Call to Repentance*

2 Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together,
O undesirable[a] nation,
2 Before the decree is issued,
*Or* the day passes like chaff,
Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you,
Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you!
3 Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth,
Who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility.
It may be that you will be hidden
In the day of the LORD's anger.

### *Judgment on Nations*

4 For Gaza shall be forsaken,
And Ashkelon desolate;
They shall drive out Ashdod at noonday,
And Ekron shall be uprooted.
5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast,
The nation of the Cherethites!
The word of the LORD *is* against you,
O Canaan, land of the Philistines:
"I will destroy you;
So there shall be no inhabitant."

6 The seacoast shall be pastures,
With shelters[a] for shepherds and folds for flocks.
7 The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah;
They shall feed *their* flocks there;
In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening.
For the LORD their God will intervene for them,
And return their captives.

8 "I have heard the reproach of Moab,
And the insults of the people of Ammon,
With which they have reproached My people,
And made arrogant threats against their borders.
9 Therefore, as I live,"
Says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
"Surely Moab shall be like Sodom,
And the people of Ammon like Gomorrah—
Overrun with weeds and saltpits,
And a perpetual desolation.
The residue of My people shall plunder them,
And the remnant of My people shall possess them."

10 This they shall have for their pride,
Because they have reproached and made arrogant threats
Against the people of the LORD of hosts.
11 The LORD *will be* awesome to them,
For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth;
*People* shall worship Him,
Each one from his place,
Indeed all the shores of the nations.

12 "You Ethiopians also,
You shall be slain by My sword."

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north,
Destroy Assyria,
And make Nineveh a desolation,
As dry as the wilderness.
14 The herds shall lie down in her midst,
Every beast of the nation.
Both the pelican and the bittern
Shall lodge on the capitals *of* her *pillars;*
Their voice shall sing in the windows;
Desolation *shall be* at the threshold;
For He will lay bare the cedar work.
15 This is the rejoicing city
That dwelt securely,
That said in her heart,
"I *am it,* and *there is* none besides me."
How has she become a desolation,
A place for beasts to lie down!
Everyone who passes by her
Shall hiss and shake his fist.

### *The Wickedness of Jerusalem*

3 Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted,
To the oppressing city!
2 She has not obeyed *His* voice,
She has not received correction;
She has not trusted in the LORD,
She has not drawn near to her God.

**2:1** [a]Or *shameless* **2:6** [a]Literally *excavations,* either underground huts or cisterns

3 Her princes in her midst *are* roaring lions;
Her judges *are* evening wolves
That leave not a bone till morning.
4 Her prophets are insolent, treacherous
people;
Her priests have polluted the sanctuary,
They have done violence to the law.
5 The LORD *is* righteous in her midst,
He will do no unrighteousness.
Every morning He brings His justice to light;
He never fails,
But the unjust knows no shame.

6 "I have cut off nations,
Their fortresses are devastated;
I have made their streets desolate,
With none passing by.
Their cities are destroyed;
*There is* no one, no inhabitant.
7 I said, 'Surely you will fear Me,
You will receive instruction'—
So that her dwelling would not be cut off,
*Despite* everything for which I punished her.
But they rose early and corrupted all their
deeds.

### *A Faithful Remnant*

8 "Therefore wait for Me," says the LORD,
"Until the day I rise up for plunder;[a]
My determination *is* to gather the nations
To My assembly of kingdoms,
To pour on them My indignation,
All My fierce anger;
All the earth shall be devoured
With the fire of My jealousy.

9 "For then I will restore to the peoples a pure
language,
That they all may call on the name of the
LORD,
To serve Him with one accord.
10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
My worshipers,
The daughter of My dispersed ones,
Shall bring My offering.
11 In that day you shall not be shamed for any
of your deeds
In which you transgress against Me;
For then I will take away from your midst
Those who rejoice in your pride,
And you shall no longer be haughty
In My holy mountain.
12 I will leave in your midst
A meek and humble people,
And they shall trust in the name of the LORD.
13 The remnant of Israel shall do no
unrighteousness
And speak no lies,
Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their
mouth;
For they shall feed *their* flocks and lie down,
And no one shall make *them* afraid."

### *Joy in God's Faithfulness*

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all *your* heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
15 The LORD has taken away your judgments,
He has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, the LORD, *is* in your midst;
You shall see[a] disaster no more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Do not fear;
Zion, let not your hands be weak.
17 The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet *you* with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."

18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the
appointed assembly,
Who are among you,
*To whom* its reproach *is* a burden.
19 Behold, at that time
I will deal with all who afflict you;
I will save the lame,
And gather those who were driven out;
I will appoint them for praise and fame
In every land where they were put to shame.
20 At that time I will bring you back,
Even at the time I gather you;
For I will give you fame and praise
Among all the peoples of the earth,
When I return your captives before your
eyes,"
Says the LORD.

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**3:8** [a]Septuagint and Syriac read *for witness;* Targum reads *for the day of My revelation for judgment;* Vulgate reads *for the day of My resurrection that is to come*. **3:15** [a]Some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint, and Bomberg read *see;* Masoretic Text and Vulgate read *fear.*

# The Book of
# HAGGAI

### *The Command to Build God's House*

1 In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2"Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built."'"

3Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4"*Is it* time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple[a] *to lie* in ruins?" 5Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

6 "You have sown much, and bring in little;
You eat, but do not have enough;
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
And he who earns wages,
Earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes."

7Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! 8Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD. 9"*You* looked for much, but indeed *it came to* little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that *is in* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. 10Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. 11For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of *your* hands."

### *The People's Obedience*

12Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD. 13Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I *am* with you, says the LORD." 14So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, 15on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

### *The Coming Glory of God's House*

2 In the seventh *month,* on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying: 2"Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: 3'Who is left among you who saw this temple[a] in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, *is this* not in your eyes as nothing? 4Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I *am* with you,' says the LORD of hosts. 5'*According to* the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

6"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it *is* a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations,[a] and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8'The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

### *The People Are Defiled*

10On the twenty-fourth *day* of the ninth *month,* in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests *concerning the* law, saying, 12"If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?"'"

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**1:4** [a]Literally *house,* and so in verse 8 **2:3** [a]Literally *house,* and so in verses 7 and 9 **2:7** [a]Or *the desire of all nations*

Then the priests answered and said, "No."

13 And Haggai said, "If *one who is* unclean *because* of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?"

So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said, "'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

### *Promised Blessing*

15 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD— 16 since those *days,* when *one* came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were *but* ten; when *one* came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were *but* twenty. 17 I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me,' says the LORD. 18 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid—consider it: 19 Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded *fruit. But* from this day I will bless *you.*'"

### *Zerubbabel Chosen as a Signet*

20 And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying:

'I will shake heaven and earth.
22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms;
I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms.
I will overthrow the chariots
And those who ride in them;
The horses and their riders shall come down,
Every one by the sword of his brother.

23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet *ring;* for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."

# The Book of
# ZECHARIAH

### *A Call to Repentance*

1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2"The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. 3Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. 4"Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds."' But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the Lord.

5 "Your fathers, where *are* they?
And the prophets, do they live forever?
6 Yet surely My words and My statutes,
Which I commanded My servants the prophets,
Did they not overtake your fathers?

"So they returned and said:

'Just as the Lord of hosts determined to do to us,
According to our ways and according to our deeds,
So He has dealt with us.'"'"

### *Vision of the Horses*

7On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet: 8I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him *were* horses: red, sorrel, and white. 9Then I said, "My lord, what *are* these?" So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they *are*."

10And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These *are the ones* whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."

11So they answered the Angel of the Lord, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly."

### *The Lord Will Comfort Zion*

12Then the Angel of the Lord answered and said, "O Lord of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?"

13And the Lord answered the angel who talked to me, *with* good *and* comforting words. 14So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts:

"I am zealous for Jerusalem
And for Zion with great zeal.
15 I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease;
For I was a little angry,
And they helped—*but* with evil *intent.*"

16'Therefore thus says the Lord:

"I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy;
My house shall be built in it," says the Lord of hosts,
"And a *surveyor's* line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem."'

17"Again proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts:

"My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;
The Lord will again comfort Zion,
And will again choose Jerusalem."'"

### *Vision of the Horns*

18Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there *were* four horns. 19And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What *are* these?"

So he answered me, "These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. 21And I said, "What are these coming to do?"

So he said, "These *are* the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen[a] are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up *their* horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

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**1:21** [a]Literally *these*

*Vision of the Measuring Line*

2 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2So I said, "Where are you going?"

And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its width and what *is* its length."

3And there *was* the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him, 4who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. 5For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

*Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations*

6"'Up, up! Flee from the land of the north,' says the LORD; 'for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven,' says the LORD. 7'Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.'"

8For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. 9For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

10"'Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,' says the LORD. 11'Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. 12And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem. 13Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!"

*Vision of the High Priest*

3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. 2And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! *Is* this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

4Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."

5And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head."

So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

*The Coming Branch*

6Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, 7"Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'If you will walk in My ways,
And if you will keep My command,
Then you shall also judge My house,
And likewise have charge of My courts;
I will give you places to walk
Among these who stand here.

8 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest,
You and your companions who sit before you,
For they are a wondrous sign;
For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.
9 For behold, the stone
That I have laid before Joshua:
Upon the stone *are* seven eyes.
Behold, I will engrave its inscription,'
Says the LORD of hosts,
'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.
10 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts,
'Everyone will invite his neighbor
Under his vine and under his fig tree.'"

*Vision of the Lampstand and Olive Trees*

4 Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. 2And he said to me, "What do you see?"

So I said, "I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. 3Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." 4So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What *are* these, my lord?"

5Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?"

And I said, "No, my lord."

6So he answered and said to me:

"This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:
'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the LORD of hosts.
7 'Who *are* you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain!
And he shall bring forth the capstone
With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

8Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel
Have laid the foundation of this temple;[a]
His hands shall also finish *it.*
Then you will know
That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.
10 For who has despised the day of small things?
For these seven rejoice to see
The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.
They are the eyes of the LORD,
Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

11Then I answered and said to him, "What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?" 12And I further answered and said to him, "What *are these* two olive branches that *drip* into the receptacles[a] of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?"

13Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these *are?*"

And I said, "No, my lord."

14So he said, "These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."

### *Vision of the Flying Scroll*

5 Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll.

2And he said to me, "What do you see?"

So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length *is* twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."

3Then he said to me, "This *is* the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according *to* this side of *the scroll;* and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according *to* that side of it."

4 "I will send out *the curse,*" says the LORD of hosts;
"It shall enter the house of the thief
And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name.
It shall remain in the midst of his house
And consume it, with its timber and stones."

### *Vision of the Woman in a Basket*

5Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this *is* that goes forth."

6So I asked, "What *is* it?" And he said, "It *is* a basket[a] that is going forth."

He also said, "This *is* their resemblance throughout the earth: 7Here *is* a lead disc lifted up, and this *is* a woman sitting inside the basket"; 8then he said, "This *is* Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover[a] over its mouth. 9Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there *were* two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

10So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"

11And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar;[a] when it is ready, *the basket* will be set there on its base."

### *Vision of the Four Chariots*

6 Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots *were* coming from between two mountains, and the mountains *were* mountains of bronze. 2With the first chariot *were* red horses, with the second chariot black horses, 3with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong *steeds.* 4Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, "What *are* these, my lord?"

5And the angel answered and said to me, "These *are* four spirits of heaven, who go out from *their* station before the Lord of all the earth. 6The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country." 7Then the strong *steeds* went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro throughout the earth. 8And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country."

### *The Command to Crown Joshua*

9Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 10"Receive *the gift* from the captives—from Hel-

**4:9** [a]Literally *house* **4:12** [a]Literally *into the hands of*
**5:6** [a]Hebrew *ephah,* a measuring container, and so elsewhere
**5:8** [a]Literally *stone* **5:11** [a]That is, Babylon

dai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon—and go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah. 11Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown, and set *it* on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. 12Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying:

"'Behold, the Man whose name *is* the BRANCH!
From His place He shall branch out,
And He shall build the temple of the LORD;
13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD.
He shall bear the glory,
And shall sit and rule on His throne;
So He shall be a priest on His throne,
And the counsel of peace shall be between them both."'

14"Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD for Helem,[a] Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. 15Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And *this* shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

### *Obedience Better than Fasting*

7 Now in the fourth year of King Darius it came to pass *that* the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, on the fourth *day* of the ninth month, Chislev, 2when *the people*[a] sent Sherezer,[b] with Regem-Melech and his men, *to* the house of God,[c] to pray before the LORD, 3*and* to ask the priests who *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and the prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?"

4Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, 5"Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *months* during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me—for Me? 6When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink *for yourselves?* 7*Should you* not *have obeyed* the words which the LORD proclaimed through the former prophets when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and the South[a] and the Lowland were inhabited?'"

### *Disobedience Resulted in Captivity*

8Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, 9"Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Execute true justice,
Show mercy and compassion
Everyone to his brother.
10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless,
The alien or the poor.
Let none of you plan evil in his heart
Against his brother.'

11"But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. 12Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. 13Therefore it happened, *that* just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts. 14"But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate."

### *Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future*

8 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, 2"Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal;
With great fervor I am zealous for her.'

3"Thus says the LORD:

'I will return to Zion,
And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth,
The Mountain of the LORD of hosts,
The Holy Mountain.'

4"Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Old men and old women shall again sit
In the streets of Jerusalem,
Each one with his staff in his hand
Because of great age.
5 The streets of the city
Shall be full of boys and girls
Playing in its streets.'

6"Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,

**6:14** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Syriac reads *for Heldai* (compare verse 10); Septuagint reads *for the patient ones*. **7:2** [a]Literally *they* (compare verse 5) [b]Or *Sar-Ezer* [c]Hebrew *Bethel* **7:7** [a]Hebrew *Negev*

Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?'
Says the LORD of hosts.

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east
And from the land of the west;
8 I will bring them *back,*
And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
They shall be My people
And I will be their God,
In truth and righteousness.'

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Let your hands be strong,
You who have been hearing in these days
These words by the mouth of the prophets,
Who *spoke* in the day the foundation was laid
For the house of the LORD of hosts,
That the temple might be built.
10 For before these days
There were no wages for man nor any hire for beast;
*There was* no peace from the enemy for whoever went out or came in;
For I set all men, everyone, against his neighbor.

11 But now I *will* not *treat* the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says the LORD of hosts.

12 'For the seed *shall be* prosperous,
The vine shall give its fruit,
The ground shall give her increase,
And the heavens shall give their dew—
I will cause the remnant of this people
To possess all these.
13 And it shall come to pass
*That* just as you were a curse among the nations,
O house of Judah and house of Israel,
So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing.
Do not fear,
Let your hands be strong.'

14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Just as I determined to punish you
When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,'
Says the LORD of hosts,
'And I would not relent,
15 So again in these days
I am determined to do good
To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
Do not fear.
16 These *are* the things you shall do:
Speak each man the truth to his neighbor;
Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;
17 Let none of you think evil in your[a] heart against your neighbor;
And do not love a false oath.
For all these *are things* that I hate,'
Says the LORD."

18 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, 19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'The fast of the fourth *month,*
The fast of the fifth,
The fast of the seventh,
And the fast of the tenth,
Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts
For the house of Judah.
Therefore love truth and peace.'

20 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Peoples shall yet come,
Inhabitants of many cities;
21 The inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying,
"Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD,
And seek the LORD of hosts.
I myself will go also."
22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations
Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem,
And to pray before the LORD.'

23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard *that* God *is* with you."'"

### *Israel Defended Against Enemies*

9 The burden[a] of the word of the LORD
Against the land of Hadrach,
And Damascus its resting place
(For the eyes of men
And all the tribes of Israel
Are on the LORD);

**8:17** [a]Literally *his* **9:1** [a]Or *oracle*

2 Also *against* Hamath, *which* borders on it,
And *against* Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise.

3 For Tyre built herself a tower,
Heaped up silver like the dust,
And gold like the mire of the streets.
4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out;
He will destroy her power in the sea,
And she will be devoured by fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see *it* and fear;
Gaza also shall be very sorrowful;
And Ekron, for He dried up her expectation.
The king shall perish from Gaza,
And Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 "A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod,
And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
7 I will take away the blood from his mouth,
And the abominations from between his teeth.
But he who remains, even he *shall be* for our God,
And shall be like a leader in Judah,
And Ekron like a Jebusite.
8 I will camp around My house
Because of the army,
Because of him who passes by and him who returns.
No more shall an oppressor pass through them,
For now I have seen with My eyes.

### *The Coming King*

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He *is* just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off.
He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion *shall be* 'from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'[a]

### *God Will Save His People*

11 "As for you also,
Because of the blood of your covenant,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to the stronghold,
You prisoners of hope.
Even today I declare
*That* I will restore double to you.
13 For I have bent Judah, My *bow,*
Fitted the bow with Ephraim,
And raised up your sons, O Zion,
Against your sons, O Greece,
And made you like the sword of a mighty man."

14 Then the LORD will be seen over them,
And His arrow will go forth like lightning.
The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,
And go with whirlwinds from the south.
15 The LORD of hosts will defend them;
They shall devour and subdue with slingstones.
They shall drink *and* roar as if with wine;
They shall be filled *with blood* like basins,
Like the corners of the altar.
16 The LORD their God will save them in that day,
As the flock of His people.
For they *shall be like* the jewels of a crown,
Lifted like a banner over His land—
17 For how great is its[a] goodness
And how great its[b] beauty!
Grain shall make the young men thrive,
And new wine the young women.

### *Restoration of Judah and Israel*

10 Ask the LORD for rain
In the time of the latter rain.[a]
The LORD will make flashing clouds;
He will give them showers of rain,
Grass in the field for everyone.

2 For the idols[a] speak delusion;
The diviners envision lies,
And tell false dreams;
They comfort in vain.
Therefore *the people* wend their way like sheep;
They are in trouble because *there is* no shepherd.

3 "My anger is kindled against the shepherds,
And I will punish the goatherds.
For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock,
The house of Judah,

**9:10** [a]Psalm 72:8 **9:17** [a]Or *His* [b]Or *His* **10:1** [a]That is, spring rain **10:2** [a]Hebrew *teraphim*

And will make them as His royal horse in the battle.
4 From him comes the cornerstone,
From him the tent peg,
From him the battle bow,
From him every ruler[a] together.
5 They shall be like mighty men,
Who tread down *their enemies*
In the mire of the streets in the battle.
They shall fight because the LORD is with them,
And the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah,
And I will save the house of Joseph.
I will bring them back,
Because I have mercy on them.
They shall be as though I had not cast them aside;
For I *am* the LORD their God,
And I will hear them.
7 *Those of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,
And their heart shall rejoice as if with wine.
Yes, their children shall see *it* and be glad;
Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.
8 I will whistle for them and gather them,
For I will redeem them;
And they shall increase as they once increased.

9 "I will sow them among the peoples,
And they shall remember Me in far countries;
They shall live, together with their children,
And they shall return.
10 I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt,
And gather them from Assyria.
I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon,
Until no *more room* is found for them.
11 He shall pass through the sea with affliction,
And strike the waves of the sea:
All the depths of the River[a] shall dry up.
Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
And the scepter of Egypt shall depart.

12 "So I will strengthen them in the LORD,
And they shall walk up and down in His name,"
Says the LORD.

### *Desolation of Israel*

11 Open your doors, O Lebanon,
That fire may devour your cedars.
2 Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen,
Because the mighty *trees* are ruined.
Wail, O oaks of Bashan,
For the thick forest has come down.
3 *There is* the sound of wailing shepherds!
For their glory is in ruins.
*There is* the sound of roaring lions!
For the pride[a] of the Jordan is in ruins.

### *Prophecy of the Shepherds*

4 Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for slaughter, 5 whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich'; and their shepherds do not pity them. 6 For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. "But indeed I will give everyone into his neighbor's hand and into the hand of his king. They shall attack the land, and I will not deliver *them* from their hand."

7 So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock.[a] I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Beauty,[b] and the other I called Bonds;[c] and I fed the flock. 8 I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me. 9 Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh." 10 And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. 11 So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor[a] of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it *was* the word of the LORD. 12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter. 14 Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said to me, "Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd. 16 For

**10:4** [a]Or *despot* **10:11** [a]That is, the Nile **11:3** [a]Or *floodplain, thicket* **11:7** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *for the Canaanites.* [b]Or *Grace,* and so in verse 10 [c]Or *Unity,* and so in verse 14 **11:11** [a]Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *the Canaanites.*

indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who*
will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek
the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor
feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh
of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces.

17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd,
Who leaves the flock!
A sword *shall be* against his arm
And against his right eye;
His arm shall completely wither,
And his right eye shall be totally blinded."

### *The Coming Deliverance of Judah*

12 The burden[a] of the word of the LORD
against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who
stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man
within him: 2"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup
of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples,
when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.
3And it shall happen in that day that I will make
Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all
who would heave it away will surely be cut in
pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. 4In that day," says the LORD, "I will
strike every horse with confusion, and its rider
with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of
Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples
with blindness. 5And the governors of Judah shall
say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem
*are* my strength in the LORD of hosts, their God.'
6In that day I will make the governors of Judah
like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery
torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the
left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her
own place—Jerusalem.

7"The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so
that the glory of the house of David and the glory
of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become
greater than that of Judah. 8In that day the LORD
will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one
who is feeble among them in that day shall be like
David, and the house of David *shall be* like God,
like the Angel of the LORD before them. 9It shall be
in that day *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

### *Mourning for the Pierced One*

10"And I will pour on the house of David and on
the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace
and supplication; then they will look on Me
whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him
as one mourns for *his* only *son,* and grieve for
Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11In that day
there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like
the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of
Megiddo.[a] 12And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of
the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by
themselves; 13the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of
Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;
14all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

### *Idolatry Cut Off*

13 "In that day a fountain shall be opened
for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for
uncleanness.

2"It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts,
"*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the
land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I
will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit
to depart from the land. 3It shall come to pass *that*
if anyone still prophesies, then his father and
mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall
not live, because you have spoken lies in the name
of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot
him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

4"And it shall be in that day *that* every prophet
will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies;
they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive.
5But he will say, 'I *am* no prophet, I *am* a farmer;
for a man taught me to keep cattle from my
youth.' 6And *one* will say to him, 'What are these
wounds between your arms?'[a] Then he will answer, '*Those* with which I was wounded in the
house of my friends.'

### *The Shepherd Savior*

7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,
Against the Man who is My Companion,"
Says the LORD of hosts.
"Strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep will be scattered;
Then I will turn My hand against the little
ones.
8 And it shall come to pass in all the land,"
Says the LORD,

**12:1** [a]Or *oracle* **12:11** [a]Hebrew *Megiddon* **13:6** [a]Or *hands*

"*That* two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die,
But *one*-third shall be left in it:
9 I will bring the *one*-third through the fire,
Will refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My name,
And I will answer them.
I will say, 'This *is* My people';
And each one will say, 'The LORD *is* my God.'"

### *The Day of the LORD*

14 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,
And your spoil will be divided in your midst.
2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;
The city shall be taken,
The houses rifled,
And the women ravished.
Half of the city shall go into captivity,
But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth
And fight against those nations,
As He fights in the day of battle.
4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,
Which faces Jerusalem on the east.
And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
From east to west,
*Making* a very large valley;
Half of the mountain shall move toward the north
And half of it toward the south.

5 Then you shall flee *through* My mountain valley,
For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.
Yes, you shall flee
As you fled from the earthquake
In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

Thus the LORD my God will come,
*And* all the saints with You.[a]

6 It shall come to pass in that day
*That* there will be no light;
The lights will diminish.
7 It shall be one day
Which is known to the LORD—
Neither day nor night.
But at evening time it shall happen
*That* it will be light.

8 And in that day it shall be
*That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,
Half of them toward the eastern sea
And half of them toward the western sea;
In both summer and winter it shall occur.
9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.
In that day it shall be—
"The LORD *is* one,"[a]
And His name one.

10 All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. *Jerusalem*[a] shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

11 *The people* shall dwell in it;
And no longer shall there be utter destruction,
But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem:

Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet,
Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets,
And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

13 It shall come to pass in that day
*That* a great panic from the LORD will be among them.
Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor,
And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;
14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.
And the wealth of all the surrounding nations
Shall be gathered together:
Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.

15 Such also shall be the plague
On the horse *and* the mule,
On the camel and the donkey,
And on all the cattle that will be in those camps.
So *shall* this plague *be.*

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**14:5** [a]Or *you;* Septuagint, Targum, and Vulgate read *Him.*
**14:9** [a]Compare Deuteronomy 6:4 **14:10** [a]Literally *She*

### *The Nations Worship the King*

16 And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is
left of all the nations which came against Jerusa-
lem shall go up from year to year to worship the
King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of
Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be *that* whichever of
the families of the earth do not come up to Jeru-
salem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on
them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt
will not come up and enter in, they *shall have* no
*rain;* they shall receive the plague with which the
LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to
keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 19 This shall be the
punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all
the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast
of Tabernacles.

20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD"
shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses. The
pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls
before the altar. 21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and
Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts.[a]
Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take
them and cook in them. In that day there shall
no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the
LORD of hosts.

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**14:21** [a]Or *on every pot . . . shall be (engraved) "HOLINESS TO THE LORD OF HOSTS"*

# The Book of
# MALACHI

1 The burden[a] of the word of the Lord to Israel
by Malachi.

### *Israel Beloved of God*

2 "I have loved you," says the Lord.
"Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?'
*Was* not Esau Jacob's brother?"
Says the Lord.
"Yet Jacob I have loved;
3 But Esau I have hated,
And laid waste his mountains and his heritage
For the jackals of the wilderness."

4 Even though Edom has said,
"We have been impoverished,
But we will return and build the desolate
places,"

Thus says the Lord of hosts:

"They may build, but I will throw down;
They shall be called the Territory of
Wickedness,
And the people against whom the Lord will
have indignation forever.
5 Your eyes shall see,
And you shall say,
'The Lord is magnified beyond the border of
Israel.'

### *Polluted Offerings*

6 "A son honors *his* father,
And a servant *his* master.
If then I am the Father,
Where *is* My honor?
And if I *am* a Master,
Where *is* My reverence?
Says the Lord of hosts
To you priests who despise My name.
Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised
Your name?'

7 "You offer defiled food on My altar,
But say,
'In what way have we defiled You?'
By saying,
'The table of the Lord is contemptible.'
8 And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice,
*Is it* not evil?
And when you offer the lame and sick,
*Is it* not evil?
Offer it then to your governor!
Would he be pleased with you?
Would he accept you favorably?"
Says the Lord of hosts.

9 "But now entreat God's favor,
That He may be gracious to us.
*While* this is being *done* by your hands,
Will He accept you favorably?"
Says the Lord of hosts.
10 "Who *is there* even among you who would
shut the doors,
So that you would not kindle fire *on* My altar
in vain?
I have no pleasure in you,"
Says the Lord of hosts,
"Nor will I accept an offering from your
hands.
11 For from the rising of the sun, even to its
going down,
My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles;
In every place incense *shall be* offered to My
name,
And a pure offering;
For My name shall be great among the
nations,"
Says the Lord of hosts.

12 "But you profane it,
In that you say,
'The table of the Lord[a] is defiled;
And its fruit, its food, *is* contemptible.'
13 You also say,
'Oh, what a weariness!'
And you sneer at it,"
Says the Lord of hosts.
"And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the
sick;
Thus you bring an offering!
Should I accept this from your hand?"
Says the Lord.
14 "But cursed *be* the deceiver
Who has in his flock a male,
And takes a vow,

**1:1** [a]Or *oracle* **1:12** [a]Following Bomberg; Masoretic Text reads *Lord.*

But sacrifices to the Lord what is
blemished—
For I *am* a great King,"
Says the LORD of hosts,
"And My name *is to be* feared among the
nations.

### *Corrupt Priests*

2 "And now, O priests, this commandment is
for you.
2 If you will not hear,
And if you will not take *it* to heart,
To give glory to My name,"
Says the LORD of hosts,
"I will send a curse upon you,
And I will curse your blessings.
Yes, I have cursed them already,
Because you do not take *it* to heart.

3 "Behold, I will rebuke your descendants
And spread refuse on your faces,
The refuse of your solemn feasts;
And *one* will take you away with it.
4 Then you shall know that I have sent this
commandment to you,
That My covenant with Levi may continue,"
Says the LORD of hosts.
5 "My covenant was with him, *one* of life and
peace,
And I gave them to him *that he might* fear
*Me;*
So he feared Me
And was reverent before My name.
6 The law of truth[a] was in his mouth,
And injustice was not found on his lips.
He walked with Me in peace and equity,
And turned many away from iniquity.

7 "For the lips of a priest should keep
knowledge,
And *people* should seek the law from his
mouth;
For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
8 But you have departed from the way;
You have caused many to stumble at the
law.
You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,"
Says the LORD of hosts.
9 "Therefore I also have made you contemptible
and base
Before all the people,
Because you have not kept My ways
But have shown partiality in the law."

### *Treachery of Infidelity*

10 Have we not all one Father?
Has not one God created us?
Why do we deal treacherously with one
another
By profaning the covenant of the fathers?
11 Judah has dealt treacherously,
And an abomination has been committed in
Israel and in Jerusalem,
For Judah has profaned
The LORD's holy *institution* which He loves:
He has married the daughter of a foreign god.
12 May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob
The man who does this, being awake and
aware,[a]
Yet who brings an offering to the LORD of hosts!

13 And this is the second thing you do:
You cover the altar of the LORD with tears,
With weeping and crying;
So He does not regard the offering anymore,
Nor receive *it* with goodwill from your hands.
14 Yet you say, "For what reason?"
Because the LORD has been witness
Between you and the wife of your youth,
With whom you have dealt treacherously;
Yet she is your companion
And your wife by covenant.
15 But did He not make *them* one,
Having a remnant of the Spirit?
And why one?
He seeks godly offspring.
Therefore take heed to your spirit,
And let none deal treacherously with the
wife of his youth.

16 "For the LORD God of Israel says
That He hates divorce,
For it covers one's garment with violence,"
Says the LORD of hosts.
"Therefore take heed to your spirit,
That you do not deal treacherously."

17 You have wearied the LORD with your words;
Yet you say,
"In what way have we wearied *Him?*"
In that you say,
"Everyone who does evil
*Is* good in the sight of the LORD,
And He delights in them,"
Or, "Where *is* the God of justice?"

**2:6** [a]Or *true instruction* **2:12** [a]Talmud and Vulgate read *teacher and student.*

*The Coming Messenger*

3 "Behold, I send My messenger,
And he will prepare the way before Me.
And the Lord, whom you seek,
Will suddenly come to His temple,
Even the Messenger of the covenant,
In whom you delight.
Behold, He is coming,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

2 "But who can endure the day of His coming?
And who can stand when He appears?
For He *is* like a refiner's fire
And like launderers' soap.
3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver;
He will purify the sons of Levi,
And purge them as gold and silver,
That they may offer to the LORD
An offering in righteousness.

4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
Will be pleasant to the LORD,
As in the days of old,
As in former years.
5 And I will come near you for judgment;
I will be a swift witness
Against sorcerers,
Against adulterers,
Against perjurers,
Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans,
And against those who turn away an alien—
Because they do not fear Me,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

6 "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
7 Yet from the days of your fathers
You have gone away from My ordinances
And have not kept *them.*
Return to Me, and I will return to you,"
Says the LORD of hosts.
"But you said,
'In what way shall we return?'

*Do Not Rob God*

8 "Will a man rob God?
Yet you have robbed Me!
But you say,
'In what way have we robbed You?'
In tithes and offerings.
9 You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me,
*Even* this whole nation.
10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,

**TITHING** **4 God Promises to Meet Our Needs**

► *See* **Malachi 3:10**

Many Christians, especially those with financial problems, are afraid to give. Be confident that God is able to meet your needs. God wants you to live responsibly, but He promises that He will care for His children. Psalm 37:25 says, "I have been young, and now am old; / Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, / Nor his descendants begging bread."

God rewards those who give generously. What you sow, you reap. The rewards may be spiritual rewards that you receive in heaven or they may be physical rewards here on earth, but God promises a reward (2 Corinthians 9:6).

Jesus said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? . . . Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you" (Luke 12:22–24, 27–31).

God assures that your needs will be met, and abundantly. Don't let this be the motivation for your giving, but rest in His promises of provision. As you give with a selfless and obedient attitude, not expecting or demanding a return, God is faithful to care for you. "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,"
Says the LORD of hosts,
"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you *such* blessing
That *there will* not *be room* enough *to receive it.*

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"
Says the LORD of hosts;
12 And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be a delightful land,"
Says the LORD of hosts.

### *The People Complain Harshly*

13 "Your words have been harsh against Me,"
Says the LORD,
"Yet you say,
'What have we spoken against You?'
14 You have said,
'It is useless to serve God;
What profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance,
And that we have walked as mourners
Before the LORD of hosts?
15 So now we call the proud blessed,
For those who do wickedness are raised up;
They even tempt God and go free.'"

### *A Book of Remembrance*

16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another,
And the LORD listened and heard *them;*
So a book of remembrance was written before Him
For those who fear the LORD
And who meditate on His name.

17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts,
"On the day that I make them My jewels.[a]
And I will spare them
As a man spares his own son who serves him."
18 Then you shall again discern
Between the righteous and the wicked,
Between one who serves God
And one who does not serve Him.

### *The Great Day of God*

4 "For behold, the day is coming,
Burning like an oven,
And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble.
And the day which is coming shall burn them up,"
Says the LORD of hosts,
"That will leave them neither root nor branch.
2 But to you who fear My name
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings;
And you shall go out
And grow fat like stall-fed calves.
3 You shall trample the wicked,
For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet
On the day that I do *this,*"
Says the LORD of hosts.

4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant,
Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel,
*With the* statutes and judgments.
5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
6 And he will turn
The hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

**3:17** [a]Literally *special treasure*

# THE
# NEW TESTAMENT

Words of Christ in Red

### *The Genealogy of Jesus Christ*

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and
Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah begot
Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron,
and Hezron begot Ram. 4 Ram begot Amminadab,
Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot
Salmon. 5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz
begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, 6 and Jesse
begot David the king.

David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife*[a] of Uriah. 7 Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.[a] 8 Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. 9 Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon,[a] and Amon begot Josiah. 11 Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. 14 Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. 15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. 16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

### *Christ Born of Mary*

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man,* and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*"[a] which is translated, "God with us."

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son.[a] And he called His name JESUS.

### *Wise Men from the East*

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of
the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East
and have come to worship Him."

3 When Herod the king heard *this,* he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 *'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,*
*Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;*
*For out of you shall come a Ruler*
*Who will shepherd My people Israel.'*"[a]

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him,* bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over

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**1:6** [a]Words in italic type have been added for clarity. They are not found in the original Greek. **1:7** [a]NU-Text reads *Asaph.* **1:10** [a]NU-Text reads *Amos.* **1:23** [a]Isaiah 7:14. Words in oblique type in the New Testament are quoted from the Old Testament. **1:25** [a]NU-Text reads *a Son.* **2:6** [a]Micah 5:2

where the young Child was. [10]When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. [11]And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

[12]Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

### *The Flight into Egypt*

[13]Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

[14]When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, [15]and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, *"Out of Egypt I called My Son."*[a]

### *Massacre of the Innocents*

[16]Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. [17]Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

[18] *"A voice was heard in Ramah,*
*Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning,*
*Rachel weeping for her children,*
*Refusing to be comforted,*
*Because they are no more."*[a]

### *The Home in Nazareth*

[19]Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20]saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." [21]Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

[22]But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. [23]And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

### *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, [2]and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" [3]For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*
*'Prepare the way of the LORD;*
*Make His paths straight.'"*[a]

[4]Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5]Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him [6]and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

[7]But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8]Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, [9]and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. [10]And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [11]I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.[a] [12]His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

### *John Baptizes Jesus*

[13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. [14]And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

[15]But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

[16]When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He[a] saw the

**2:15** [a]Hosea 11:1 **2:18** [a]Jeremiah 31:15 **3:3** [a]Isaiah 40:3
**3:11** [a]M-Text omits *and fire.* **3:16** [a]Or *he*

Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

*Satan Tempts Jesus*

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4But He answered and said, "It is written, *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*"[a]

**4:4** [a]Deuteronomy 8:3

## BAPTISM — 1 Jesus Is Baptized

▸ *See* **Matthew 3:13**

John the Baptist was sent by God to pave the way for Christ. "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: / 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: / "Prepare the way of the LORD; / Make His paths straight" ' " (verses 1–3).

Some thought John the Baptist was the promised Messiah, but he made it very clear to his listeners that he was not: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (verse 11). When accepting John's baptism, people confessed their sins. John spoke of the imminent coming of the kingdom of God, which would involve severe judgment. His message prepared those who repented for the coming of Christ (verses 7–12).

Jesus Himself was baptized. John protested at first, saying that Jesus should be baptizing him instead. But Jesus said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (verse 15). Though Jesus was sinless, He recognized that as the promised Messiah He was called to identify with the people He came to deliver. Baptism expressed His wholehearted identification with His people before God. It was also a public expression of His dedication to God's will and to ministry (verses 15–17). This event marked the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

▸ *Now turn to page 919 for Matthew 28:18–20 and Point 2. Jesus' Instruction to Baptize.*

## TEMPTATION — 2 Temptation Is of the Devil

▸ *See* **Matthew 4:1**

The story of Jesus' temptation by the devil (Matthew 4:1–11) shows Satan at work. Jesus was "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness." It was a part of God's plan to allow Jesus to be tested. Satan attempted to confuse Jesus by using the Word of God out of context and twisting the truth. Satan's tactics often include misquoting Scripture or twisting it to mislead and deceive you.

Jesus' response to Satan was one of no compromise. Jesus countered each temptation with the proper use of the Scriptures, and so should we. Whatever the temptation, know that Satan's motive is to take your eyes off Christ. Your most effective weapon in resisting Satan is to appeal to the Word of God since it always points you toward Christ. Read, study, memorize, and meditate on God's Word, so "that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

▸ *Now turn to page 1158 for James 1:13 and Point 3. God Does Not Tempt.*

## THE BIBLE — 3 The Bible Is Confirmed in the Life of Christ and the Early Church

▸ *See* **Matthew 4:4**

Jesus quoted these words from Deuteronomy 8:3 in reply to Satan, who was trying to tempt Him. Both Jesus and the apostles quoted Scripture. This verse is just one of many examples throughout the New Testament. By quoting Scripture, they confirmed the importance of meditating on and memorizing God's Word. The Bible is also full of prophecies that have already been fulfilled, as well as those that are yet to

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5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city,
set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said
to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself
down. For it is written:

*'He shall give His angels charge over you,'*

and,

*'In their hands they shall bear you up,*
*Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"*[a]

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, *'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'*"[a]

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you,[a] Satan! For it is written, *'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'*"[b]

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

### *Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry*

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 "*The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,*
*By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,*
*Galilee of the Gentiles:*
16 *The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,*
*And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death*
*Light has dawned."*[a]

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### *Four Fishermen Called as Disciples*

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

### *Jesus Heals a Great Multitude*

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

### *The Beatitudes*

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed *are* those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

**4:6** [a]Psalm 91:11, 12 **4:7** [a]Deuteronomy 6:16 **4:10** [a]M-Text reads *Get behind Me.* [b]Deuteronomy 6:13 **4:16** [a]Isaiah 9:1, 2

***THE BIBLE: 3. THE BIBLE IS CONFIRMED IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST AND THE EARLY CHURCH** (continued)*

be fulfilled (see *Prophecy*). We can depend on the perfect accuracy of anything reported in the Bible.

The historical church has also recognized and used the Bible as God's inspired record of Himself and His will. The Bible is the ultimate rule of faith and practice for the church. History and archaeology combine to confirm the accuracy of the Bible at many points. Many of the places mentioned in the Bible can easily be identified, even today. Hundreds of archaeological sites have uncovered ample evidence of its accuracy. Ancient manuscripts of the Bible have been preserved and are available for examination.

► *Now turn to page 1039 for Acts 20:32 and Point 4. The Bible Is a Source of Encouragement and Hope.*

6 Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
7 Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### *Believers Are Salt and Light*

13"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. 16Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### *Christ Fulfills the Law*

17"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them,* he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

### *Murder Begins in the Heart*

21"You have heard that it was said to those of old, '*You shall not murder,*[a] and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause[a] shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. 23Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

### *Adultery in the Heart*

27"You have heard that it was said to those of old,[a] '*You shall not commit adultery.*'[b] 28But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

### *Marriage Is Sacred and Binding*

31"Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality[a] causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

### *Jesus Forbids Oaths*

33"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

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**5:21** [a]Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17 **5:22** [a]NU-Text omits *without a cause.* **5:27** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to those of old.* [b]Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18 **5:32** [a]Or *fornication*

### *Go the Second Mile*

38"You have heard that it was said, '*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*'[a] 39But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. 41And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

### *Love Your Enemies*

43"You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor*[a] and hate your enemy.' 44But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,[a] 45that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47And if you greet your brethren[a] only, what do you do more *than others?* Do not even the tax collectors[b] do so? 48Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

### *Do Good to Please God*

6 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.[a]

### *The Model Prayer*

5"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the

**5:38** [a]Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21
**5:43** [a]Compare Leviticus 19:18 **5:44** [a]NU-Text omits three clauses from this verse, leaving, *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* **5:47** [a]M-Text reads *friends.* [b]NU-Text reads *Gentiles.* **6:4** [a]NU-Text omits *openly.*

## ENEMIES — 2 Christ's Standard for Responding to Enemies

▶ *See* **Matthew 5:43–46**

Loving those who oppose you is not easy. Though you may not actually feel love initially, you can still express love through how you act and your attitude. Your love will continue to develop as you pray for your enemies. Even if your enemy's attitude never changes, yours will, and that is the only attitude for which you are responsible. When you pray, be open to hearing God's solution for reconciliation, and be prepared to take the first steps. God loved you when you were still His enemy. He expressed that love when He sent Jesus to make reconciliation possible. As you surrender to God, He can give you power to love your enemies, too.

When you realize how much God has forgiven you, it becomes easier to forgive others (see *Forgiving Others*). God can give you a forgiving spirit toward others. Your attitude toward your enemies should be the same as Jesus' attitude. He said, "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also" (Matthew 5:39). He also said that we should give more than what is asked of us (Matthew 5:41). No matter how much someone has offended you, God still asks you to forgive your enemies and even pray for them (Matthew 5:44).

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## HYPOCRISY — 1 Pretending to Be What You Are Not

▶ *See* **Matthew 6:2, 5, 16**

In the New Testament, Jesus' pronouncements against hypocrisy are directed to the scribes and Pharisees, the religious leaders of the day. They were condemned because:

- They were more concerned with the letter of the law than with its intention. They calculated their outward appearance rather than desiring pure hearts.
- Not only did they bring condemnation

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synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place;* and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.[a] 7And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do.* For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8"Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as *it is* in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
13 And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.[a]

14"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

### *Fasting to Be Seen Only by God*

16"Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who *is* in the secret *place;* and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.[a]

### *Lay Up Treasures in Heaven*

19"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**6:6** [a]NU-Text omits *openly.* **6:13** [a]NU-Text omits *For Yours* through *Amen.* **6:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *openly.*

### *Hypocrisy: 1. Pretending to Be What You Are Not (continued)*

upon themselves, but they steered others away from the kingdom of God by teaching false doctrines, setting impossible standards, and giving faulty advice.
- They sought the reward of self-glorification rather than the approval of God.

Later in the New Testament, others within the Christian church were also confronted with the sin of hypocrisy. New Testament writers often warned their readers of this pitfall (1 Peter 2:1).

Hypocrisy was found even in the Old Testament among the people of Israel and the false prophets. In Isaiah 32:6, those who spread error about the Lord are called "foolish." They practice "ungodliness" and neglect the needs of others.

The Christian church today needs to be mindful of these warnings against hypocrisy, as well.

▸ *Now turn to page 888 for Matthew 7:5 and Point 2. A Warning Against Judging Others.*

PRAYER

### 1 The Lord's Prayer

▸ *See* **Matthew 6:9–13**

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. While you may pray these exact words, you can also use this prayer as an overall example of how to approach God in prayer:

- Praise Him
- Acknowledge and submit to His will
- Request provision
- Request forgiveness
- Request deliverance from temptation

This prayer tells us that God is interested in all areas of our lives. Your praise and submission to God demonstrate that He is your Lord, as well as your Savior. As you submit to Him, you can go boldly to Him with your needs.

▸ *Now turn to page 1004 for John 14:13 and Point 2. Praying in Jesus' Name.*

*The Lamp of the Body*

22"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore
your eye is good, your whole body will be full of
light. 23But if your eye is bad, your whole body will
be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in
you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

*You Cannot Serve God and Riches*

24"No one can serve two masters; for either he
will hate the one and love the other, or else he will
be loyal to the one and despise the other. You can-
not serve God and mammon.

*Do Not Worry*

25"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about
your life, what you will eat or what you will drink;
nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not
life more than food and the body more than
clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air, for they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet
your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of
more value than they? 27Which of you by worry-
ing can add one cubit to his stature?

28"So why do you worry about clothing? Con-
sider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they
neither toil nor spin; 29and yet I say to you that
even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like
one of these. 30Now if God so clothes the grass of
the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown
into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you,
O you of little faith?

31"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall
we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall
we wear?' 32For after all these things the Gentiles
seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you
need all these things. 33But seek first the kingdom
of God and His righteousness, and all these
things shall be added to you. 34Therefore do not
worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry
about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its
own trouble.

*Do Not Judge*

7 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2For with
what judgment you judge, you will be
judged; and with the measure you use, it will
be measured back to you. 3And why do you look
at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not con-
sider the plank in your own eye? 4Or how can you

## ANXIETY

### 5 Victory Over Anxiety

▶ *See* **Matthew 6:31–34**

If you struggle with anxiety, seek God's help daily. Confess your anxiety to God and ask His forgiveness for your lack of trust. God will respond by forgiving you and encouraging you to grow into a deeper relationship with Him.

The more you know God, the more your faith and trust will grow. You can have faith that God not only knows your needs, but that He will meet them. As your fellowship with God increases, faith will replace fear, and peace will supplant anxiety.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## HYPOCRISY

### 2 A Warning Against Judging Others

▶ *See* **Matthew 7:5**

Christians can be tempted to judge each other, even when the one judging is deep in sin. Jesus warned against this form of hypocrisy in this verse. It is hypocritical to see faults in others and not to see them in yourself. Your attitude toward others who are at fault should be dictated by Christian love, not self-righteous judgment. Remembering God's grace, patience, and forgiveness toward you can help you develop a humble attitude toward others. As Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Sometimes Christians think they are hypocrites because they have sinned or do not feel God's presence. The fact that you sin does not necessarily make you a hypocrite. Jesus is the only One who ever lived a perfect life. As you mature as a Christian, you become more and more like Christ, but this growth process will not be complete until you see Jesus face-to-face. A maturing Christian lives in humble recognition of sin and a consistent desire to repent. Hypocrites are intentionally seeking to deceive those around them, pretending to be more holy than they truly are. If you confess your sins, God will forgive you, and you will be restored (see *Repentance; Restoration*). You are a hypocrite when you do not acknowledge your own sin, particularly while pointing out the sin of others.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? 5Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

6"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

*Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking*

7"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! 12Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

*The Narrow Way*

13"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14Because[a] narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

*You Will Know Them by Their Fruits*

15"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. 19Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

*I Never Knew You*

21"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

*Build on the Rock*

24"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

28And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

*Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

8 When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. 2And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

3Then Jesus put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

*Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant*

5Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

7And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

8The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one,* 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it.*"

10When Jesus heard *it,* He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and

**7:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *How . . . !*

Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. [12]But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." [13]Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, *so* let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

### *Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed*

[14]Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. [15]So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.[a]

### *Many Healed in the Evening*

[16]When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, [17]that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

> *"He Himself took our infirmities*
> *And bore our sicknesses."*[a]

### *The Cost of Discipleship*

[18]And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. [19]Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

[20]And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head."

[21]Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

[22]But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

### *Wind and Wave Obey Jesus*

[23]Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. [24]And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. [25]Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

[26]But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. [27]So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

### *Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed*

[28]When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes,[a] there met Him two demon-possessed *men,* coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. [29]And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

[30]Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. [31]So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away[a] into the herd of swine."

[32]And He said to them, "Go." So when they had

**8:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Him.* **8:17** [a]Isaiah 53:4
**8:28** [a]NU-Text reads *Gadarenes.* **8:31** [a]NU-Text reads *send us.*

## HELL — 3 HELL'S ENVIRONMENT

► *See* MATTHEW 8:12

The reality of hell is difficult for many to believe, since some reason that such a place of anguish is incompatible with a God of love. But this loving God is also just, and He cannot tolerate sin. God sees those who accept Jesus for salvation as righteous and those who do not trust Jesus as sinful. Matthew 25:41, 46 says: "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels' . . . And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." God has prepared heaven as a reward for those who have placed their faith in Christ. In the same way, He has also prepared hell as a punishment for the devil, the fallen angels, and for those who have rejected the salvation of Christ. Hell is a place of eternal punishment where God will vent His full indignation and wrath on those who have not accepted God's way for salvation.

God's Word uses many words to describe the place called hell. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 8:12). The final state of the wicked is described as the everlasting fire (Matthew 25:41); the bottomless pit (Revelation 9:2, 11); everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46); righteous judgment of God (Romans 2:5); second death (Revelation 21:8); everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:9); and eternal condemnation (Mark 3:29).

Though we don't know everything about hell, we know enough to understand that it will be a terrible place with unbearable conditions that will last for eternity.

► *Now turn to page 970 for Luke 16:24–26 and Point 4. Everlasting Hell.*

come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

33 Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men.* 34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region.

### *Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic*

9 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house.

8 Now when the multitudes saw *it,* they marveled[a] and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

### *Matthew the Tax Collector*

9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw *it,* they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 When Jesus heard *that,* He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what *this* means: '*I desire mercy and not sacrifice.*'[a] For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."[b]

### *Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting*

14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often,[a] but Your disciples do not fast?"

15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

### *A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." 19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples.

20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." 22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

23 When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, 24 He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. 25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went out into all that land.

### *Two Blind Men Healed*

27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See *that* no one knows *it.*" 31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

### *A Mute Man Speaks*

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. 33 And when

**9:8** [a]NU-Text reads *were afraid.* **9:13** [a]Hosea 6:6 [b]NU-Text omits *to repentance.* **9:14** [a]NU-Text brackets *often* as disputed.

the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

34But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

### *The Compassion of Jesus*

35Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.[a] 36But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary[a] and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. 38Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

### *The Twelve Apostles*

10 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him,* He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. 2Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was[a] Thaddaeus; 4Simon the Cananite,[a] and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

### *Sending Out the Twelve*

5These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead,[a] cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. 9Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, 10nor bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

11"Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. 12And when you go into a household, greet it. 13If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

### *Persecutions Are Coming*

16"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. 17But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20for it is not you

**9:35** [a]NU-Text omits *among the people.* **9:36** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *harassed.* **10:3** [a]NU-Text omits *Lebbaeus, whose surname was.* **10:4** [a]NU-Text reads *Cananaean.* **10:8** [a]NU-Text reads *raise the dead, cleanse the lepers;* M-Text omits *raise the dead.*

## WITNESSING AT WORK

### 3 Rely on the Holy Spirit

▶ *See* **Matthew 10:19, 20**

Trust the Holy Spirit to empower you and use you. It is the Holy Spirit working in someone's heart that draws him or her to Christ and convicts of sin (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*). Begin to pray for individuals with whom you might share Christ. Trust God to provide the opportunities for you to talk with them on your own time (not during paid work time), and the wisdom to know what to say.

Spend time with these friends; show them that you care about them. Pray for opportunities to mention Christ in casual conversation. Bring a biblical perspective to the personal issues that people face—broken relationships, raising children, greed, anxiety, bereavement. When an opportunity arises for you to share God's love with your coworker and the difference God makes in your life, go through the Bible verses that tell of God's plan of salvation (see *Salvation*). And always give the person you are talking to an opportunity for a response—to pray to invite Jesus Christ to be Lord of his or her life.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. 23When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24"A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub,[a] how much more *will they call* those of his household! 26Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

### *Jesus Teaches the Fear of God*

27"Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

### *Confess Christ Before Men*

32"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

### *Christ Brings Division*

34"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35For I have come to '*set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law*'; 36and '*a man's enemies will be those of his own household*.'[a] 37He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

### *A Cup of Cold Water*

40"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

### *John the Baptist Sends Messengers to Jesus*

**11** Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

2And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of[a] his disciples 3and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

4Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5*The* blind see and *the* lame walk; *the* lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear; *the* dead are raised up and *the* poor have the gospel preached to them. 6And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

**10:25** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Beelzebul*. **10:36** [a]Micah 7:6
**11:2** [a]NU-Text reads *by* for *two of*.

**WITNESSING** **2 WHY WITNESS?**

► *See* **MATTHEW 10:32, 33**

Jesus Christ expects His followers to be His witnesses: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Later, Jesus commanded His followers not only to witness, but to follow up their witnessing with teaching: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

► *Now turn to page 1019 for Acts 4:13 and Point 3. Prepare Yourself to Be a Witness.*

7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the
multitudes concerning John: "What did you go
out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by
the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man
clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear
soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. 9 But what did
you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and
more than a prophet. 10 For this is *he* of whom it is
written:

*'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,*
*Who will prepare Your way before You.'*[a]

11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of
women there has not risen one greater than John
the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of
heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of
John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven
suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until
John. 14 And if you are willing to receive *it,* he is
Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear,
let him hear!

16 "But to what shall I liken this generation? It is
like children sitting in the marketplaces and call-
ing to their companions, 17 and saying:

'We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance;
We mourned to you,
And you did not lament.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and
they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came
eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton
and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and
sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."[a]

### *Woe to the Impenitent Cities*

20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which
most of His mighty works had been done, be-
cause they did not repent: 21 "Woe to you,
Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the
mighty works which were done in you had been
done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented
long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you,
it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the
day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Caper-
naum, who are exalted to heaven, will be[a] brought
down to Hades; for if the mighty works which
were done in you had been done in Sodom, it
would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to
you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of
Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

### *Jesus Gives True Rest*

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank
You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You
have hidden these things from *the* wise and pru-
dent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so,
Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All
things have been delivered to Me by My Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor
does anyone know the Father except the Son, and
*the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him.*
28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy
laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke
upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is
light."

**11:10** [a]Malachi 3:1 **11:19** [a]NU-Text reads *works.*
**11:23** [a]NU-Text reads *will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be.*

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

### 4 A Victorious Life

▶ *See* **Matthew 11:28–30**

Overcoming chemical dependency is a daily battle. The victory comes as you grow to depend more on God and less on the solutions offered by this world. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2). As you spend time in Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with other mature Christians, God will transform your mind and help you resist temptation.

Even if you experience a relapse, God's forgiveness is still available. Go before Him and humbly confess your sin; He will forgive you (1 John 1:9). God knows the desire of your heart and will hear you when you want to please Him and ask for help.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

### *Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath*

12 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2And when the Pharisees saw *it,* they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

3But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? 6Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple. 7But if you had known what *this* means, *'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,'*[a] you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8For the Son of Man is Lord even[a] of the Sabbath."

### *Healing on the Sabbath*

9Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. 10And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him.

11Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out? 12Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other. 14Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

### *Behold, My Servant*

15But when Jesus knew *it,* He withdrew from there. And great multitudes[a] followed Him, and He healed them all. 16Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

18 *"Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen,*
*My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased!*
*I will put My Spirit upon Him,*
*And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.*
19 *He will not quarrel nor cry out,*
*Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.*
20 *A bruised reed He will not break,*
*And smoking flax He will not quench,*
*Till He sends forth justice to victory;*
21 *And in His name Gentiles will trust."*[a]

### *A House Divided Cannot Stand*

22Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and[a] mute man both spoke and saw. 23And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

24Now when the Pharisees heard *it* they said,

**12:7** [a]Hosea 6:6 **12:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *even.*
**12:15** [a]NU-Text brackets *multitudes* as disputed.
**12:21** [a]Isaiah 42:1–4 **12:22** [a]NU-Text omits *blind and.*

## INCEST — 4 HELP FOR AN ABUSED PERSON

▶ *See* **MATTHEW 11:28, 29**

The Bible provides assurance that those who are weary and burdened, including those who have survived sexual abuse, will find rest in Christ. God cares about everything that concerns you and wants to carry your burdens (1 Peter 5:7).

Incest survivors may have more difficulty trusting God, especially if the abuse was caused by a parent. If this is the case for you, it is important for you to exchange your view of sinful parents for the truth of God as the perfect parent. His love and care for you never fail.

In addition, it is necessary to address what has occurred within your family, no matter how painful. God is more than able to heal these wounds; you are not "damaged" for life. Pray for God to take even these worst circumstances and use them to make you more like Jesus (see *Suffering*). Find trustworthy friends who believe in the power of God to restore lives and ask them for their support as you address these issues in your life. We also encourage you to seek counseling from a Christian counselor or pastor who has helped others overcome sexual abuse.

God wants to restore your life and give you peace and healing. He is the One who is able to make all things new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

"This *fellow* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub,[a] the ruler of the demons."

[25]But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. [26]If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? [27]And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. [28]But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. [29]Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. [30]He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

### *The Unpardonable Sin*

[31]"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. [32]Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

### *A Tree Known by Its Fruit*

[33]"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. [34]Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. [35]A good man out of the good treasure of his heart[a] brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. [36]But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. [37]For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

### *The Scribes and Pharisees Ask for a Sign*

[38]Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

[39]But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. [40]For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [41]The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. [42]The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.

### *An Unclean Spirit Returns*

[43]"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. [44]Then he says, 'I will return to my house

**12:24** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Beelzebul.* **12:35** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *of his heart.*

## UNPARDONABLE SIN

### ② Blaspheming the Holy Spirit

▶ *See* **Matthew 12:30–32**

The only sin that God does not forgive is the sin of rejecting Him. The Holy Spirit is God working within you to draw you to Himself. When you oppose the Holy Spirit and reject His compelling you toward God, you remain separated from God. It grieves the Holy Spirit and is blasphemous against Him because it denies who God is and rejects His offer of love and salvation.

If you desire God's forgiveness, He joyfully gives it when you confess and repent. The person who does not want God's forgiveness or a relationship with Him and does not acknowledge his or her sin is the one in danger of committing the unpardonable sin. (Keep in mind, we cannot judge another's receptivity toward God. God's patience with us is great. Many who may appear to resist the Holy Spirit in their lives are ultimately won over by God's loving persistence to draw them to Himself.)

"He has not dealt with us according to our sins, / Nor punished us according to our iniquities. / For as the heavens are high above the earth, / So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; / As far as the east is from the west, / So far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:10–12).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. [45]Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

### *Jesus' Mother and Brothers Send for Him*

[46]While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. [47]Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

[48]But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" [49]And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! [50]For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

### *The Parable of the Sower*

**13** On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. [2]And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

[3]Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. [4]And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. [5]Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. [6]But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. [7]And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. [8]But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9]He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### *The Purpose of Parables*

[10]And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

[11]He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. [12]For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. [13]Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. [14]And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

> *'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,*
> *And seeing you will see and not perceive;*
> *For the hearts of this people have grown dull.*
> *Their ears are hard of hearing,*
> *And their eyes they have closed,*
> *Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,*
> *Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,*
> *So that I should*[a] *heal them.'*[b]

[16]But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; [17]for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it,* and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it.*

### *The Parable of the Sower Explained*

[18]"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: [19]When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it,* then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. [20]But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; [21]yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. [22]Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. [23]But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it,* who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

### *The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares*

[24]Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; [25]but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. [26]But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. [27]So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in

**13:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *would.* [b]Isaiah 6:9, 10

your field? How then does it have tares?' [28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' [29]But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."' "

### *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

[31]Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, [32]which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

### *The Parable of the Leaven*

[33]Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures[a] of meal till it was all leavened."

### *Prophecy and the Parables*

[34]All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, [35]that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

> *"I will open My mouth in parables;*
> *I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."*[a]

### *The Parable of the Tares Explained*

[36]Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

[37]He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one.* [39]The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. [40]Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. [41]The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, [42]and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in

**13:33** [a]Greek *sata,* approximately two pecks in all
**13:35** [a]Psalm 78:2

## THE CHURCH — 2 The Enemy Wants to Hinder the Church

▶ *See* **Matthew 13:24–26**

Jesus warned us about the enemy who wants to invade the church and hinder its work. In our fallen world, a world under the curse of sin, Satan tries to distort or destroy anything established by God—and that includes the church (see *Satan*). As Christians, we must remember to pray for God's protection over the church and its leaders. We can pray that the church will be a true representation of God's love for the world. This is one of the best offensive weapons we have against Satan.

▶ *Now turn to page 919 for Matthew 28:18–20 and Point 3. Mission of the Church.*

## FAITH — 2 Faith Developed

▶ *See* **Matthew 13:31, 32**

These verses refer to the kingdom of heaven. Jesus also said that "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21), and "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (Luke 17:6). When you become a Christian, the kingdom of heaven is planted in your heart. As you grow spiritually, your faith in God also grows. With each prayer, each Bible study, and each time you see God's work in your life, the small mustard seed of faith develops until you "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). As you mature in your faith, the kingdom of heaven, God's kingdom, takes over more of your life and your faith increases.

▶ *Now turn to page 163 for Deuteronomy 8:2–16 and Point 3. Faith Through Trials.*

the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

*The Parable of the Hidden Treasure*

44"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

*The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price*

45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

*The Parable of the Dragnet*

47"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

51Jesus said to them,[a] "Have you understood all these things?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."[b]

52Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning[a] the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old."

*Jesus Rejected at Nazareth*

53Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. 54When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works? 55Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses,[a] Simon, and Judas? 56And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all these things?" 57So they were offended at Him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." 58Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

*John the Baptist Beheaded*

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus 2and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." 3For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put *him* in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. 4Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." 5And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. 7Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

8So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

9And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded *it* to be given to *her.* 10So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. 11And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought *it* to her mother. 12Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

*Feeding the Five Thousand*

13When Jesus heard *it,* He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

16But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

18He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**13:51** [a]NU-Text omits *Jesus said to them.* [b]NU-Text omits *Lord.*
**13:52** [a]Or *for* **13:55** [a]NU-Text reads *Joseph.*

### *Jesus Walks on the Sea*

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into
the boat and go before Him to the other side,
while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He
had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the
mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening
came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now
in the middle of the sea,[a] tossed by the waves, for
the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus
went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the
disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were
troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried
out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it
is You, command me to come to You on the
water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come
down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go
to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind *was*
boisterous,[a] he was afraid; and beginning to sink
he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out *His*
hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of
little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they
got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat came and[a]
worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of
God."

### *Many Touch Him and Are Made Well*

34 When they had crossed over, they came to the
land of[a] Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that
place recognized Him, they sent out into all that
surrounding region, brought to Him all who were
sick, 36 and begged Him that they might only
touch the hem of His garment. And as many as
touched *it* were made perfectly well.

### *Defilement Comes from Within*

15 Then the scribes and Pharisees who
were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, say-
ing, 2 "Why do Your disciples transgress
the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash
their hands when they eat bread."

3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you
also transgress the commandment of God be-
cause of your tradition? 4 For God commanded,
saying, '*Honor your father and your mother*';[a]
and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be
put to death*.'[b] 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his
father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have
received from me *is* a gift *to God*"— 6 then he
need not honor his father or mother.'[a] Thus you
have made the commandment[b] of God of no ef-
fect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah
prophesy about you, saying:

**14:24** [a]NU-Text reads *many furlongs away from the land.*
**14:30** [a]NU-Text brackets *that* and *boisterous* as disputed.
**14:33** [a]NU-Text omits *came and.* **14:34** [a]NU-Text reads *came to land at.* **15:4** [a]Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16 [b]Exodus 21:17
**15:6** [a]NU-Text omits *or mother.* [b]NU-Text reads *word.*

## SUICIDE — 2 Allowing God to Intervene

► *See* **Matthew 14:27–32**

The disciples were in a boat in the middle of a stormy sea when they saw someone walking on the water toward them! It was Jesus. Peter believed Jesus and ventured out of the boat onto the water, but when he took his eyes off the Lord and began to be concerned about the conditions around him, he began to sink. We must keep our eyes on our source of strength—Jesus—and not on our seemingly hopeless circumstances.

Jesus understands your suffering. He was maligned, mistreated, and murdered. He truly cares about what happens to you. He loves you so much that He died for you. Christ will come to you where you are—no matter how sinful or hopeless you consider yourself to be—in order to lift you up out of your despair.

Unconfessed sin hinders your relationship with God and your access to His power to overcome struggles in your life (Proverbs 28:13). Confess and repent from any known sin in your life, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin of which you are not aware (see *Repentance; Restoration*). God will forgive and forget the past, making things right through Jesus Christ.

Bible study and the support of other Christians are also crucial for change. Studying God's Word will help you keep a clear perspective of your life and your trials; making friends with mature Christians and asking them to hold you accountable will help you apply God's truth to your life and make wise choices.

God promises you, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

► *Now turn to page 448 for Job 6:8–11 and Point 3. Temptation Toward Suicide.*

8 *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth,*
*And*[a] *honor Me with their lips,*
*But their heart is far from Me.*
9 *And in vain they worship Me,*
*Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*[a]

10When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear and understand: 11Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

12Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

13But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

15Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

16So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? 18But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 20These are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

### *A Gentile Shows Her Faith*

21Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

23But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

24But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."

27And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

### *Jesus Heals Great Multitudes*

29Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. 30Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. 31So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

### *Feeding the Four Thousand*

32Now Jesus called His disciples to *Himself* and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

33Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"

34Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?"

And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."

35So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples; and the disciples *gave* to the multitude. 37So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. 38Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.[a]

### *The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign*

**16** Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

2He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, *'It will be* fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3and in the morning, *'It will be* foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites![a] You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the

**15:8** [a]NU-Text omits *draw near to Me with their mouth, And.*
**15:9** [a]Isaiah 29:13 **15:39** [a]NU-Text reads *Magadan.*
**16:3** [a]NU-Text omits *Hypocrites.*

times. [4]A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet[a] Jonah." And He left them and departed.

*The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees*

[5]Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. [6]Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

[7]And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "*It is* because we have taken no bread."

[8]But Jesus, being aware of *it,* said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?[a] [9]Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? [10]Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? [11]How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—*but* to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." [12]Then they understood that He did not tell *them* to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

*Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ*

[13]When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

[14]So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

[15]He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

[16]Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

[17]Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. [18]And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. [19]And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed[a] in heaven."

[20]Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

*Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

[21]From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

[22]Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

[23]But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

*Take Up the Cross and Follow Him*

[24]Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. [25]For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. [26]For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole

**16:4** [a]NU-Text omits *the prophet.* **16:8** [a]NU-Text reads *you have no bread.* **16:19** [a]Or *will have been bound . . . will have been loosed*

SELF-DENIAL

**4 Self-Denial Is Taught in God's Word**

▶ *See* **Matthew 16:24, 25**

Jesus clearly communicates that part of following Him is to deny yourself.

The apostle Paul was specific about his call for the Ephesian Christians to deny the "old self," which had been corrupted by its deceitful desires and to embrace their new selves made in God's holy image. "If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:21–24).

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

When Jesus returns, this heavenly recognition, which begins at the time of your commitment, will become a "crown of glory that does not fade away" (1 Peter 5:4), "the crown of life" (James 1:12), and "the crown of righteousness" (2 Timothy 4:8). (See *Rewards*.)

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

*Jesus Transfigured on the Mount*

28Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us[a] make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6And when the disciples heard *it,* they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

10And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

11Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first[a] and will restore all things. 12But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." 13Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

*A Boy Is Healed*

14And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15"Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic[a] and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

17Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief;[a] for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."[a]

*Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

22Now while they were staying[a] in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

*Peter and His Master Pay Their Taxes*

24When they had come to Capernaum,[a] those who received the *temple* tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the *temple* tax?"

25He said, "Yes."

And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

26Peter said to Him, "From strangers."

Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money;[a] take that and give it to them for Me and you."

*Who Is the Greatest?*

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as

**17:4** [a]NU-Text reads *I will.* **17:11** [a]NU-Text omits *first.* **17:15** [a]Literally *moonstruck* **17:20** [a]NU-Text reads *little faith.* **17:21** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **17:22** [a]NU-Text reads *gathering together.* **17:24** [a]NU-Text reads *Capharnaum* (here and elsewhere). **17:27** [a]Greek *stater,* the exact amount to pay the temple tax (didrachma) for two

little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

*Jesus Warns of Offenses*

6"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

8"If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. 9And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

*The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

10"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.[a]

12"What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

*Dealing with a Sinning Brother*

15"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that *'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'*[a] 17And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

18"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19"Again I say[a] to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

*The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

21Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28"But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him*

**18:11** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **18:16** [a]Deuteronomy 19:15
**18:19** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Again, assuredly, I say.*

**RESTORATION** **4 When a Brother Sins Against You**

▶ *See* **Matthew 18:15–17**

These instructions for conflict resolution between Christians are clear. The first step is a private discussion. Hopefully, reconciliation will result. If, however, there is no reconciliation, then meet again, taking one or two others to help to resolve the problem. Be wise in who you ask to help you. Choose a mature Christian who is wise, gentle, and godly. If there is not reconciliation, the church—a local group of believers to whom the offender is accountable—may need to become involved. This is best left in the hands of the pastor and church leadership. Should all attempts at reconciliation fail, we are still to keep the door open to restoration for even the worst offender.

▶ *Now turn to page 1044 for Acts 24:16 and Point 5. When You Have Sinned.*

by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29So his fellow servant fell down at his feet[a] and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'[b] 30And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."[a]

### *Marriage and Divorce*

19 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, *that* He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

3The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?"

4And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made[a] *them* at the beginning *'made them male and female,'*[b] 5and said, *'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'*?[a] 6So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

7They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"

8He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality,[a] and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

10His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry."

### *Jesus Teaches on Celibacy*

11But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only *those* to whom it has been given: 12For there are eunuchs who were born thus from *their* mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who

**18:29** [a]NU-Text omits *at his feet.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *all.* **18:35** [a]NU-Text omits *his trespasses.* **19:4** [a]NU-Text reads *created.* [b]Genesis 1:27; 5:2 **19:5** [a]Genesis 2:24 **19:9** [a]Or *fornication*

**MARRIAGE PROBLEMS** — **2 Genuine Commitment**

► See **Matthew 19:4–6**

The marriage vow says, "Forsaking all others." Being "one flesh" does not mean giving up your own personality or personal rights. Rather, it is a fulfillment of those things. Good communication is important to a genuine commitment—there must be an understanding of the emotional, mental, and physical differences between men and women. There must be companionship: "I'd rather be with my spouse than with anyone else." There must be conversation, not only a discussion of differences when such arise, but a meaningful exchange on both intellectual and emotional levels.

► *Now turn to page 1110 for Ephesians 5:33 and Point 3. Time and Effort.*

**DIVORCE** — **1 The Causes of Divorce**

► See **Matthew 19:8**

People choose to divorce for many reasons. Sometimes a spouse is unfaithful. In other situations, the partners cannot reconcile disagreements, and they become hostile or bitter toward each other. Many times one marriage partner feels that the other does not meet his or her emotional or physical needs, even though the partner is "faithful" to the relationship. Sin can damage relationships between people, and unforgiveness will destroy a marriage relationship. Regardless of the reason for the divorce, both partners suffer from the broken relationship.

► *Now turn to page 1075 for 1 Corinthians 7:12–15 and Point 2. Allowances for Divorce.*

were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept *it,* let him accept *it.*"

### *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

13 Then little children were brought to Him that
He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the
disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the
little children come to Me, and do not forbid
them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
15 And He laid *His* hands on them and departed
from there.

### *Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler*

16 Now behold, one came and said to Him,
"Good[a] Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I
may have eternal life?"

17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me
good?[a] No one *is* good but One, *that is,* God.[b] But
if you want to enter into life, keep the command-
ments."

18 He said to Him, "Which ones?"

Jesus said, "'*You shall not murder,' 'You shall
not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You
shall not bear false witness,'* 19 '*Honor your father
and your mother,*'[a] and, '*You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.*'"[b]

20 The young man said to Him, "All these things
I have kept from my youth.[a] What do I still lack?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect,
go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and
you will have treasure in heaven; and come, fol-
low Me."

22 But when the young man heard that saying,
he went away sorrowful, for he had great posses-
sions.

### *With God All Things Are Possible*

23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I
say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter
the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say to you,
it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom
of God."

25 When His disciples heard *it,* they were greatly
astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

26 But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them,
"With men this is impossible, but with God all
things are possible."

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See,
we have left all and followed You. Therefore what
shall we have?"

28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you,
that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits
on the throne of His glory, you who have followed
Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the
twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has
left houses or brothers or sisters or father or
mother or wife[a] or children or lands, for My
name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and in-
herit eternal life. 30 But many *who are* first will be
last, and the last first.

### *The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard*

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a
landowner who went out early in the
morning to hire laborers for his vine-
yard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers
for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vine-
yard. 3 And he went out about the third hour and
saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and
said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and
whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.
5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth
hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh
hour he went out and found others standing idle,[a]
and said to them, 'Why have you been standing
here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no
one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the
vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'[a]

8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the
vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and
give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to
the first.' 9 And when those came who *were hired*
about the eleventh hour, they each received a
denarius. 10 But when the first came, they sup-
posed that they would receive more; and they
likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when
they had received *it,* they complained against the
landowner, 12 saying, 'These last *men* have worked
*only* one hour, and you made them equal to us
who have borne the burden and the heat of the
day.' 13 But he answered one of them and said,
'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not
agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take *what is* yours
and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the
same* as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what
I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil
because I am good?' 16 So the last will be first,

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**19:16** [a]NU-Text omits *Good.* **19:17** [a]NU-Text reads *Why do you ask Me about what is good?* [b]NU-Text reads *There is One who is good.* **19:19** [a]Exodus 20:12–16; Deuteronomy 5:16–20 [b]Leviticus 19:18 **19:20** [a]NU-Text omits *from my youth.* **19:29** [a]NU-Text omits *or wife.* **20:6** [a]NU-Text omits *idle.* **20:7** [a]NU-Text omits the last clause of this verse.

and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."[a]

### *Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

17 Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

### *Greatness Is Serving*

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?"

She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"[a]

They said to Him, "We are able."

23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with;[a] but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared by My Father."

24 And when the ten heard *it,* they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### *Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight*

29 Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. 30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

32 So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." 34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

### *The Triumphal Entry*

21 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage,[a] at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

4 All[a] this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 "*Tell the daughter of Zion,*
*'Behold, your King is coming to you,*
*Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,*
*A colt, the foal of a donkey.'*"[a]

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him*[a] on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
*'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'*[a]
Hosanna in the highest!"

10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

### *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God[a] and drove out all those who bought and sold in the

**20:16** [a]NU-Text omits the last sentence of this verse. **20:22** [a]NU-Text omits *and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with.* **20:23** [a]NU-Text omits *and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with.* **21:1** [a]M-Text reads *Bethsphage.* **21:4** [a]NU-Text omits *All.* **21:5** [a]Zechariah 9:9 **21:7** [a]NU-Text reads *and He sat.* **21:9** [a]Psalm 118:26 **21:12** [a]NU-Text omits *of God.*

temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. [13]And He said to them, "It is written, *'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'*[a] but you have made it a *'den of thieves.'*"[b]

[14]Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. [15]But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant [16]and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?"

And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read,

*'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants*
*You have perfected praise'?"*[a]

[17]Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

### *The Fig Tree Withered*

[18]Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. [19]And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

### *The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree*

[20]And when the disciples saw *it,* they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?"

[21]So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. [22]And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

### *Jesus' Authority Questioned*

[23]Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

[24]But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: [25]The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?"

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' [26]But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet." [27]So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know."

And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

### *The Parable of the Two Sons*

[28]"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' [29]He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. [30]Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I *go,* sir,' but he did not go. [31]Which of the two did the will of *his* father?"

They said to Him, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. [32]For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it,* you did not afterward relent and believe him.

### *The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers*

[33]"Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. [34]Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. [35]And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. [36]Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. [37]Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38]But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' [39]So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him.*

[40]"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

[41]They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

[42]Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*'The stone which the builders rejected*
*Has become the chief cornerstone.*

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**21:13** [a]Isaiah 56:7 [b]Jeremiah 7:11 **21:16** [a]Psalm 8:2

*This was the LORD's doing,*
*And it is marvelous in our eyes'*?[a]

43"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

45Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. 46But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

### *The Parable of the Wedding Feast*

22 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding."' 5But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them.* 7But when the king heard *about it,* he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

11"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and[a] cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14"For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

### *The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?*

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk. 16And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites? 19Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius.

20And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?"

21They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22When they had heard *these words,* they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

### *The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?*

23The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 24saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27Last of all the woman died also. 28Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

29Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God[a] in heaven. 31But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32'*I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*'?[a] God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33And when the multitudes heard *this,* they were astonished at His teaching.

### *The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?*

34But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question,*

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**21:42** [a]Psalm 118:22, 23 **22:13** [a]NU-Text omits *take him away, and.* **22:30** [a]NU-Text omits *of God.* **22:32** [a]Exodus 3:6, 15

testing Him, and saying, 36"Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

37Jesus said to him, "*'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'*[a] 38This is *the* first and great commandment. 39And *the* second *is* like it: *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*[a] 40On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

### *Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?*

41While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"

They said to Him, "*The Son* of David."

43He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him *'Lord,'* saying:

44 *'The LORD said to my Lord,*
*"Sit at My right hand,*
*Till I make Your enemies Your*
*footstool"'*?[a]

45If David then calls Him *'Lord,'* how is He his Son?" 46And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

### *Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees*

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3Therefore whatever they tell you to observe,[a] *that* observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. 4For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. 5But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' 8But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ,[a] and you are all brethren. 9Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

13"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves,* nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.[a]

15"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

16"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged *to perform it.*' 17Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies[a] the gold? 18And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged *to perform it.*' 19Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? 20Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. 21He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells[a] in it. 22And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

23"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 24Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.[a] 26Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness. 28Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hyp-

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**22:37** [a]Deuteronomy 6:5 **22:39** [a]Leviticus 19:18 **22:44** [a]Psalm 110:1 **23:3** [a]NU-Text omits *to observe.* **23:8** [a]NU-Text omits *the Christ.* **23:14** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **23:17** [a]NU-Text reads *sanctified.* **23:21** [a]M-Text reads *dwelt.* **23:25** [a]M-Text reads *unrighteousness.*

ocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, [30]and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

[31]"Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. [32]Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' *guilt.* [33]Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? [34]Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, [35]that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. [36]Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

### *Jesus Laments over Jerusalem*

[37]"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! [38]See! Your house is left to you desolate; [39]for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, *'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'*"[a]

### *Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple*

**24** Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. [2]And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

### *The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age*

[3]Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

[4]And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. [5]For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. [6]And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all[a] *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7]For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences,[a] and earthquakes in various places. [8]All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

[9]"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. [10]And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. [11]Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. [12]And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. [13]But he who endures to the end shall be saved. [14]And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

### *The Great Tribulation*

[15]"Therefore when you see the *'abomination of desolation,'*[a] spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), [16]"then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. [17]Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. [18]And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. [19]But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! [20]And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. [21]For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. [22]And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

[23]"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it.* [24]For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. [25]See, I have told you beforehand.

[26]"Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; *or* 'Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!' do not believe *it.* [27]For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. [28]For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

### *The Coming of the Son of Man*

[29]"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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**23:39** [a]Psalm 118:26 **24:6** [a]NU-Text omits *all.* **24:7** [a]NU-Text omits *pestilences.* **24:15** [a]Daniel 11:31; 12:11

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in
heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will
mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming
on the clouds of heaven with power and great
glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great
sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together
His elect from the four winds, from one end of
heaven to the other.

*The Parable of the Fig Tree*

32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree:
When its branch has already become tender and
puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near.
33 So you also, when you see all these things, know
that it[a] is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to
you, this generation will by no means pass away
till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth
will pass away, but My words will by no means
pass away.

*No One Knows the Day or Hour*

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not
even the angels of heaven,[a] but My Father only.
37 But as the days of Noah *were,* so also will the com-
ing of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before
the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying
and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah en-
tered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood
came and took them all away, so also will the com-
ing of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two *men* will be in
the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two
*women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be
taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you
do not know what hour[a] your Lord is coming. 43 But
know this, that if the master of the house had
known what hour the thief would come, he would
have watched and not allowed his house to be bro-
ken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son
of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

*The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant*

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant,
whom his master made ruler over his household,
to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed *is* that
servant whom his master, when he comes, will
find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will
make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that
evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delay-
ing his coming,'[a] 49 and begins to beat *his* fellow
servants, and to eat and drink with the drunk-
ards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a
day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour
that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two
and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites.
There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins*

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be
likened to ten virgins who took their
lamps and went out to meet the bride-
groom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five *were*
foolish. 3 Those who *were* foolish took their lamps
and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil
in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the
bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and
slept.

6 "And at midnight a cry was *heard:* 'Behold, the
bridegroom is coming;[a] go out to meet him!'
7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their
lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us
*some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But
the wise answered, saying, '*No,* lest there should
not be enough for us and you; but go rather to
those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And
while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and

**24:33** [a]Or *He* **24:36** [a]NU-Text adds *nor the Son.*
**24:42** [a]NU-Text reads *day.* **24:48** [a]NU-Text omits *his coming.*
**25:6** [a]NU-Text omits *is coming.*

SECOND COMING

## 2 Only God the Father Knows When Christ Will Return

► See **Matthew 24:36**

Although many speculate about when Christ will return, no one knows when it will happen. The early church taught that for unbelievers Jesus' coming would be as "a thief in the night." But the apostle Paul tells believers: "But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief." We are to "watch and be sober." (See 1 Thessalonians 5:2–6.)

Jesus taught us to be prepared because no one except God the Father knows the day or the hour when He will return (Matthew 24:42). While most of us would rather know exactly when Jesus will come, we trust that God knows what is best.

► *Now turn to page 1014 for Acts 1:9–11 and Point 3. Christ's Return Will Be Personal and Visible.*

those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

11"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

13"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour[a] in which the Son of Man is coming.

### *The Parable of the Talents*

14"For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. 18But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21His lord said to him, 'Well *done,* good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23His lord said to him, 'Well *done,* good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

24"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is* yours.'

26"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

29"For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### *The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations*

31"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy[a] angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. 33And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You,* or thirsty and give *You* drink? 38When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You?* 39Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

41"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did

**25:13** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **25:31** [a]NU-Text omits *holy.*

**AIDS/HIV** **5 Help for Family and Friends**

► See **Matthew 25:43, 45**

If you have a friend or family member who has AIDS or is HIV-positive, approach the situation as an opportunity to show this person Christ's love and acceptance. Pray for an opportunity to share the gospel. Keep the lines of

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not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44"Then they also will answer Him,[a] saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' 46And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

26 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, 2"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3Then the chief priests, the scribes,[a] and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill *Him.* 5But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

### *The Anointing at Bethany*

6And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, 7a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table.* 8But when His disciples saw *it,* they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? 9For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the* poor."

10But when Jesus was aware of *it,* He said to

**25:44** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Him.* **26:3** [a]NU-Text omits *the scribes.*

## *AIDS/HIV: 5. Help for Family and Friends (continued)*

communication open; avoid condemnation and show acceptance through your actions. Invite him or her to your home or to social activities with you. Use discernment about what situations your friend will be comfortable in and situations in which others will be accepting and show God's love to him or her.

Encourage the person who has AIDS or who is HIV-positive to seek counseling and other available support networks; especially encourage his or her involvement in a Bible-teaching church. Counseling can be very helpful for family members, as well, especially for younger children, who may have questions about the illness or may themselves experience conflicting feelings because of their relationship to the person living with AIDS.

These topics may also be helpful if they apply to your situation: *Abuse Victim; Assisted Suicide; Chemical Dependency; Homosexuality; Sexuality; Suicide*.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## HELL

### 1 Hell Is a Place

► *See* **Matthew 25:46**

All people have been created by God with an eternal soul. After our lives are spent here on this earth, our souls will exist eternally in one of two places: heaven or hell. In English-language Bibles, there are three Greek words translated as "hell." The word *tartaros* is found only once in the Bible. It is a place of confinement for the rebellious angels until the time of their judgment (2 Peter 2:4). The word *hades* is found ten times in the New Testament (Matthew 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Revelation 1:18; 6:8; 20:13, 14). It is a place of torment for those who die without accepting Christ. They will also stand before God at the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11–15).

The word *Gehenna* is translated "hell" twelve times (Matthew 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6). It refers to the Valley of Hinnom, a place outside Jerusalem where children were once sacrificed to the god Molech (2 Chronicles 33:1–6). In later days, it was a place residents threw rubbish—including dead bodies of animals and criminals. This "city dump" was a place of decomposition and continuous fire (Mark 9:44).

Note that "Purgatory," the imagined place of remedial suffering, has no scriptural foundation. There will be no appeal after the passing of the sentence at the Great White Throne Judgment. All who have rejected Christ will be present.

► *Now turn to page 1197 for Revelation 20:10, 15 and Point 2. Hell's Inhabitants.*

them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. 11For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. 12For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. 13Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

*Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*

14Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

*Jesus Celebrates Passover with His Disciples*

17Now on the first *day of the Feast* of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples."'"

19So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

22And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"

23He answered and said, "He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

25Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?"

He said to him, "You have said it."

*Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper*

26And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed[a] and broke *it,* and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28For this is My blood of the new[a] covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial*

31Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

*'I will strike the Shepherd,*
*And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'*[a]

32But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

33Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

And so said all the disciples.

*The Prayer in the Garden*

36Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will.*"

40Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

42Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless[a] I drink it, Your will be done." 43And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

**26:26** [a]M-Text reads *gave thanks for.* **26:28** [a]NU-Text omits *new.* **26:31** [a]Zechariah 13:7 **26:42** [a]NU-Text reads *if this may not pass away unless.*

44So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

### *Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane*

47And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." 49Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?"

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. 51And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish[a] by the sword. 53Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? 54How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

55In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. 56But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

### *Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin*

57And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. 58But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

59Now the chief priests, the elders,[a] and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none.[a] But at last two false witnesses[b] came forward 61and said, "This *fellow* said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

62And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?" 63But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

64Jesus said to him, "*It is as* you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66What do you think?"

They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

67Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck *Him* with the palms of their hands,

**26:52** [a]M-Text reads *die.* **26:59** [a]NU-Text omits *the elders.* **26:60** [a]NU-Text puts a comma after *but found none,* does not capitalize *Even,* and omits *they found none.* [b]NU-Text omits *false witnesses.*

**VICTORY** **3 Victory Through Prayer**

▶ *See* **Matthew 26:41**

This warning from Christ offers two commands that help you fight against temptation. First, be watchful (Ephesians 6:18). Satan often waits until your guard is down to confront you. Second, pray. Though your heart's desire is to obey Christ, it is easy to become caught in old, sinful habits. On your own, you are too weak to resist. Each time you come up against difficulty, you can pray with the assurance that God will "make the way of escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

One condition for answered prayer, however, is that you ask according to His will. A victorious Christian life is part of God's will; Christ said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

▶ *Now turn to page 1177 for 1 John 5:3, 4 and Point 4. Victory Through Faith.*

[68]saying, "Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

### *Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly*

[69]Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

[70]But he denied it before *them* all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying."

[71]And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him and said to those *who were* there, "This *fellow* also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

[72]But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

[73]And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are *one* of them, for your speech betrays you."

[74]Then he began to curse and swear, *saying,* "I do not know the Man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. [75]And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

### *Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate*

**27** When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. [2]And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius[a] Pilate the governor.

### *Judas Hangs Himself*

[3]Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, [4]saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

And they said, "What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*"

[5]Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

[6]But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." [7]And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. [8]Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

[9]Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced,* whom they of the children of Israel priced, [10]*and gave them for the potter's field, as the* LORD *directed me.*"[a]

### *Jesus Faces Pilate*

[11]Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said to him, "*It is as* you say." [12]And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

[13]Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" [14]But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

### *Taking the Place of Barabbas*

[15]Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. [16]And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.[a] [17]Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" [18]For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

[19]While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

[20]But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. [21]The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

They said, "Barabbas!"

[22]Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

*They* all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"

[23]Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?"

But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

[24]When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person.[a] You see *to it.*"

[25]And all the people answered and said, "His blood *be* on us and on our children."

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**27:2** [a]NU-Text omits *Pontius.* **27:10** [a]Jeremiah 32:6–9
**27:16** [a]NU-Text reads *Jesus Barabbas.* **27:24** [a]NU-Text omits *just.*

[26]Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

### *The Soldiers Mock Jesus*

[27]Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. [28]And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. [29]When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" [30]Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. [31]And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

### *The King on a Cross*

[32]Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. [33]And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, [34]they gave Him sour[a] wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it,* He would not drink.

[35]Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots,[a] that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

> *"They divided My garments among them,*
> *And for My clothing they cast lots."*[b]

[36]Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. [37]And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

[38]Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

[39]And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads [40]and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

[41]Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders,[a] said, [42]"He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel,[a] let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.[b] [43]He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

[44]Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

### *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

[45]Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. [46]And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*[a]

[47]Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that,* said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" [48]Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

[49]The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

[50]And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

[51]Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, [52]and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; [53]and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

[54]So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

[55]And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, [56]among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses,[a] and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

### *Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb*

[57]Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. [58]This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. [59]When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, [60]and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. [61]And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

### *Pilate Sets a Guard*

[62]On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, [63]saying, "Sir, we remem-

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**27:34** [a]NU-Text omits *sour.* **27:35** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit the rest of this verse. [b]Psalm 22:18 **27:41** [a]M-Text reads *with the scribes, the Pharisees, and the elders.* **27:42** [a]NU-Text reads *He is the King of Israel!* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *we will believe in Him.* **27:46** [a]Psalm 22:1 **27:56** [a]NU-Text reads *Joseph.*

ber, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' [64]Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night[a] and steal Him *away,* and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

[65]Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make *it* as secure as you know how." [66]So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

### *He Is Risen*

**28** Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. [2]And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door,[a] and sat on it. [3]His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. [4]And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men.*

[5]But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6]He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. [7]And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

[8]So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

### *The Women Worship the Risen Lord*

[9]And as they went to tell His disciples,[a] behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. [10]Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

### *The Soldiers Are Bribed*

[11]Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. [12]When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, [13]saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him *away* while we slept.' [14]And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." [15]So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

### *The Great Commission*

[16]Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. [17]When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

[18]And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and

**27:64** [a]NU-Text omits *by night.* **28:2** [a]NU-Text omits *from the door.* **28:9** [a]NU-Text omits the first clause of this verse.

**BAPTISM** **2 Jesus' Instruction to Baptize**

▸ *See* **Matthew 28:18–20**

During Jesus' public preaching ministry, His disciples baptized others (John 4:1, 2). Here, following His resurrection, Jesus instructs His disciples to go and make disciples of "all the nations" and to baptize them "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Much of the New Testament shows the church fulfilling this command—also known as "The Great Commission."

▸ *Now turn to page 1025 for Acts 8:36, 37 and Point 3. The Importance of Baptism.*

**THE CHURCH** **3 Mission of the Church**

▸ *See* **Matthew 28:18–20**

Jesus Christ spoke these words, commonly called the "Great Commission," to His disciples—the men he called one by one to follow Him (Matthew 4:19). In it, He stressed the believer's role in evangelism, discipleship, teaching, worship, and missions. This command also became a mandate for early social action since part of obeying Christ is to help those in need.

The early church believers met together in people's homes to worship God, read the Scriptures, and pray. They cared for each other's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and encouraged spiritual growth (see *Fellowship*). Acts 2:47 tells us that "the

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on earth. [19]Go therefore[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.[a]

**28:19** [a]M-Text omits *therefore.* **28:20** [a]NU-Text omits *Amen*

### *Church: 3. Mission of the Church (continued)*

Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

The church's mission is evangelism and discipleship. We are to preach the good news of God's salvation, and we are also to help Christians grow spiritually. Part of evangelism and discipleship is caring for the needs of those within our local churches, within our communities, and across the world.

▶ *Now turn to page 1080 for 1 Corinthians 12:27–31 and Point 4. Spiritual Gifts for the Church.*

### *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the Prophets:[a]

*"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,*
*Who will prepare Your way before You."*[b]
3 *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*
*'Prepare the way of the LORD;*
*Make His paths straight.'"*[a]

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. 8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### *John Baptizes Jesus*

9 It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And immediately, coming up from[a] the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

### *Satan Tempts Jesus*

12 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. 13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

### *Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry*

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom[a] of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

### *Four Fishermen Called as Disciples*

16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

### *Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit*

21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud

**1:2** [a]NU-Text reads *Isaiah the prophet.* [b]Malachi 3:1 **1:3** [a]Isaiah 40:3 **1:10** [a]NU-Text reads *out of.* **1:14** [a]NU-Text omits *of the kingdom.*

**SELF-DENIAL** **3 SELF-DENIAL IS REQUIRED OF JESUS' DISCIPLES**

► *See* **MARK 1:16–18**

Simon and Andrew made the life commitment that Jesus demands of all who desire to follow Him. Their commitment was not half-hearted: they *immediately* followed. They turned their backs on their old way of life to begin a new one following Jesus. Later, Simon Peter testified to this decisive moment of self-denial when he said to Jesus, "See, we have left all and followed You" (Luke 18:28).

► *Now turn to page 902 for Matthew 16:24, 25 and Point 4. Self-Denial Is Taught in God's Word.*

voice, he came out of him. [27]Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine *is* this? For with authority[a] He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." [28]And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

### *Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed*

[29]Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30]But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. [31]So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

### *Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset*

[32]At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. [33]And the whole city was gathered together at the door. [34]Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

### *Preaching in Galilee*

[35]Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. [36]And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. [37]When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

[38]But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."

[39]And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

### *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

[40]Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

[41]Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." [42]As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. [43]And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, [44]and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

[45]However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

### *Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic*

**2** And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. [2]Immediately[a] many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive

**1:27** [a]NU-Text reads *What is this? A new doctrine with authority.*
**2:2** [a]NU-Text omits *Immediately.*

**DEMONS** — **2 Demons Are Limited**

► *See* **Mark 1:32, 34**

The Bible tells us that people can be inhabited, or possessed, by demons. Jesus healed many such people by casting out these evil spirits. Though Satan and his demons can tempt and attack Christians in various ways, there are many reasons to believe that Christians cannot be "possessed" by them:

1. As believers we belong to God and the Holy Spirit lives in us; our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).
2. "He who is in you [the Holy Spirit] is greater than he who is in the world [Satan]" (1 John 4:4).
3. "The wicked one does not touch" anyone who has become a child of God (1 John 5:18).
4. There is no record in the Bible of any believers being possessed.

Demons may communicate what appears to be truth but is distorted. The New Testament writer John gives instructions about this deception. He says in 1 John 4:1, 3, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. . . . and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."

► *Now turn to page 1174 for 1 John 3:8 and Point 3. Demons Are Defeated.*

*them,* not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. [3]Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men.* [4]And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

[5]When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

[6]And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, [7]"Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

[8]But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? [9]Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '*Your* sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? [10]But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, [11]"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." [12]Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw *anything* like this!"

### *Matthew the Tax Collector*

[13]Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. [14]As He passed by, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

[15]Now it happened, as He was dining in *Levi's* house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. [16]And when the scribes and[a] Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How *is it* that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?"

[17]When Jesus heard *it,* He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."[a]

### *Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting*

[18]The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

[19]And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. [20]But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. [21]No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. [22]And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

### *Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath*

[23]Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. [24]And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

[25]But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: [26]how he went into the house of God *in the days* of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?"

[27]And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. [28]Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

### *Healing on the Sabbath*

**3** And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. [2]So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. [3]And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." [4]Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. [5]And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched *it* out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.[a] [6]Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

### *A Great Multitude Follows Jesus*

[7]But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed

**2:16** [a]NU-Text reads *of the.* **2:17** [a]NU-Text omits *to repentance.*
**3:5** [a]NU-Text omits *as whole as the other.*

Him, and from Judea [8]and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him. [9]So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. [10]For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him. [11]And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God." [12]But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

### *The Twelve Apostles*

[13]And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. [14]Then He appointed twelve,[a] that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, [15]and to have power to heal sicknesses and[a] to cast out demons: [16]Simon,[a] to whom He gave the name Peter; [17]James the *son* of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder"; [18]Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite; [19]and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

### *A House Divided Cannot Stand*

[20]Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. [21]But when His own people heard *about this,* they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."

[22]And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."

[23]So He called them to *Himself* and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? [24]If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25]And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. [26]And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. [27]No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

### *The Unpardonable Sin*

[28]"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; [29]but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"— [30]because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

### *Jesus' Mother and Brothers Send for Him*

[31]Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. [32]And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers[a] are outside seeking You."

[33]But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" [34]And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! [35]For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

### *The Parable of the Sower*

4 And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. [2]Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

[3]"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. [4]And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air[a] came and devoured it. [5]Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. [6]But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. [7]And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. [8]But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

[9]And He said to them,[a] "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### *The Purpose of Parables*

[10]But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. [11]And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, [12]so that

> *'Seeing they may see and not perceive,*
> *And hearing they may hear and not understand;*

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**3:14** [a]NU-Text adds *whom He also named apostles.* **3:15** [a]NU-Text omits *to heal sicknesses and.* **3:16** [a]NU-Text reads *and He appointed the twelve: Simon . . . .* **3:32** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *and Your sisters.* **4:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *of the air.* **4:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them.*

*Lest they should turn,*
*And their sins be forgiven them.'"*[a]

### *The Parable of the Sower Explained*

[13]And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? [14]The sower sows the word. [15]And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. [16]These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; [17]and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. [18]Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, [19]and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. [20]But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it,* and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

### *Light Under a Basket*

[21]Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? [22]For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. [23]If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

[24]Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. [25]For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

### *The Parable of the Growing Seed*

[26]And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, [27]and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. [28]For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. [29]But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

### *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

[30]Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? [31]*It is* like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the

**4:12** [a]Isaiah 6:9, 10

**WAYWARD CHRISTIANS** — **3 Overcome by Cares of the World**

▸ *See* **Mark 4:3–8, 13–20**

To fall away is to grow cold in your faith by becoming insensitive and indifferent to the reality of God's presence in your life for various reasons—often because of unconfessed sin. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus speaks of those who fall away because of immaturity; those who flee in the face of persecution; and the compromising followers who permit worldly values—"the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things"—to destroy their faith. Satan steals away the hunger that these wayward ones once had for spiritual things.

▸ *Now turn to page 830 for Hosea 14:4 and Point 4. Returning to Faith.*

**WORLDLINESS** — **2 The Power of Worldly Attraction**

▸ *See* **Mark 4:19**

The world has an alluring power that attracts everyone. Jesus, in a story found in Mark 4:3–20, points out what happens when Christians are captivated by the world. When our present concerns and desires become the focus of our lives, the Word of God does not bear fruit in our lives.

As believers, we must live in the world, but we can resist letting the world squeeze us into its mold. Without biblical convictions of right and wrong, we naturally conform to the world.

▸ *Now turn to page 1091 for 2 Corinthians 6:14–16 and Point 3. Relationships with Nonbelievers.*

seeds on earth; [32]but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

*Jesus' Use of Parables*

[33]And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it.* [34]But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

*Wind and Wave Obey Jesus*

[35]On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." [36]Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. [37]And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. [38]But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

[39]Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. [40]But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?"[a] [41]And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

*A Demon-Possessed Man Healed*

5 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.[a] [2]And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, [3]who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him,[a] not even with chains, [4]because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. [5]And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

[6]When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. [7]And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

[8]For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" [9]Then He asked him, "What *is* your name?"

And he answered, saying, "My name *is* Legion; for we are many." [10]Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

[11]Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. [12]So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." [13]And at once Jesus[a] gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

[14]So those who fed the swine fled, and they told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. [15]Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. [16]And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine. [17]Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

[18]And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. [19]However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." [20]And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

*A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

[21]Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. [22]And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet [23]and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." [24]So *Jesus* went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

[25]Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, [26]and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. [27]When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. [28]For she

**4:40** [a]NU-Text reads *Have you still no faith?* **5:1** [a]NU-Text reads *Gerasenes.* **5:3** [a]NU-Text adds *anymore.* **5:13** [a]NU-Text reads *And He gave.*

said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

29Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. 30And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

31But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

35While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house* who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

36As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." 37And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

40And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those *who were* with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age.* And they were overcome with great amazement. 43But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

### *Jesus Rejected at Nazareth*

6 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, "Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

4But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them.* 6And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

### *Sending Out the Twelve*

7And He called the twelve to *Himself,* and began to send them out two *by* two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. 8He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in *their* money belts— 9but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

10Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that

**WITNESSING** **1 Who Are Christ's Witnesses?**

▶ *See* **Mark 5:18–20**

Jesus healed this demon-possessed man and then instructed him to go tell his friends what had happened. When you encounter the love, compassion, and saving power of Jesus Christ, it makes you eager to tell someone about what He is doing in your life. After her encounter with the Savior, the "woman at the well" witnessed to her community: "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified" (John 4:39).

All Christians are witnesses—they are either sharing Christ by life and word, or they are not. Some are negative witnesses; others keep silent about their faith. It is important to seek a more vibrant relationship with Christ so that people will realize that you have been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

▶ *Now turn to page 893 for Matthew 10:32, 33 and Point 2. Why Witness?*

place. [11]And whoever[a] will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them.[b] Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

[12]So they went out and preached that *people* should repent. [13]And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them.*

### *John the Baptist Beheaded*

[14]Now King Herod heard *of Him,* for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

[15]Others said, "It is Elijah."

And others said, "It is the Prophet, or[a] like one of the prophets."

[16]But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" [17]For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. [18]Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

[19]Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; [20]for Herod feared John, knowing that he *was* a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

[21]Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief *men* of Galilee. [22]And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give *it* to you." [23]He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

[24]So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?"

And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

[25]Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

[26]And the king was exceedingly sorry; *yet,* because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. [27]Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, [28]brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. [29]When his disciples heard *of it,* they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

### *Feeding the Five Thousand*

[30]Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. [31]And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. [32]So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

[33]But the multitudes[a] saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. [34]And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. [35]When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour *is* late. [36]Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread;[a] for they have nothing to eat."

[37]But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them *something* to eat?"

[38]But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see."

And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

[39]Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. [40]So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. [41]And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave *them* to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among *them* all. [42]So they all ate and were filled. [43]And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. [44]Now those who had eaten the loaves were about[a] five thousand men.

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**6:11** [a]NU-Text reads *whatever place.* [b]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **6:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *or.* **6:33** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *they.* **6:36** [a]NU-Text reads *something to eat* and omits the rest of this verse. **6:44** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *about.*

*Jesus Walks on the Sea*

45Immediately He made His disciples get into
the boat and go before Him to the other side, to
Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away.
46And when He had sent them away, He departed
to the mountain to pray. 47Now when evening
came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and
He *was* alone on the land. 48Then He saw them
straining at rowing, for the wind was against
them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He
came to them, walking on the sea, and would have
passed them by. 49And when they saw Him walk-
ing on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and
cried out; 50for they all saw Him and were trou-
bled. But immediately He talked with them and
said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be
afraid." 51Then He went up into the boat to them,
and the wind ceased. And they were greatly
amazed in themselves beyond measure, and mar-
veled. 52For they had not understood about the
loaves, because their heart was hardened.

*Many Touch Him and Are Made Well*

53When they had crossed over, they came to the
land of Gennesaret and anchored there. 54And
when they came out of the boat, immediately the
people recognized Him, 55ran through that whole
surrounding region, and began to carry about on
beds those who were sick to wherever they heard
He was. 56Wherever He entered, into villages,
cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the mar-
ketplaces, and begged Him that they might just
touch the hem of His garment. And as many as
touched Him were made well.

*Defilement Comes from Within*

7 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes
came together to Him, having come from Je-
rusalem. 2Now when[a] they saw some of His
disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with un-
washed hands, they found fault. 3For the Phar-
isees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash
*their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition
of the elders. 4*When they come* from the market-
place, they do not eat unless they wash. And there
are many other things which they have received
and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, cop-
per vessels, and couches.

5Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him,
"Why do Your disciples not walk according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat bread with un-
washed hands?"

6He answered and said to them, "Well did Isa-
iah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

*'This people honors Me with their lips,*
*But their heart is far from Me.*
7 *And in vain they worship Me,*
*Teaching as doctrines the commandments*
*of men.'*[a]

8For laying aside the commandment of God, you
hold the tradition of men[a]—the washing of
pitchers and cups, and many other such things
you do."

9He said to them, "*All too* well you reject the
commandment of God, that you may keep your
tradition. 10For Moses said, *'Honor your father*
*and your mother'*;[a] and, *'He who curses father or*
*mother, let him be put to death.'*[b] 11But you say, 'If
a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever
profit you might have received from me *is* Cor-
ban"—' (that is, a gift *to God*), 12then you no
longer let him do anything for his father or his
mother, 13making the word of God of no effect
through your tradition which you have handed
down. And many such things you do."

14When He had called all the multitude to *Him-*
*self,* He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and un-
derstand: 15There is nothing that enters a man
from outside which can defile him; but the things
which come out of him, those are the things that
defile a man. 16If anyone has ears to hear, let him
hear!"[a]

17When He had entered a house away from the
crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the
parable. 18So He said to them, "Are you thus with-
out understanding also? Do you not perceive that
whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile
him, 19because it does not enter his heart but his
stomach, and is eliminated, *thus* purifying all
foods?"[a] 20And He said, "What comes out of a
man, that defiles a man. 21For from within, out of
the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulter-
ies, fornications, murders, 22thefts, covetousness,
wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blas-
phemy, pride, foolishness. 23All these evil things
come from within and defile a man."

**7:2** [a]NU-Text omits *when* and *they found fault.* **7:7** [a]Isaiah 29:13 **7:8** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **7:10** [a]Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16 [b]Exodus 21:17 **7:16** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **7:19** [a]NU-Text ends quotation with *eliminated,* setting off the final clause as Mark's comment that Jesus has declared all foods clean.

*A Gentile Shows Her Faith*

24From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon.[a] And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it,* but He could not be hidden. 25For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. 26The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."

28And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

29Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

*Jesus Heals a Deaf-Mute*

31Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. 32Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

35Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it.* 37And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*Feeding the Four Thousand*

8 In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples *to Him* and said to them, 2"I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. 3And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar."

**7:24** [a]NU-Text omits *and Sidon.*

THE HEART

## 2 God Reveals the Heart's True Condition

▶ *See* **Mark 7:21, 22**

Until God transforms you, when He looks into your heart, He finds an ugly mess. Jesus is very specific about this. Although you may be able to hide your tendencies from other people, your heart is full of sin. (See also Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 1:21; and Ephesians 4:17, 18.)

In Matthew 12:34, Jesus speaks to a group of religious leaders who often behaved as though they did not sin. He said, "How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." This group acted spiritually superior to other people. Jesus told them that their outward religious behavior did not hide the true state of their hearts. Sooner or later the truth would come out about them, just as it does for us today.

▶ *Now turn to page 491 for Psalm 24:3, 4 and Point 3. God's Plan for a Sinful Heart.*

SEXUALITY

## 3 Sexual Sin Begins in the Mind

▶ *See* **Mark 7:21–23**

Jesus taught that the root of sexual sin is in the human heart. An old adage says, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This is true when dealing with sexual sin. The temptation begins long before the sinful act itself. The Bible teaches that each of us is drawn away and enticed into sin by our own uncontrolled desires (James 1:14).

The religious people of Jesus' day thought only about the actual act of committing sin. In the above verses, Jesus makes it clear that sin begins before the act is carried out—it begins with a thought. Thoughts lead to actions, actions to habits, and habits to lifestyles. Victory over sexual sin is won in your thought life. How is a Christian to deal with this temptation?

▶ *Now turn to page 1125 for 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8 and Point 4. How to Deal with Sexual Sin.*

[4]Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"

[5]He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?"

And they said, "Seven."

[6]So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples to set before *them;* and they set *them* before the multitude. [7]They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before *them.* [8]So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. [9]Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, [10]immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

### *The Pharisees Seek a Sign*

[11]Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. [12]But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."

### *Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod*

[13]And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. [14]Now the disciples[a] had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. [15]Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

[16]And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "*It is* because we have no bread."

[17]But Jesus, being aware of *it,* said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still[a] hardened? [18]Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? [19]When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

They said to Him, "Twelve."

[20]"Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

And they said, "Seven."

[21]So He said to them, "How *is it* you do not understand?"

### *A Blind Man Healed at Bethsaida*

[22]Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. [23]So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

[24]And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

[25]Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. [26]Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."[a]

### *Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ*

[27]Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"

[28]So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some *say,* Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

[29]He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

[30]Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

### *Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

[31]And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32]He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. [33]But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

### *Take Up the Cross and Follow Him*

[34]When He had called the people to *Himself,* with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. [35]For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. [36]For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? [37]Or

**8:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *they.* **8:17** [a]NU-Text omits *still.*
**8:26** [a]NU-Text reads *"Do not even go into the town."*

what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
38For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

### *Jesus Transfigured on the Mount*

9 And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

2Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. 3His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"— 6because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

7And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" 8Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

9Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

11And they asked Him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

12Then He answered and told them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him."

### *A Boy Is Healed*

14And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. 15Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him,* greeted Him. 16And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

17Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

19He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." 20Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

21So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. 22And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23Jesus said to him, "If you can believe,[a] all things *are* possible to him who believes."

24Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

25When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."[a]

### *Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

30Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it.* 31For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." 32But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

### *Who Is the Greatest?*

33Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you

**9:23** [a]NU-Text reads *"'If You can!' All things. . . ."* **9:29** [a]NU-Text omits *and fasting.*

disputed among yourselves on the road?" [34]But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who *would be the* greatest. [35]And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." [36]Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, [37]"Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

### *Jesus Forbids Sectarianism*

[38]Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

[39]But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. [40]For he who is not against us is on our[a] side. [41]For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

### *Jesus Warns of Offenses*

[42]"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. [43]If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— [44]where

*'Their worm does not die*
*And the fire is not quenched.'*[a]

[45]And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— [46]where

*'Their worm does not die*
*And the fire is not quenched.'*[a]

[47]And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— [48]where

*'Their worm does not die*
*And the fire is not quenched.'*[a]

### *Tasteless Salt Is Worthless*

[49]"For everyone will be seasoned with fire,[a] and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. [50]Salt *is* good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

### *Marriage and Divorce*

**10** Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

**9:40** [a]M-Text reads *against you is on your side.* **9:44** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **9:46** [a]NU-Text omits the last clause of verse 45 and all of verse 46. **9:48** [a]Isaiah 66:24 **9:49** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

## REWARDS 3 JESUS PROMISED REWARDS

► *See* **MARK 9:41**

Jesus taught plainly about rewards for the Christian. However, rewards are not the motivation for you to love and obey God. Serve Him because He deserves your love and service. God does not owe you anything. Rewards are an added "bonus," even more evidence of God's love and graciousness.

Do not serve God in order to be noticed by others. Jesus criticized the Pharisees, or spiritual leaders of that time, for doing so and also warned His disciples against it. "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven" (Matthew 6:1). Later in this same chapter, Christ instructs us to give our finances secretly. If you do this, you're focused on pleasing God, not on what people think about you.

The Pharisees were very interested in looking good to the world around them. Jesus taught that the Pharisees' practice of bringing attention to their good works was not pleasing to God. An attitude of humility helps Christians avoid seeking rewards for the sake of the reward (Matthew 16:24–27). God asks you to obey His Word; the rewards for doing so are up to God. The best rewards are not received during your life on earth, but in heaven.

► *Now turn to page 1138 for 2 Timothy 4:8 and Point 4. Rewards After Life on Earth.*

2The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?" testing Him.

3And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4They said, "Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her.*"

5And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6But from the beginning of the creation, God '*made them male and female.*'[a] 7'*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,* 8*and the two shall become one flesh*';[a] so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

10In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter.* 11So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

### *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

13Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them.* 14But when Jesus saw *it,* He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

### *Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler*

17Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

18So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is,* God. 19You know the commandments: '*Do not commit adultery,*' '*Do not murder,*' '*Do not steal,*' '*Do not bear false witness,*' 'Do not defraud,' '*Honor your father and your mother.*'"[a]

20And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

21Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

22But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

### *With God All Things Are Possible*

23Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches[a] to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"

27But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

**10:6** [a]Genesis 1:27; 5:2 **10:8** [a]Genesis 2:24 **10:19** [a]Exodus 20:12–16; Deuteronomy 5:16–20 **10:24** [a]NU-Text omits *for those who trust in riches.*

**WITNESSING TO CHILDREN**

**1 Christ Places a High Priority on Ministry to Children**

▸ *See* **Mark 10:14**

Jesus was talking to His disciples who were trying to keep children from "getting in the way" of what Jesus was doing. This probably sounds familiar, since we also can be impatient with children or frustrated when they force us to alter our adult plans. Jesus, however, valued the opportunity to develop a relationship with children. He used children as an example of how we should come to God—trusting and depending on Him for all of our needs. We may pass by children in favor of meaningful conversations with adults. This was not Jesus' model.

While all Christians are called to help children learn about Jesus, Christian parents are in a unique position to influence their children for Christ.

▸ *Now turn to page 161 for Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 and Point 2. Parents Bear the Responsibility to Raise Their Children for Christ.*

[28]Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

[29]So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife[a] or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, [30]who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. [31]But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first."

### *Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

[32]Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: [33]"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; [34]and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

### *Greatness Is Serving*

[35]Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

[36]And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

[37]They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

[38]But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

[39]They said to Him, "We are able."

So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; [40]but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared."

[41]And when the ten heard *it,* they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. [42]But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. [43]Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. [44]And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. [45]For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### *Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus*

[46]Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. [47]And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

[48]Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

[49]So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

[50]And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

[51]So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

[52]Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

### *The Triumphal Entry*

**11** Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage[a] and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; [2]and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it.* [3]And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."

[4]So they went their way, and found the[a] colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. [5]But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?"

[6]And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. [7]Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. [8]And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.

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**10:29** [a]NU-Text omits *or wife.* **11:1** [a]M-Text reads *Bethsphage.*
**11:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *a.*

9Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna!
'*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*'[a]
10 Blessed *is* the kingdom of our father David
That comes in the name of the Lord![a]
Hosanna in the highest!"

11And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### *The Fig Tree Withered*

12Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."

And His disciples heard *it.*

### *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

15So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, '*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations*'?[a] But you have made it a '*den of thieves.*'"[b]

18And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. 19When evening had come, He went out of the city.

### *The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree*

20Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

22So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them,* and you will have *them.*

### *Forgiveness and Prayer*

25"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."[a]

### *Jesus' Authority Questioned*

27Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. 28And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?"

29But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me."

31And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 32But if we say, 'From men'"—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. 33So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know."

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

### *The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers*

12 Then He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around *it,* dug *a place for* the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 2Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. 3And they took *him* and beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. 4Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones,[a] wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully treated. 5And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. 6Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7But those vinedressers said among themselves,

**11:9** [a]Psalm 118:26 **11:10** [a]NU-Text omits *in the name of the Lord.* **11:17** [a]Isaiah 56:7 [b]Jeremiah 7:11 **11:26** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **12:4** [a]NU-Text omits *and at him they threw stones.*

'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' [8]So they took him and killed *him* and cast *him* out of the vineyard.

[9]"Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. [10]Have you not even read this Scripture:

*'The stone which the builders rejected*
*Has become the chief cornerstone.*
[11] *This was the LORD's doing,*
*And it is marvelous in our eyes'*? "[a]

[12]And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

### *The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?*

[13]Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in *His* words. [14]When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? [15]Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?"

But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see *it.*" [16]So they brought *it.*

And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."

[17]And Jesus answered and said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

And they marveled at Him.

### *The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?*

[18]Then *some* Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying: [19]"Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves *his* wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. [20]Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. [21]And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. [22]So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. [23]Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife."

[24]Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? [25]For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. [26]But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *burning* bush *passage,* how God spoke to him, saying, *'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'*?[a] [27]He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."

### *The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?*

[28]Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving[a] that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

[29]Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments *is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.* [30]*And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'*[a] This *is* the first commandment.[b] [31]And the second, like *it, is* this: *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*[a] There is no other commandment greater than these."

**12:11** [a]Psalm 118:22, 23 **12:26** [a]Exodus 3:6, 15 **12:28** [a]NU-Text reads *seeing.* **12:30** [a]Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 [b]NU-Text omits this sentence. **12:31** [a]Leviticus 19:18

**ENVY**

**1 PLACING YOURSELF IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE TO GOD AND OTHERS**

► *See* **MARK 12:30, 31**

When you place your faith in Jesus Christ, He becomes not only your Savior, but also your Lord. Your life no longer belongs to you, but to Christ. A proper perspective in relationship to God is that of total dependence and submission (see *Lordship*). In Psalm 37:4, 5, King David was inspired to write, "Delight yourself also in the LORD, / And He shall give you the desires of your heart. / Commit your way to the

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32So the scribe said to Him, "Well *said,* Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. 33And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul,[a] and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

But after that no one dared question Him.

### *Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?*

35Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How *is it* that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? 36For David himself said by the Holy Spirit:

> *'The LORD said to my Lord,*
> *"Sit at My right hand,*
> *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."'*[a]

37Therefore David himself calls Him *'Lord'*; how is He *then* his Son?"

And the common people heard Him gladly.

### *Beware of the Scribes*

38Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, *love* greetings in the marketplaces, 39the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, 40who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

### *The Widow's Two Mites*

41Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. 42Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites,[a] which make a quadrans. 43So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

### *Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple*

13 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*"

2And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

### *The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age*

3Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4"Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

5And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 6For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He,*' and will deceive many. 7But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles.[a] These *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

**12:33** [a]NU-Text omits *with all the soul.* **12:36** [a]Psalm 110:1
**12:42** [a]Greek *lepta,* very small copper coins worth a fraction of a penny **13:8** [a]NU-Text omits *and troubles.*

**ENVY: 1. PLACING YOURSELF IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE TO GOD AND OTHERS** *(continued)*

LORD, / Trust also in Him, / And He shall bring it to pass." As your Lord, God decides what is best for you. That includes your possessions, the way you look, and the circumstances you face. When you are envious, you no longer have a proper perspective toward God's place in your life.

In addition, God does not want you to be selfish; but rather, to consider the interests of others—this is your proper perspective toward those around you.

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3, 4). When you are envious of others, you are placing your desires above theirs.

► *Now turn to page 1133 for 1 Timothy 6:6, 7 and Point 2. Paul's Perspective: Being Content.*

9"But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought[a] before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. 10And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate[a] what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 13And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

### *The Great Tribulation*

14"So when you see the *'abomination of desolation,'*[a] spoken of by Daniel the prophet,[b] standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 15Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. 16And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 17But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 18And pray that your flight may not be in winter. 19For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. 20And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, 'Look, *He is* there!' do not believe it. 22For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

### *The Coming of the Son of Man*

24"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

### *The Parable of the Fig Tree*

28"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it[a] is near—at the doors! 30Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

### *No One Knows the Day or Hour*

32"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34*It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at

**13:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *will stand.* **13:11** [a]NU-Text omits *or premeditate.* **13:14** [a]Daniel 11:31; 12:11 [b]NU-Text omits *spoken of by Daniel the prophet.* **13:29** [a]Or *He*

## CULTS — 4 If You Realize You Are in a Cult

▶ *See* **Mark 13:21–23**

Realizing you have been deceived by false teaching can shake the foundation of all you believe and make you question whether you have a relationship with God at all. Know that if you have invited Jesus Christ into your life as Lord and Savior, you are a member of the family of God. If you are not sure whether you have made this commitment, see *Salvation*.

Reaffirm your faith and commitment constantly by adhering to the teachings of the Bible: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ" (Colossians 2:6–8).

▶ *Now turn to page 1175 for 1 John 4:1–3 and Point 5. Leaving a Cult.*

midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— [36]lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. [37]And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

### *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

14 After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast* of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put *Him* to death. [2]But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."

### *The Anointing at Bethany*

[3]And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head. [4]But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? [5]For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

[6]But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. [7]For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. [8]She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. [9]Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

### *Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*

[10]Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. [11]And when they heard *it,* they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

### *Jesus Celebrates the Passover with His Disciples*

[12]Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover *lamb,* His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

[13]And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. [14]Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' [15]Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us."

[16]So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

[17]In the evening He came with the twelve. [18]Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me."

[19]And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "*Is* it I?" And another *said,* "*Is* it I?"[a]

[20]He answered and said to them, "*It is* one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish. [21]The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

### *Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper*

[22]And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it,* and gave *it* to them and said, "Take, eat;[a] this is My body."

[23]Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. [24]And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new[a] covenant, which is shed for many. [25]Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

[26]And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### *Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial*

[27]Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night,[a] for it is written:

> *'I will strike the Shepherd,*
> *And the sheep will be scattered.'*[b]

[28]"But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

[29]Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I *will* not *be.*"

[30]Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, *even* this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

[31]But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

And they all said likewise.

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**14:19** [a]NU-Text omits this sentence. **14:22** [a]NU-Text omits *eat.* **14:24** [a]NU-Text omits *new.* **14:27** [a]NU-Text omits *because of Me this night.* [b]Zechariah 13:7

*The Prayer in the Garden*

[32]Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." [33]And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. [34]Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, *even* to death. Stay here and watch."

[35]He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. [36]And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*."

[37]Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? [38]Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

[39]Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. [40]And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

[41]Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. [42]Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

*Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane*

[43]And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. [44]Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead *Him* away safely."

[45]As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

[46]Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him. [47]And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

[48]Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? [49]I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

[50]Then they all forsook Him and fled.

*A Young Man Flees Naked*

[51]Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his* naked *body.* And the young men laid hold of him, [52]and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

*Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin*

[53]And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. [54]But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.

[55]Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but

**SELF-DENIAL** **2 Self-Denial Was Demonstrated by Jesus**

► *See* **Mark 14:36**

The ultimate expression of Jesus' self-denial was in His death. Though Author and Owner of everything, He denied His rightful place in order to be obedient to His Father and to rescue humanity from sin and death. He voluntarily accepted the limitations of a human body. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The Bible shows Jesus, the Creator of the universe, as a helpless baby lying in a manger. As He grew, He studied and learned and was subject to hunger, distress, and disappointment (Luke 2:40; 4:2; Mark 14:33; 15:34). Finally, Jesus voluntarily laid down His life to redeem sinners.

"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. . . . No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father" (John 10:15, 18). Though He was fully God, Jesus chose to suffer death on the cross, becoming for all sinners "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Those who follow Christ are also called to self-denial (Philippians 2:5–8).

► *Now turn to page 921 for Mark 1:16–18 and Point 3. Self-Denial Is Required of Jesus' Disciples.*

found none. [56]For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

[57]Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, [58]"We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" [59]But not even then did their testimony agree.

[60]And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?" [61]But He kept silent and answered nothing.

Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

[62]Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

[63]Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? [64]You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"

And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

[65]Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophesy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.[a]

### *Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps*

[66]Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. [67]And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

[68]But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

[69]And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is *one* of them." [70]But he denied it again.

And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are *one* of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows *it.*"[a]

[71]Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

[72]A second time *the* rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.

### *Jesus Faces Pilate*

**15** Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led *Him* away, and delivered *Him* to Pilate. [2]Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

He answered and said to him, "*It is as* you say."

[3]And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. [4]Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!"[a] [5]But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

### *Taking the Place of Barabbas*

[6]Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. [7]And there was one named Barabbas, *who was* chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. [8]Then the multitude, crying aloud,[a] began to ask *him to do* just as he had always done for them. [9]But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" [10]For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

[11]But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. [12]Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do *with Him* whom you call the King of the Jews?"

[13]So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

[14]Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?"

But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"

[15]So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him,* to be crucified.

### *The Soldiers Mock Jesus*

[16]Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. [17]And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His *head,* [18]and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" [19]Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. [20]And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

### *The King on a Cross*

[21]Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he

**14:65** [a]NU-Text reads *received Him with slaps.* **14:70** [a]NU-Text omits *and your speech shows it.* **15:4** [a]NU-Text reads *of which they accuse You.* **15:8** [a]NU-Text reads *going up.*

was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. [22]And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. [23]Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take *it.* [24]And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them *to determine* what every man should take.

[25]Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. [26]And the inscription of His accusation was written above:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

[27]With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. [28]So the Scripture was fulfilled[a] which says, "*And He was numbered with the transgressors.*"[b]

[29]And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! *You* who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, [30]save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

[31]Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. [32]Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe."[a]

Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

### *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

[33]Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. [34]And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*"[a]

[35]Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that,* said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!" [36]Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and offered *it* to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down."

[37]And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

[38]Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. [39]So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last,[a] he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

[40]There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, [41]who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

### *Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb*

[42]Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, [43]Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. [44]Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. [45]So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. [46]Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. [47]And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid.

### *He Is Risen*

**16** Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. [2]Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. [3]And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" [4]But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. [5]And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

[6]But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. [7]But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

[8]So they went out quickly[a] and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### *Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord*

[9]Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out

**15:28** [a]Isaiah 53:12 [b]NU-Text omits this verse. **15:32** [a]M-Text reads *believe Him.* **15:34** [a]Psalm 22:1 **15:39** [a]NU-Text reads *that He thus breathed His last.* **16:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *quickly.*

of whom He had cast seven demons. [10]She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. [11]And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

### *Jesus Appears to Two Disciples*

[12]After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. [13]And they went and told *it* to the rest, *but* they did not believe them either.

### *The Great Commission*

[14]Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. [15]And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. [16]He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. [17]And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; [18]they[a] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

### *Christ Ascends to God's Right Hand*

[19]So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. [20]And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.[a]

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**16:18** [a]NU-Text reads *and in their hands they will.* **16:20** [a]Verses 9–20 are bracketed in NU-Text as not original. They are lacking in Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, although nearly all other manuscripts of Mark contain them.

# LUKE

### *Dedication to Theophilus*

1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set
in order a narrative of those things which
have been fulfilled[a] among us, [2]just as those
who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and
ministers of the word delivered them to us, [3]it
seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to
write to you an orderly account, most excellent
Theophilus, [4]that you may know the certainty of
those things in which you were instructed.

### *John's Birth Announced to Zacharias*

[5]There was in the days of Herod, the king of
Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the
division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters
of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. [6]And they
were both righteous before God, walking in all the
commandments and ordinances of the Lord
blameless. [7]But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

[8]So it was, that while he was serving as priest
before God in the order of his division, [9]according
to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to
burn incense when he went into the temple of the
Lord. [10]And the whole multitude of the people
was praying outside at the hour of incense. [11]Then
an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on
the right side of the altar of incense. [12]And when
Zacharias saw *him,* he was troubled, and fear fell
upon him.

[13]But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid,
Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife
Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call
his name John. [14]And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. [15]For he
will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall
drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also
be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his
mother's womb. [16]And he will turn many of the
children of Israel to the Lord their God. [17]He will
also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, '*to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,*'[a] and the disobedient to the wisdom of the
just, to make ready a people prepared for the
Lord."

[18]And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I
know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is
well advanced in years."

[19]And the angel answered and said to him, "I
am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God,
and was sent to speak to you and bring you these
glad tidings. [20]But behold, you will be mute and
not able to speak until the day these things take
place, because you did not believe my words
which will be fulfilled in their own time."

[21]And the people waited for Zacharias, and
marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.
[22]But when he came out, he could not speak to
them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and
remained speechless.

[23]So it was, as soon as the days of his service
were completed, that he departed to his own
house. [24]Now after those days his wife Elizabeth
conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, [25]"Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the
days when He looked on *me,* to take away my reproach among people."

### *Christ's Birth Announced to Mary*

[26]Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was
sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
[27]to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was
Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name
*was* Mary. [28]And having come in, the angel said to
her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one,* the Lord *is* with
you; blessed *are* you among women!"[a]

[29]But when she saw *him,*[a] she was troubled at
his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. [30]Then the angel said to her, "Do not
be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with
God. [31]And behold, you will conceive in your
womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His
name Jesus. [32]He will be great, and will be called
the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give
Him the throne of His father David. [33]And He will
reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His
kingdom there will be no end."

[34]Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this
be, since I do not know a man?"

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**1:1** [a]Or *are most surely believed* **1:17** [a]Malachi 4:5, 6
**1:28** [a]NU-Text omits *blessed are you among women.*
**1:29** [a]NU-Text omits *when she saw him.*

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! 43 But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

### *The Song of Mary*

46 And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
And holy *is* His name.
50 And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him
From generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52 He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones,
And exalted *the* lowly.
53 He has filled *the* hungry with good things,
And *the* rich He has sent away empty.
54 He has helped His servant Israel,
In remembrance of *His* mercy,
55 As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and to his seed forever."

56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

### *Birth of John the Baptist*

57 Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. 58 When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

### *Circumcision of John the Baptist*

59 So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. 60 His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John."

61 But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." 62 So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.

**FAITH** **6 Faith Demonstrated in the Impossible**

► *See* **Luke 1:37**

Luke 1 records Jesus' conception in the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. An angel told Mary that she was to have a child. "How can this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I do not know a man?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God" (verse 35). When Mary heard the words of the angel, she had no physical proof that she was pregnant. And yet Mary believed that God's Word, sent through the angel, was true. She trusted God and had faith to believe in what she couldn't see—that she would give birth to the Messiah. In the same way, we have God's Word before us, full of His promises. We can use Mary's example to encourage us to have faith in God's Word, even when we do not yet see the results.

► *Now turn to page 1065 for Romans 14:23 and Point 7. Lack of Faith.*

63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote,
saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled.
64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his
tongue *loosed,* and he spoke, praising God. 65 Then
fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all
these sayings were discussed throughout all the
hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard
*them* kept *them* in their hearts, saying, "What
kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the
Lord was with him.

### *Zacharias' Prophecy*

67 Now his father Zacharias was filled with the
Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

68 "Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His
people,
69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of His servant David,
70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy
prophets,
Who *have been* since the world began,
71 That we should be saved from our enemies
And from the hand of all who hate us,
72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our
fathers
And to remember His holy covenant,
73 The oath which He swore to our father
Abraham:
74 To grant us that we,
Being delivered from the hand of our
enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all
the days of our life.

76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of
the Highest;
For you will go before the face of the Lord to
prepare His ways,
77 To give knowledge of salvation to His
people
By the remission of their sins,
78 Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has
visited[a] us;
79 To give light to those who sit in darkness
and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 So the child grew and became strong in spirit,
and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

### *Christ Born of Mary*

2 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all
the world should be registered. 2 This census
first took place while Quirinius was governing
Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his
own city.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the
city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David,
which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the
house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with
Mary, his betrothed wife,[a] who was with child. 6 So
it was, that while they were there, the days were
completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she
brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped
Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the
inn.

### *Glory in the Highest*

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over
their flock by night. 9 And behold,[a] an angel of the
Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord
shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.
10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid,
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to
you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord. 12 And this *will be* the sign to you:
You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths,
lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

14 "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"[a]

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away
from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to
one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see
this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord
has made known to us." 16 And they came with
haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe
lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen
*Him,* they made widely[a] known the saying which
was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all
those who heard *it* marveled at those things
which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But

**1:78** [a]NU-Text reads *shall visit.* **2:5** [a]NU-Text omits *wife.*
**2:9** [a]NU-Text omits *behold.* **2:14** [a]NU-Text reads *toward men of goodwill.* **2:17** [a]NU-Text omits *widely.*

Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. [20]Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

### *Circumcision of Jesus*

[21]And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child,[a] His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

### *Jesus Presented in the Temple*

[22]Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord [23](as it is written in the law of the Lord, "*Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD*"),[a] [24]and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "*A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*"[a]

### *Simeon Sees God's Salvation*

[25]And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26]And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27]So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, [28]he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

[29] "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart
in peace,
According to Your word;
[30] For my eyes have seen Your salvation
[31] Which You have prepared before the face of
all peoples,
[32] A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel."

[33]And Joseph and His mother[a] marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. [34]Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against [35](yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

### *Anna Bears Witness to the Redeemer*

[36]Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; [37]and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years,[a] who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. [38]And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord,[a] and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

### *The Family Returns to Nazareth*

[39]So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. [40]And the Child grew and became strong in spirit,[a] filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

### *The Boy Jesus Amazes the Scholars*

[41]His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. [42]And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. [43]When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother[a] did not know *it;* [44]but supposing

**2:21** [a]NU-Text reads *for His circumcision.* **2:23** [a]Exodus 13:2, 12, 15 **2:24** [a]Leviticus 12:8 **2:33** [a]NU-Text reads *And His father and mother.* **2:37** [a]NU-Text reads *a widow until she was eighty-four.* **2:38** [a]NU-Text reads *to God.* **2:40** [a]NU-Text omits *in spirit.* **2:43** [a]NU-Text reads *And His parents.*

**JESUS CHRIST** ② **JESUS CHRIST BECAME A MAN**

► *See* **LUKE 2:10–12**

The humanity of Jesus is a vital part of His being, since Jesus was both fully God and fully man. When He lived on earth, Jesus became tired, hungry, and thirsty. He experienced the emotions of anger, sorrow, grief, and joy. Jesus physically died. "But [Jesus] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7, 8).

His human experience made Him a merciful High Priest who comforts and strengthens, understands and sympathizes with us (Hebrews 2:16–18).

► *Now turn to page 989 for John 5:17–21 and Point 3. Jesus Christ Accomplished the Work of His Father.*

Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. 45So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

### *Jesus Advances in Wisdom and Favor*

51Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

### *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests,[a] the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, 4as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*
*'Prepare the way of the LORD;*
*Make His paths straight.*
5 *Every valley shall be filled*
*And every mountain and hill brought low;*
*The crooked places shall be made straight*
*And the rough ways smooth;*
6 *And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"*[a]

### *John Preaches to the People*

7Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 9And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?"

11He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

12Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

13And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

14Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?"

So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

15Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ *or* not, 16John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

18And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. 19But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,[a] and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

### *John Baptizes Jesus*

21When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

### *The Genealogy of Jesus Christ*

23Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry at* about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed)

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**3:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas.* **3:6** [a]Isaiah 40:3–5 **3:19** [a]NU-Text reads *his brother's wife.*

*the* son of Joseph, *the son* of Heli, 24*the son* of Matthat,[a] *the son* of Levi, *the son* of Melchi, *the son* of Janna, *the son* of Joseph, 25*the son* of Mattathiah, *the son* of Amos, *the son* of Nahum, *the son* of Esli, *the son* of Naggai, 26*the son* of Maath, *the son* of Mattathiah, *the son* of Semei, *the son* of Joseph, *the son* of Judah, 27*the son* of Joannas, *the son* of Rhesa, *the son* of Zerubbabel, *the son* of Shealtiel, *the son* of Neri, 28*the son* of Melchi, *the son* of Addi, *the son* of Cosam, *the son* of Elmodam, *the son* of Er, 29*the son* of Jose, *the son* of Eliezer, *the son* of Jorim, *the son* of Matthat, *the son* of Levi, 30*the son* of Simeon, *the son* of Judah, *the son* of Joseph, *the son* of Jonan, *the son* of Eliakim, 31*the son* of Melea, *the son* of Menan, *the son* of Mattathah, *the son* of Nathan, *the son* of David, 32*the son* of Jesse, *the son* of Obed, *the son* of Boaz, *the son* of Salmon, *the son* of Nahshon, 33*the son* of Amminadab, *the son* of Ram, *the son* of Hezron, *the son* of Perez, *the son* of Judah, 34*the son* of Jacob, *the son* of Isaac, *the son* of Abraham, *the son* of Terah, *the son* of Nahor, 35*the son* of Serug, *the son* of Reu, *the son* of Peleg, *the son* of Eber, *the son* of Shelah, 36*the son* of Cainan, *the son* of Arphaxad, *the son* of Shem, *the son* of Noah, *the son* of Lamech, 37*the son* of Methuselah, *the son* of Enoch, *the son* of Jared, *the son* of Mahalalel, *the son* of Cainan, 38*the son* of Enosh, *the son* of Seth, *the son* of Adam, *the son* of God.

### *Satan Tempts Jesus*

4 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into[a] the wilderness, 2being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

3And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

4But Jesus answered him, saying,[a] "It is written, *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'*"[b]

5Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him[a] all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

8And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan![a] For[b] it is written, *'You shall worship the* LORD *your God, and Him only you shall serve.'*"[c]

9Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10For it is written:

> *'He shall give His angels charge over you,*
> *To keep you,'*

11and,

> *'In their hands they shall bear you up,*
> *Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'*"[a]

12And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, *'You shall not tempt the* LORD *your God.'*"[a]

13Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

### *Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry*

14Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. 15And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

### *Jesus Rejected at Nazareth*

16So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

> 18 *"The Spirit of the* LORD *is upon Me,*
> *Because He has anointed Me*
> *To preach the gospel to the poor;*
> *He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,*[a]
> *To proclaim liberty to the captives*
> *And recovery of sight to the blind,*
> *To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*
> 19 *To proclaim the acceptable year of the*
> *LORD."*[a]

20Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21And

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**3:24** [a]This and several other names in the genealogy are spelled somewhat differently in the NU-Text. Since the New King James Version uses the Old Testament spelling for persons mentioned in the New Testament, these variations, which come from the Greek, have not been footnoted. **4:1** [a]NU-Text reads *in*. **4:4** [a]Deuteronomy 8:3 [b]NU-Text omits *but by every word of God*. **4:5** [a]NU-Text reads *And taking Him up, he showed Him*. **4:8** [a]NU-Text omits *Get behind Me, Satan*. [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *For*. [c]Deuteronomy 6:13 **4:11** [a]Psalm 91:11, 12 **4:12** [a]Deuteronomy 6:16 **4:18** [a]NU-Text omits *to heal the brokenhearted*. **4:19** [a]Isaiah 61:1, 2

He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum,[a] do also here in Your country.'" 24Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. 25But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; 26but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath,[a] *in the region* of Sidon, to a woman *who was* a widow. 27And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. 30Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

### *Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit*

31Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. 32And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. 33Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

35But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in *their* midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. 36Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this *is!* For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." 37And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

### *Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed*

38Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

### *Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset*

40When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. 41And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ,[a] the Son of God!"

And He, rebuking *them,* did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

### *Jesus Preaches in Galilee*

42Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; 43but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.[a]

### *Four Fishermen Called as Disciples*

5 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. 3Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

4When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8When Simon Peter saw *it,* he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

9For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10and so also *were* James and John, the sons of

**4:23** [a]Here and elsewhere the NU-Text spelling is *Capharnaum.*
**4:26** [a]Greek *Sarepta* **4:41** [a]NU-Text omits *the Christ.*
**4:44** [a]NU-Text reads *Judea.*

Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." [11]So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

### *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

[12]And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on *his* face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

[13]Then He put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him. [14]And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

[15]However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. [16]So He Himself *often* withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

### *Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic*

[17]Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.[a] [18]Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. [19]And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

[20]When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

[21]And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

[22]But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? [23]Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? [24]But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

[25]Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. [26]And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

### *Matthew the Tax Collector*

[27]After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." [28]So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

[29]Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. [30]And their scribes and the Pharisees[a] complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

[31]Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [32]I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

**5:17** [a]NU-Text reads *present with Him to heal.* **5:30** [a]NU-Text reads *But the Pharisees and their scribes.*

**FELLOWSHIP** **4 Proper Choices for Fellowship**

▶ *See* **Luke 5:30, 31**

Jesus set an example for us as a "friend of sinners" (Matthew 11:19; Luke 7:34). When you follow His example, you will develop friendships with and serve unbelievers as well as believers. Pray earnestly that your unbelieving friends come to trust Christ, but continue to love them even if they do not. Fellowship with non-Christians will have limited depth because, as a Christian, you have a new nature in Christ and your belief and behavior will conflict with non-Christians. "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?" (2 Corinthians 6:14, 15).

You must constantly balance Jesus' teaching to be light in a dark world and yet not to participate in the world's "unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

### *Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting*

33 Then they said to Him, "Why do[a] the disciples
of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise
those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"

34 And He said to them, "Can you make the
friends of the bridegroom fast while the bride-
groom is with them? 35 But the days will come
when the bridegroom will be taken away from
them; then they will fast in those days."

36 Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one
puts a piece from a new garment on an old one;[a]
otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the
piece that was *taken* out of the new does not
match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into
old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the
wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will
be ruined. 38 But new wine must be put into new
wineskins, and both are preserved.[a] 39 And no one,
having drunk old *wine,* immediately[a] desires
new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"[b]

### *Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath*

6 Now it happened on the second Sabbath
after the first[a] that He went through the
grainfields. And His disciples plucked the
heads of grain and ate *them,* rubbing *them* in
*their* hands. 2 And some of the Pharisees said to
them, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do
on the Sabbath?"

3 But Jesus answering them said, "Have you not
even read this, what David did when he was hun-
gry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he
went into the house of God, took and ate the
showbread, and also gave some to those with him,
which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?"
5 And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also
Lord of the Sabbath."

### *Healing on the Sabbath*

6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also,
that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a
man was there whose right hand was withered.
7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him
closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath,
that they might find an accusation against Him.
8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man
who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand
here." And he arose and stood. 9 Then Jesus said to
them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the
Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to
destroy?"[a] 10 And when He had looked around at
them all, He said to the man,[a] "Stretch out your
hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored
as whole as the other.[b] 11 But they were filled with
rage, and discussed with one another what they
might do to Jesus.

### *The Twelve Apostles*

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He
went out to the mountain to pray, and continued
all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day,
He called His disciples to *Himself;* and from them
He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:
14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and An-
drew his brother; James and John; Philip and
Bartholomew; 15 Matthew and Thomas; James the
*son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;
16 Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot who
also became a traitor.

### *Jesus Heals a Great Multitude*

17 And He came down with them and stood on a
level place with a crowd of His disciples and a
great multitude of people from all Judea and Jeru-
salem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,
who came to hear Him and be healed of their dis-
eases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with
unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the
whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power
went out from Him and healed *them* all.

### *The Beatitudes*

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disci-
ples, and said:

"Blessed *are you* poor,
For yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed *are you* who hunger now,
For you shall be filled.
Blessed *are you* who weep now,
For you shall laugh.
22 Blessed are you when men hate you,
And when they exclude you,
And revile *you,* and cast out your name as
evil,
For the Son of Man's sake.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!
For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven,
For in like manner their fathers did to the
prophets.

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**5:33** [a]NU-Text omits *Why do,* making the verse a statement. **5:36** [a]NU-Text reads *No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old one.* **5:38** [a]NU-Text omits *and both are preserved.* **5:39** [a]NU-Text omits *immediately.* [b]NU-Text reads *good.* **6:1** [a]NU-Text reads *on a Sabbath.* **6:9** [a]M-Text reads *to kill.* **6:10** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *to him.* [b]NU-Text omits *as whole as the other.*

*Jesus Pronounces Woes*

24 "But woe to you who are rich,
For you have received your consolation.
25 Woe to you who are full,
For you shall hunger.
Woe to you who laugh now,
For you shall mourn and weep.
26 Woe to you[a] when all[b] men speak well of you,
For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

*Love Your Enemies*

27"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. 29To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. 30Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back. 31And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

32"But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

*Do Not Judge*

37"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

39And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? 40A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. 41And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? 42Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

*A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit*

43"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart[a] brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

*Build on the Rock*

46"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.[a]

**6:26** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to you.* [b]M-Text omits *all.*
**6:45** [a]NU-Text omits *treasure of his heart.* **6:48** [a]NU-Text reads *for it was well built.*

GAMBLING — 2 GENEROSITY IS REWARDED

► *See* LUKE 6:38

God wants us to have generous hearts to share what we have with others. And He rewards generosity in kind. God's work is to be supported by the sacrificial giving of God's people, not by such things as raffles, bingo, or lotteries. Do not justify any form of gambling just because such events are sometimes sponsored by a church or serve good causes.

► *Now turn to page 607 for Ecclesiastes 5:10 and Point 3. Breaking Free from the Love of Money.*

[49]But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell.[a] And the ruin of that house was great."

### *Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant*

7 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. [2]And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. [3]So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. [4]And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, [5]"for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

[6]Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. [7]Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. [8]For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

[9]When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" [10]And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.[a]

### *Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain*

[11]Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. [12]And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. [13]When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." [14]Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." [15]So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

[16]Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." [17]And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

### *John the Baptist Sends Messengers to Jesus*

[18]Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. [19]And John, calling two of his disciples to *him,* sent *them* to Jesus,[a] saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

[20]When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" [21]And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

[22]Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them. [23]And blessed is *he* who is not offended because of Me."

[24]When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? [25]But what did

**6:49** [a]NU-Text reads *collapsed.* **7:10** [a]NU-Text omits *who had been sick.* **7:19** [a]NU-Text reads *the Lord.*

**LORDSHIP** **4 The Fruits of Lordship**

▸ *See* **Luke 6:46–49**

Jesus' lordship gives stability to your life. Many of the earthly things in which you might place your trust are unstable and subject to change. Jesus Christ will never change. By trusting His lordship, you establish a firm foundation on which to build your life. And Jesus said a house built on that foundation cannot be shaken. The lordship of Christ is a gift and a relief rather than a burden. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28–30).

▸ *Now turn to page 1002 for John 13:12–17 and Point 5. Following Our Lord's Example.*

you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts. 26But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 27This is *he* of whom it is written:

*'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,*
*Who will prepare Your way before You.'*[a]

28For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist;[a] but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29And when all the people heard *Him,* even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. 30But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

31And the Lord said,[a] "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? 32They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying:

'We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance;
We mourned to you,
And you did not weep.'

33For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' 34The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' 35But wisdom is justified by all her children."

### *A Sinful Woman Forgiven*

36Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. 37And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. 39Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this,* he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

40And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

So he said, "Teacher, say it."

41"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

43Simon answered and said, "I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more."

And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." 44Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. 45You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. 46You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. 47Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

48Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

### *Many Women Minister to Jesus*

8 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve *were* with Him, 2and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, 3and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him[a] from their substance.

### *The Parable of the Sower*

4And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: 5"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked

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**7:27** [a]Malachi 3:1 **7:28** [a]NU-Text reads *there is none greater than John.* **7:31** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *And the Lord said.* **8:3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *them.*

moisture. 7And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. 8But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

*The Purpose of Parables*

9Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

10And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that

*'Seeing they may not see,*
*And hearing they may not understand.'*[a]

*The Parable of the Sower Explained*

11"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. 14Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

*The Parable of the Revealed Light*

16"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts *it* under a bed, but sets *it* on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. 17For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor *anything* hidden that will not be known and come to light. 18Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

*Jesus' Mother and Brothers Come to Him*

19Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. 20And it was told Him *by some,* who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You."

21But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

*Wind and Wave Obey Jesus*

22Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. 23But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling *with water,* and were in jeopardy. 24And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"

Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. 25But He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

*A Demon-Possessed Man Healed*

26Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes,[a] which is opposite Galilee. 27And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes,[a] nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" 29For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the

**8:10** [a]Isaiah 6:9 **8:26** [a]NU-Text reads *Gerasenes.* **8:27** [a]NU-Text reads *who had demons and for a long time wore no clothes.*

country. 35Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. 37Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes[a] asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

### *A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

40So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. 41And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, 42for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. 43Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

45And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him[a] said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "[b]

46But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." 47Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

48And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer;[a] your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

49While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house,* saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."[a]

50But when Jesus heard *it,* He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." 51When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in[a] except Peter, James, and John,[b] and the father and mother of the girl. 52Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." 53And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

54But He put them all outside,[a] took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." 55Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. 56And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### *Sending Out the Twelve*

9 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

4"Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

### *Herod Seeks to See Jesus*

7Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 8and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. 9Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him.

### *Feeding the Five Thousand*

10And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. 11But when the multitudes knew *it,* they followed Him;

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**8:37** [a]NU-Text reads *Gerasenes.* **8:45** [a]NU-Text omits *and those with him.* [b]NU-Text omits *and You say, 'Who touched Me?'* **8:48** [a]NU-Text omits *be of good cheer.* **8:49** [a]NU-Text adds *anymore.* **8:51** [a]NU-Text adds *with Him.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *Peter, John, and James.* **8:54** [a]NU-Text omits *put them all outside.*

and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. 12When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

13But He said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." 14For there were about five thousand men.

Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." 15And they did so, and made them all sit down.

16Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

### *Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ*

18And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

19So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some *say* Elijah; and others *say* that one of the old prophets has risen again."

20He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

### *Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

21And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

### *Take Up the Cross and Follow Him*

23Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily,[a] and follow Me. 24For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. 25For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? 26For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels. 27But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

### *Jesus Transfigured on the Mount*

28Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening. 30And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. 33Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son.[a] Hear Him!" 36When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

### *A Boy Is Healed*

37Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. 38Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. 39And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams *at the mouth;* and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. 40So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

41Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed *him.* Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

### *Jesus Again Predicts His Death*

43And they were all amazed at the majesty of God.

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**9:23** [a]M-Text omits *daily.* **9:35** [a]NU-Text reads *This is My Son, the Chosen One.*

But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, 44"Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." 45But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

### *Who Is the Greatest?*

46Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. 47And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, 48and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

### *Jesus Forbids Sectarianism*

49Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

50But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid *him,* for he who is not against us[a] is on our[b] side."

### *A Samaritan Village Rejects the Savior*

51Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, 52and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. 53But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem. 54And when His disciples James and John saw *this,* they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"[a]

55But He turned and rebuked them,[a] and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them."*[a] And they went to another village.

### *The Cost of Discipleship*

57Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

58And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head."

59Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

60Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

61And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house."

62But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

### *The Seventy Sent Out*

**10** After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also,[a] and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. 2Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. 4Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. 5But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. 7And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11'The very dust of your city which clings to us[a] we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' 12But[a] I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

### *Woe to the Impenitent Cities*

13"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be

**9:50** [a]NU-Text reads *you.* [b]NU-Text reads *your.* **9:54** [a]NU-Text omits *just as Elijah did.* **9:55** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **9:56** [a]NU-Text omits the first sentence of this verse. **10:1** [a]NU-Text reads *seventy-two others.* **10:11** [a]NU-Text reads *our feet.* **10:12** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *But.*

brought down to Hades.[a] 16He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

*The Seventy Return with Joy*

17Then the seventy[a] returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather[a] rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

*Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit*

21In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 22All[a] things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him.*"

23Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see; 24for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it,* and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *it.*"

*The Parable of the Good Samaritan*

25And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*"

27So he answered and said, "'*You shall love the* LORD *your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,*'[a] and '*your neighbor as yourself.*'"[b]

28And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

29But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him,* and departed, leaving *him* half dead. 31Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35On the next day, when he departed,[a] he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

37And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*Mary and Martha Worship and Serve*

38Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus'[a] feet and heard His word. 40But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41And Jesus[a] answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

*The Model Prayer*

11 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

2So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,[a]
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.[b]
Your will be done
On earth as *it is* in heaven.

**10:15** [a]NU-Text reads *will you be exalted to heaven? You will be thrust down to Hades!* **10:17** [a]NU-Text reads *seventy-two.* **10:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *rather.* **10:22** [a]M-Text reads *And turning to the disciples He said, "All . . .* **10:27** [a]Deuteronomy 6:5 [b]Leviticus 19:18 **10:35** [a]NU-Text omits *when he departed.* **10:39** [a]NU-Text reads *the Lord's.* **10:41** [a]NU-Text reads *the Lord.* **11:2** [a]NU-Text omits *Our* and *in heaven.* [b]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins,
For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one."[a]

*A Friend Comes at Midnight*

5 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

*Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking*

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread[a] from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

*A House Divided Cannot Stand*

14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub,[a] the ruler of the demons."

16 Others, testing *Him,* sought from Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

*An Unclean Spirit Returns*

24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first."

*Keeping the Word*

27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!"

28 But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**11:4** [a]NU-Text omits *But deliver us from the evil one.*
**11:11** [a]NU-Text omits the words from *bread* through *for* in the next sentence. **11:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Beelzebul.*

**PRAYER** **5 Faithfulness in Prayer**

▶ *See* **Luke 11:5–9**

In Luke 11:5–9, we are encouraged to continue faithfully in prayer, to be as persistent as the person in the above passage. Since we want to receive from God, we need to ask. As you pray faithfully and persistently, you can trust that God will always answer. His response may not be the exact answer you were hoping for, but He will answer according to His perfect will. Regardless of what the answer is, we know that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*Seeking a Sign*

29And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.[a] 30For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. 31The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. 32The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

*The Lamp of the Body*

33"No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts *it* in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. 34The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when *your eye* is bad, your body also *is* full of darkness. 35Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. 36If then your whole body *is* full of light, having no part dark, *the* whole *body* will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."

*Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers*

37And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. 38When the Pharisee saw *it,* he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.

39Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. 40Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

42"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe the mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 43Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. 44Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites![a] For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over *them* are not aware *of them.*"

45Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also."

46And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. 47Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. 49Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute,' 50that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, 51from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

52"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

53And as He said these things to them,[a] the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail *Him* vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, 54lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.[a]

*Beware of Hypocrisy*

12 In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first *of all,* "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. 3Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

*Jesus Teaches the Fear of God*

4"And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

6"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins?[a] And not one of them is forgotten before

**11:29** [a]NU-Text omits *the prophet.* **11:44** [a]NU-Text omits *scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites.* **11:53** [a]NU-Text reads *And when He left there.* **11:54** [a]NU-Text omits *and seeking* and *that they might accuse Him.* **12:6** [a]Greek *assarion,* a coin of very small value

God. 7But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

*Confess Christ Before Men*

8"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

10"And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

11"Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. 12For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

*The Parable of the Rich Fool*

13Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" 15And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness,[a] for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

16Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry."' 20But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

21"So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

*Do Not Worry*

22Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will

**12:15** [a]NU-Text reads *all covetousness.*

## GOD THE FATHER

### 2 Knows His Creation

▶ *See* **Luke 12:6, 7**

Jesus tells about God's knowledge of and concern for His creation. God not only knows about every sparrow, He knows you completely. He not only created the world and set it in motion, but He created you specifically. "O Lord, You have searched me and known me. / You know my sitting down and my rising up; / You understand my thought afar off. / . . . And are acquainted with all my ways. / For there is not a word on my tongue, / But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. . . . / For You formed my inward parts; / You covered me in my mother's womb. . . . / Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. / And in Your book they all were written, / The days fashioned for me, / When as yet there were none of them" (Psalm 139:1–4, 13, 16).

God is omniscient; He knows everything. Nothing can be hidden from Him.

▶ *Now turn to page 475 for Job 41:11 and Point 3. All-Powerful and Sovereign.*

## PROSPERITY OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS

### 2 Do Not Envy the Prosperity of the Unrighteous

▶ *See* **Luke 12:15**

The Bible says that it's sinful to envy the wicked or to covet their riches. Jesus warns Christians to be on guard against greed in all its many forms because life is not to be equated with the things of the physical world. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). To please God, we should desire His best for us, regardless of whether or not we have physical comfort through prosperity. The apostle Paul wrote: "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:6, 7).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. [23]Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. [24]Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? [25]And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? [26]If you then are not able to do *the* least, why are you anxious for the rest? [27]Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. [28]If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of little faith?

[29]"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. [30]For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. [31]But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things[a] shall be added to you.

[32]"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. [33]Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. [34]For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### *The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant*

[35]"Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; [36]and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. [37]Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat,* and will come and serve them. [38]And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. [39]But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and[a] not allowed his house to be broken into. [40]Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

[41]Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people?*"

[42]And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? [43]Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. [44]Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. [45]But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, [46]the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him,* and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. [47]And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes.* [48]But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

### *Christ Brings Division*

[49]"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! [50]But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! [51]Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. [52]For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. [53]Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

### *Discern the Time*

[54]Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. [55]And when *you see* the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. [56]Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?

### *Make Peace with Your Adversary*

[57]"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? [58]When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the

**12:31** [a]NU-Text reads *His kingdom, and these things.*
**12:39** [a]NU-Text reads *he would not have allowed.*

judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

*Repent or Perish*

13 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

*The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree*

6He also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it.* 9And if it bears fruit, *well.* But if not, after that[a] you can cut it down.'"

*A Spirit of Infirmity*

10Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up. 12But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

15The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite![a] Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it? 16So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" 17And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

*The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

18Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? 19It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large[a] tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

*The Parable of the Leaven*

20And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? 21It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures[a] of meal till it was all leavened."

*The Narrow Way*

22And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?"

And He said to them, 24"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. 30And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

31On that very day[a] some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

32And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be per-

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**13:9** [a]NU-Text reads *And if it bears fruit after that, well. But if not, you can cut it down.* **13:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Hypocrites.* **13:19** [a]NU-Text omits *large.* **13:21** [a]Greek *sata,* approximately two pecks in all **13:31** [a]NU-Text reads *In that very hour.*

fected.' [33]Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

### *Jesus Laments over Jerusalem*

[34]"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing! [35]See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly,[a] I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, '*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the* LORD*!*'"[b]

### *A Man with Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath*

**14** Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. [2]And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. [3]And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"[a]

[4]But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and let him go. [5]Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey[a] or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" [6]And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

### *Take the Lowly Place*

[7]So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: [8]"When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; [9]and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. [10]But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. [11]For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

[12]Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. [13]But when you give a feast, invite *the* poor, *the* maimed, *the* lame, *the* blind. [14]And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

### *The Parable of the Great Supper*

[15]Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed *is* he who shall eat bread[a] in the kingdom of God!"

**13:35** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *assuredly.* [b]Psalm 118:26
**14:3** [a]NU-Text adds *or not.* **14:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *son.*
**14:15** [a]M-Text reads *dinner.*

## HOSPITALITY ③ Hospitality Toward Strangers

► *See* **Luke 14:12–14**

Jesus is speaking about a principle of hospitality. When we entertain, we often stay within our own circle of friends—associating only with those with whom we feel comfortable and who have the ability to repay in kind.

Instead, Christ encourages us to give generously without expecting a return. This is the kind of love that proves we belong to God. It also offers us a platform from which to share Christ. God's love demands that we entertain strangers without expecting a return on our investment, and even regardless of their response to God. We are to entertain the blind, lame, and poor—those who struggle with life.

Sometimes we are put off by appearance or behavior; we don't know how to act or what to say. Jesus encourages us to rely on Him for the right words, thoughts, and attitudes. Because we are still learning to love as Christ loves, we must trust God to help us see people through His eyes and to think of them as He does. Through hospitality, God is teaching us to treasure the uniqueness of each individual and to love unconditionally.

Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

We don't always know the impact of our hospitality on others. Likewise, we do not know the spiritual benefits we'll receive from being hospitable. Even so, God calls us to a life of obedience that includes hospitality whenever and to whomever He directs.

► *Now turn to page 1131 for 1 Timothy 3:2 and Point 4. Hospitality Characterizes Christian Leadership.*

16 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a
great supper and invited many, 17 and sent his ser-
vant at supper time to say to those who were in-
vited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' 18 But they
all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The
first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground,
and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me ex-
cused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke
of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to
have me excused.' 20 Still another said, 'I have mar-
ried a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So that
servant came and reported these things to his
master. Then the master of the house, being angry,
said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets
and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and
*the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.' 22 And the
servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded,
and still there is room.' 23 Then the master said to
the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges,
and compel *them* to come in, that my house may
be filled. 24 For I say to you that none of those men
who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

### *Leaving All to Follow Christ*

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He
turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to
Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife
and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his
own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And
whoever does not bear his cross and come after
Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, in-
tending to build a tower, does not sit down first
and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to fin-
ish *it*— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation,
and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to
mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and
was not able to finish'? 31 Or what king, going to
make war against another king, does not sit down
first and consider whether he is able with ten
thousand to meet him who comes against him
with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is
still a great way off, he sends a delegation and
asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever
of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be
My disciple.

### *Tasteless Salt Is Worthless*

34 "Salt *is* good; but if the salt has lost its flavor,
how shall it be seasoned? 35 It is neither fit for the
land nor for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. He
who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### *The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

15 Then all the tax collectors and the sin-
ners drew near to Him to hear Him.
2 And the Pharisees and scribes com-
plained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and
eats with them." 3 So He spoke this parable to
them, saying:

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if
he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-
nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which
is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found *it,*
he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when
he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and
neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I
have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you
that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine
just persons who need no repentance.

### *The Parable of the Lost Coin*

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins,[a] if
she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep
the house, and search carefully until she finds *it?*
9 And when she has found *it,* she calls *her* friends
and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me,
for I have found the piece which I lost!' 10 Likewise,
I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the an-
gels of God over one sinner who repents."

**15:8** [a]Greek *drachma,* a valuable coin often worn in a ten-piece garland by married women

**HEAVEN** ③ **Heaven's Inhabitants**

▶ *See* **Luke 15:10**

Heaven is the permanent, eternal residence of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit (see *Trinity*). As this verse describes, angels also dwell in heaven; and from there they are able to observe spiritual activity on earth.

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior. These people, often called saints, will spend eternity in heaven with God (see *Salvation*).

▶ *Now turn to page 1188 for Revelation 7:9–12 and Point 4. Heaven's Activities.*

*The Parable of the Lost Son*

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.
12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*'
So he divided to them *his* livelihood. 13 And not
many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there
wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But
when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine
in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he
went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach
with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave
him *anything.*
17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How
many of my father's hired servants have bread
enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I
will arise and go to my father, and will say to him,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before
you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your
son. Make me like one of your hired servants."'
20 "And he arose and came to his father. But
when he was still a great way off, his father saw
him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his
neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your
sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your
son.'
22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring[a] out
the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on
his hand and sandals on *his* feet. 23 And bring the
fatted calf here and kill *it,* and let us eat and be
merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive
again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to
be merry.
25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he
came and drew near to the house, he heard music
and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants
and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said
to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he
has received him safe and sound, your father has
killed the fatted calf.'
28 "But he was angry and would not go in.
Therefore his father came out and pleaded with
him. 29 So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo,
these many years I have been serving you; I never
transgressed your commandment at any time;
and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I
might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon
as this son of yours came, who has devoured your
livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf
for him.'
31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with
me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that
we should make merry and be glad, for your
brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost
and is found.'"

*The Parable of the Unjust Steward*

16 He also said to His disciples: "There was
a certain rich man who had a steward,
and an accusation was brought to him
that this man was wasting his goods. 2 So he called
him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about
you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you
can no longer be steward.'
3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What
shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to
beg. 4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am
put out of the stewardship, they may receive me
into their houses.'
5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors
to *him,* and said to the first, 'How much do you
owe my master?' 6 And he said, 'A hundred measures[a] of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and

**15:22** [a]NU-Text reads *Quickly bring.* **16:6** [a]Greek *batos,* eight or nine gallons each (Old Testament *bath*)

WAYWARD CHRISTIANS

**1 Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son**

► *See* **Luke 15:11–24**

In this story, the repentant son comes home in desperation, expecting to have to beg his father for the right to live with the servants of the household. Instead, his father welcomes him with open arms and lavishes him with gifts and a feast. This is a picture of God's love for His children. Once you become a Christian, the Bible says you become a child of God, and no one is able to snatch you out of God's hand (John 10:29).

► *Now turn to page 689 for Jeremiah 2:17, 19 and Point 2. Circumstances That Lead to Waywardness.*

sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures[a] of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

9"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail,[a] they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. 11Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches?* 12And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

13"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

### *The Law, the Prophets, and the Kingdom*

14Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. 15And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

16"The law and the prophets *were* until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. 17And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.

18"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from *her* husband commits adultery.

### *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

19"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell[a] from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30And he said, 'No,

**16:7** [a]Greek *koros,* ten or twelve bushels each (Old Testament *kor*) **16:9** [a]NU-Text reads *it fails.* **16:21** [a]NU-Text reads *with what fell.*

## HELL — 4 EVERLASTING HELL

▶ *See* **LUKE 16:24–26**

At death, an unbeliever's body is placed in a grave, but the eternal spirit lives on in a place of torment. Jesus spells out the details of this in the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The unbeliever's spirit is to be held in *Hades* until the final judgment at the Great White Throne.

Unrepentant sinners from all time will be resurrected to stand in judgment at the Great White Throne where both body and soul will be cast into a permanent place of suffering called *Gehenna*. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

The devil and the fallen angels will also be eternally committed to *Gehenna* at the Great White Throne Judgment. The "Lake of Fire" punishment doesn't mean total annihilation for either people or angels. It is a state of permanent, conscious suffering.

▶ *Now turn to page 1171 for 2 Peter 3:9 and Point 5. Hell Can Be Avoided.*

father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

*Jesus Warns of Offenses*

17 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe *to him* through whom they do come! 2It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. 3Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you,[a] rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you,[a] saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

*Faith and Duty*

5And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

6So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? 8But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.[a] 10So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

*Ten Lepers Cleansed*

11Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14So when He saw *them,* He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? 18Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

*The Coming of the Kingdom*

20Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!'[a] For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

22Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see *it.* 23And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!'[a] Do not go after *them* or follow *them.* 24For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. 25But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27They ate, they drank, they married wives,

**17:3** [a]NU-Text omits *against you.* **17:4** [a]M-Text omits *to you.* **17:9** [a]NU-Text ends verse with *commanded;* M-Text omits *him.* **17:21** [a]NU-Text reverses *here* and *there.* **17:23** [a]NU-Text reverses *here* and *there.*

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING** — **2 Jesus' Teachings**

▸ *See* **Luke 17:15–19**

By His words to the thankful leper, Jesus showed the importance of acknowledging God's goodness to us. Only one returned to give thanks and glory to God when He healed them.

Jesus' thankfulness to God is evident in His own prayer life. When He taught His disciples to pray, He urged them to start their prayer by first offering glory and praise to God: "Our Father in heaven, / Hallowed be Your name" (Matthew 6:9).

▸ *Now turn to page 1126 for 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 and Point 3. Obedience to God.*

they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. 30Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

31"In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. 32Remember Lot's wife. 33Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34I tell you, in that night there will be two *men* in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."[a]

37And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?"

So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

### *The Parable of the Persistent Widow*

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

6Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

### *The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

9Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

15Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it,* they rebuked them. 16But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 17Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

**17:36** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit verse 36.

## UNPARDONABLE SIN

### 1 The Seriousness of Sin

► *See* **Luke 18:9–14**

To experience God's grace in salvation—which includes forgiveness from sin—you must admit the seriousness of sin and that you are a sinner. Your sin was paid for at great cost: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). (See *Salvation; Repentance*.) The next step is to confess sin as the tax collector did: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" Recognizing and confessing sin is a prerequisite to all else that follows. God is in the business of forgiving sin. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The only sin that is truly "unpardonable" is to reject Christ as your Savior.

► *Now turn to page 896 for Matthew 12:30–32 and Point 2. Blaspheming the Holy Spirit.*

### *Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler*

18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good
Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good?
No one *is* good but One, *that is,* God. 20 You know the
commandments: *'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do
not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false wit-
ness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'*"[a]
21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from
my youth."
22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to
him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have
and distribute to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."
23 But when he heard this, he became very sor-
rowful, for he was very rich.

### *With God All Things Are Possible*

24 And when Jesus saw that he became very sor-
rowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have
riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is eas-
ier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
26 And those who heard it said, "Who then can
be saved?"
27 But He said, "The things which are impossible
with men are possible with God."
28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all[a] and fol-
lowed You."
29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you,
there is no one who has left house or parents or
brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the
kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many
times more in this present time, and in the age to
come eternal life."

### *Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection*

31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to
them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and
all things that are written by the prophets con-
cerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.
32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will
be mocked and insulted and spit upon. 33 They
will scourge *Him* and kill Him. And the third day
He will rise again."
34 But they understood none of these things;
this saying was hidden from them, and they did
not know the things which were spoken.

### *A Blind Man Receives His Sight*

35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jer-
icho, that a certain blind man sat by the road beg-
ging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he
asked what it meant. 37 So they told him that Jesus
of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he cried out,
saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
39 Then those who went before warned him that
he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more,
"Son of David, have mercy on me!"
40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to
be brought to Him. And when he had come near,
He asked him, 41 saying, "What do you want Me to
do for you?"
He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."
42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight;
your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately
he received his sight, and followed Him, glorify-
ing God. And all the people, when they saw *it,*
gave praise to God.

### *Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House*

19 Then *Jesus* entered and passed through
Jericho. 2 Now behold, *there was* a man
named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax
collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see
who Jesus was, but could not because of the
crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran
ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see
Him, for He was going to pass that *way.* 5 And
when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and
saw him,[a] and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make
haste and come down, for today I must stay at
your house." 6 So he made haste and came down,
and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw *it,*
they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a
guest with a man who is a sinner."
8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord,
"Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor;
and if I have taken anything from anyone by false
accusation, I restore fourfold."
9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has
come to this house, because he also is a son of
Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save that which was lost."

### *The Parable of the Minas*

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke an-
other parable, because He was near Jerusalem
and because they thought the kingdom of God
would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said:
"A certain nobleman went into a far country to

**18:20** [a]Exodus 20:12–16; Deuteronomy 5:16–20 **18:28** [a]NU-Text reads *our own.* **19:5** [a]NU-Text omits *and saw him.*

receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas,[a] and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.'

15"And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17And he said to him, 'Well *done,* good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

20"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

24"And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.' 25(But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') 26'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'"

### *The Triumphal Entry*

28When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage[a] and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples, 30saying, "Go into the village opposite *you,* where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring *it here.* 31And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing *it?*' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'"

**19:13** [a]The *mina* (Greek *mna,* Hebrew *minah*) was worth about three months' salary. **19:29** [a]M-Text reads *Bethsphage.*

## FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

## 3 Biblical Principles for Handling Money

▶ *See* **Luke 19:12–26**

Since you are not an owner but under the lordship of Christ, you are simply a caretaker of all that God has given you. Your life, your time, and your material assets are gifts from God. You are accountable to Him for what you do with them. God knows that financial debt is a great burden to bear, and His desire is that you live free from that burden. "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).

God wants you to depend on Him, not on material possessions (1 Timothy 6:17). He is an abundant, eternal provider. Whatever benefits you might gain from material wealth will fade quickly in comparison to the riches of eternity in God's presence (see *Proper Perspective*). At the same time, God wants you to enjoy what He has given to you—He offers joy and fulfillment under His lordship.

God gives instruction through His Word for how you are to care for your finances. " 'Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, / That there may be food in My house, / And try Me now in this,' / Says the Lord of hosts, / 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven / And pour out for you such blessing / That there will not be room enough to receive it' " (Malachi 3:10).

God wants you to be wise and to have a plan for your financial resources. Ask God for wisdom in developing a budget and also ask for help from mature Christians who have demonstrated an ability to manage money well. God desires that you tithe and give offerings to His work here on earth (see *Tithing*). Many financial difficulties you experience can be resolved by tithing and keeping a budget.

God wants to help you be a good caretaker of all He has given to you. While this does not always mean you will be wealthy with earthly possessions, He promises to meet your needs according to His riches (Philippians 4:19).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

[32]So those who were sent went their way and found *it* just as He had said to them. [33]But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

[34]And they said, "The Lord has need of him." [35]Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. [36]And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road.

[37]Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, [38]saying:

"'*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the* LORD*!*'[a]
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

[39]And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

[40]But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

### *Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem*

[41]Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, [42]saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. [43]For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, [44]and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

### *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

[45]Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,[a] [46]saying to them, "It is written, '*My house is*[a] *a house of prayer,*'[b] but you have made it a '*den of thieves.*'"[c]

[47]And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, [48]and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

### *Jesus' Authority Questioned*

**20** Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, *that* the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted *Him* [2]and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?"

[3]But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: [4]The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?"

[5]And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then[a] did you not believe him?' [6]But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." [7]So they answered that they did not know where *it was* from.

[8]And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

### *The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers*

[9]Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. [10]Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. [11]Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty-handed. [12]And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast *him* out.

[13]"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him.' [14]But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' [15]So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed *him.* Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? [16]He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others."

And when they heard *it* they said, "Certainly not!"

[17]Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'*The stone which the builders rejected*
*Has become the chief cornerstone*'?[a]

[18]Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

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**19:38** [a]Psalm 118:26 **19:45** [a]NU-Text reads *those who were selling.* **19:46** [a]NU-Text reads *shall be.* [b]Isaiah 56:7 [c]Jeremiah 7:11 **20:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *then.* **20:17** [a]Psalm 118:22

19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very
hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared
the people[a]—for they knew He had spoken this
parable against them.

### *The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?*

20 So they watched *Him,* and sent spies who pre-
tended to be righteous, that they might seize on
His words, in order to deliver Him to the power
and the authority of the governor.
21 Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we
know that You say and teach rightly, and You do
not show personal favoritism, but teach the way
of God in truth: 22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?"
23 But He perceived their craftiness, and said to
them, "Why do you test Me?[a] 24 Show Me a denar-
ius. Whose image and inscription does it have?"
They answered and said, "Caesar's."
25 And He said to them, "Render therefore to
Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the
things that are God's."
26 But they could not catch Him in His words in
the presence of the people. And they marveled at
His answer and kept silent.

### *The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?*

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that
there is a resurrection, came to *Him* and asked
Him, 28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us *that* if a
man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies with-
out children, his brother should take his wife and
raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were
seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died
without children. 30 And the second[a] took her as
wife, and he died childless. 31 Then the third took
her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left
no children,[a] and died. 32 Last of all the woman died
also. 33 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife
does she become? For all seven had her as wife."
34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of
this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But
those who are counted worthy to attain that age,
and the resurrection from the dead, neither
marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they
die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and
are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.
37 But even Moses showed in the *burning* bush
*passage* that the dead are raised, when he called
the Lord *'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob.'*[a] 38 For He is not the God of
the dead but of the living, for all live to Him."
39 Then some of the scribes answered and said,
"Teacher, You have spoken well." 40 But after that
they dared not question Him anymore.

### *Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?*

41 And He said to them, "How can they say that
the Christ is the Son of David? 42 Now David him-
self said in the Book of Psalms:

*'The LORD said to my Lord,*
*"Sit at My right hand,*
43 *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."'*[a]

44 Therefore David calls Him *'Lord'*; how is He
then his Son?"

### *Beware of the Scribes*

45 Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said
to His disciples, 46 "Beware of the scribes, who de-
sire to go around in long robes, love greetings in
the marketplaces, the best seats in the syna-
gogues, and the best places at feasts, 47 who devour
widows' houses, and for a pretense make long
prayers. These will receive greater condemna-
tion."

### *The Widow's Two Mites*

21 And He looked up and saw the rich put-
ting their gifts into the treasury, 2 and He
saw also a certain poor widow putting
in two mites. 3 So He said, "Truly I say to you that
this poor widow has put in more than all; 4 for all
these out of their abundance have put in offerings
for God,[a] but she out of her poverty put in all the
livelihood that she had."

### *Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple*

5 Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was
adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He
said, 6 "'These things which you see—the days will
come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon
another that shall not be thrown down."

### *The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age*

7 So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when
will these things be? And what sign *will there be*
when these things are about to take place?"
8 And He said: "Take heed that you not be de-
ceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I
am *He,*' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore[a]

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**20:19** [a]M-Text reads *but they were afraid.* **20:23** [a]NU-Text omits *Why do you test Me?* **20:30** [a]NU-Text ends verse 30 here. **20:31** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the seven also left no children.* **20:37** [a]Exodus 3:6, 15 **20:43** [a]Psalm 110:1 **21:4** [a]NU-Text omits *for God.* **21:8** [a]NU-Text omits *Therefore.*

do not go after them. [9]But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will* not *come* immediately."

[10]Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. [11]And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. [12]But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute *you,* delivering *you* up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. [13]But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. [14]Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; [15]for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. [16]You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put *some* of you to death. [17]And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. [18]But not a hair of your head shall be lost. [19]By your patience possess your souls.

### *The Destruction of Jerusalem*

[20]"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. [21]Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. [22]For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. [23]But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. [24]And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

### *The Coming of the Son of Man*

[25]"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; [26]men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [27]Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28]Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

### *The Parable of the Fig Tree*

[29]Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. [30]When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. [31]So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. [32]Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. [33]Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

### *The Importance of Watching*

[34]"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. [35]For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. [36]Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy[a] to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

[37]And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. [38]Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

**21:36** [a]NU-Text reads *may have strength.*

**ANXIETY** **1 Understanding Anxiety**

▸ *See* **Luke 21:34**

Being anxious is like carrying a great weight that burdens all aspects of your life. Anxiety can drain your energy and make it difficult for you to fellowship with God and with others. The core of fear is a lack of trust in God's ability or willingness to care for you. People often try earthly remedies for their anxiety. While sometimes counseling and medication are helpful, especially to recover from crisis-related anxiety, only God's peace can bring true long-term relief.

▸ *Now turn to page 490 for Psalm 23:4 and Point 2. Fear of Death.*

### *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

22 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. [2]And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.

[3]Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. [4]So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. [5]And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. [6]So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

### *Jesus and His Disciples Prepare the Passover*

[7]Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. [8]And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

[9]So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"

[10]And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. [11]Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' [12]Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."

[13]So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

### *Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper*

[14]When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve[a] apostles with Him. [15]Then He said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; [16]for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

[17]Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; [18]for I say to you,[a] I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

[19]And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it,* and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

[20]Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. [21]But behold, the hand of My betrayer *is* with Me on the table. [22]And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

[23]Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

### *The Disciples Argue About Greatness*

[24]Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. [25]And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' [26]But not so *among* you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. [27]For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

[28]"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. [29]And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, [30]that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

### *Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial*

[31]And the Lord said,[a] "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. [32]But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me,* strengthen your brethren."

[33]But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

[34]Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

### *Supplies for the Road*

[35]And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?"

So they said, "Nothing."

[36]Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it,* and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. [37]For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: *'And He was numbered with the transgressors.'*[a] For the things concerning Me have an end."

[38]So they said, "Lord, look, here *are* two swords."

And He said to them, "It is enough."

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**22:14** [a]NU-Text omits *twelve.* **22:18** [a]NU-Text adds *from now on.* **22:31** [a]NU-Text omits *And the Lord said.* **22:37** [a]Isaiah 53:12

### *The Prayer in the Garden*

39Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives,
as He was accustomed, and His disciples also fol-
lowed Him. 40When He came to the place, He said
to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temp-
tation."

41And He was withdrawn from them about a
stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,
42saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup
away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but
Yours, be done." 43Then an angel appeared to Him
from heaven, strengthening Him. 44And being in
agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat
became like great drops of blood falling down to
the ground.[a]

45When He rose up from prayer, and had come
to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sor-
row. 46Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep?
Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

### *Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane*

47And while He was still speaking, behold, a
multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of
the twelve, went before them and drew near to Je-
sus to kiss Him. 48But Jesus said to him, "Judas,
are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49When those around Him saw what was going
to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike
with the sword?" 50And one of them struck the
servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even
this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

52Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains
of the temple, and the elders who had come to
Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber,
with swords and clubs? 53When I was with you
daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me.
But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

### *Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly*

54Having arrested Him, they led *Him* and
brought Him into the high priest's house. But Pe-
ter followed at a distance. 55Now when they had
kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and
sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56And a
certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the
fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man
was also with Him."

57But he denied Him,[a] saying, "Woman, I do not
know Him."

58And after a little while another saw him and
said, "You also are of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59Then after about an hour had passed, another
confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this *fellow*
also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

60But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you
are saying!"

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the
rooster[a] crowed. 61And the Lord turned and
looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word
of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the
rooster crows,[a] you will deny Me three times." 62So
Peter went out and wept bitterly.

### *Jesus Mocked and Beaten*

63Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him
and beat Him. 64And having blindfolded Him,
they struck Him on the face and asked Him,[a] say-
ing, "Prophesy! Who is the one who struck You?"
65And many other things they blasphemously
spoke against Him.

### *Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin*

66As soon as it was day, the elders of the people,
both chief priests and scribes, came together and
led Him into their council, saying, 67"If You are the
Christ, tell us."

But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no
means believe. 68And if I also ask *you,* you will by
no means answer Me or let *Me* go.[a] 69Hereafter the
Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power
of God."

70Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of
God?"

So He said to them, "You *rightly* say that I am."

71And they said, "What further testimony do we
need? For we have heard it ourselves from His
own mouth."

### *Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate*

23 Then the whole multitude of them arose
and led Him to Pilate. 2And they began
to accuse Him, saying, "We found this
*fellow* perverting the[a] nation, and forbidding to
pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is
Christ, a King."

3Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the
King of the Jews?"

He answered him and said, "*It is as* you say."

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**22:44** [a]NU-Text brackets verses 43 and 44 as not in the original text. **22:57** [a]NU-Text reads *denied it.* **22:60** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *a rooster.* **22:61** [a]NU-Text adds *today.* **22:64** [a]NU-Text reads *And having blindfolded Him, they asked Him.* **22:68** [a]NU-Text omits *also* and *Me or let Me go.* **23:2** [a]NU-Text reads *our.*

4So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

5But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

### *Jesus Faces Herod*

6When Pilate heard of Galilee,[a] he asked if the Man were a Galilean. 7And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. 8Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long *time* to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. 9Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. 10And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. 11Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked *Him,* arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. 12That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

### *Taking the Place of Barabbas*

13Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, 14said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined *Him* in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; 15no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him;[a] and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. 16I will therefore chastise Him and release *Him*" 17(for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast).[a]

18And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this *Man,* and release to us Barabbas"— 19who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder.

20Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. 21But they shouted, saying, "Crucify *Him,* crucify Him!"

22Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go."

23But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed.[a] 24So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. 25And he released to them[a] the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

### *The King on a Cross*

26Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear *it* after Jesus.

27And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. 28But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' 30Then they will begin *'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"'*[a] 31For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

32There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."[a]

And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

36The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

38And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:[a]

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ,[a] save Yourself and us."

40But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42Then he

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**23:6** [a]NU-Text omits *of Galilee.* **23:15** [a]NU-Text reads *for he sent Him back to us.* **23:17** [a]NU-Text omits verse 17. **23:23** [a]NU-Text omits *and of the chief priests.* **23:25** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them.* **23:30** [a]Hosea 10:8 **23:34** [a]NU-Text brackets the first sentence as a later addition. **23:38** [a]NU-Text omits *written* and *in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew.* **23:39** [a]NU-Text reads *Are You not the Christ?*

said to Jesus, "Lord,[a] remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

43And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

### *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

44Now it was[a] about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45Then the sun was darkened,[a] and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, *'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'*"[a] Having said this, He breathed His last.

47So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

48And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. 49But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

### *Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb*

50Now behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. 51He had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting[a] for the kingdom of God. 52This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb *that was* hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before. 54That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

55And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. 56Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

### *He Is Risen*

24 Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them,[a] came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4And it happened, as they were greatly[a] perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

8And they remembered His words. 9Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. 11And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying[a] by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

### *The Road to Emmaus*

13Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles[a] from Jerusalem. 14And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"[a]

18Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

19And He said to them, "What things?"

So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24And certain of those *who were*

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**23:42** [a]NU-Text reads *And he said, "Jesus, remember me.* **23:44** [a]NU-Text adds *already.* **23:45** [a]NU-Text reads *obscured.* **23:46** [a]Psalm 31:5 **23:51** [a]NU-Text reads *who was waiting.* **24:1** [a]NU-Text omits *and certain other women with them.* **24:4** [a]NU-Text omits *greatly.* **24:12** [a]NU-Text omits *lying.* **24:13** [a]Literally *sixty stadia* **24:17** [a]NU-Text reads *as you walk? And they stood still, looking sad.*

with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

25Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

### *The Disciples' Eyes Opened*

28Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

30Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it,* and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" 33So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, 34saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

### *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

36Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." 37But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

40When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.[a] 41But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" 42So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.[a] 43And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

### *The Scriptures Opened*

44Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." 45And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise[a] from the dead the third day, 47and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48And you are witnesses of these things. 49Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem[a] until you are endued with power from on high."

### *The Ascension*

50And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53and were continually in the temple praising and[a] blessing God. Amen.[b]

**24:40** [a]Some printed New Testaments omit this verse. It is found in nearly all Greek manuscripts. **24:42** [a]NU-Text omits *and some honeycomb.* **24:46** [a]NU-Text reads *written, that the Christ should suffer and rise.* **24:49** [a]NU-Text omits *of Jerusalem.* **24:53** [a]NU-Text omits *praising and.* [b]NU-Text omits *Amen.*

AUTHORITY

## 3 Authority of the Bible

▶ *See* **Luke 24:44–47**

Throughout the Bible, the authority of Scripture is clear. The Bible contains the written messages of God, which reflect His heart and mind regarding His creation. Though it was written over thousands of years and had many human writers, the Holy Spirit gave the inspiration for its consistent and cohesive content. Second Timothy 3:16, 17 says: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The Bible declares that its contents form the definitive guide for all believers and that it is the final standard for faith and practice (see *Bible*).

▶ *Now turn to page 480 for Psalm 8:4–6 and Point 4. Humankind's Authority Over Nature.*

# JOHN

### *The Eternal Word*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. 2He
was in the beginning with God. 3All things
were made through Him, and without Him noth-
ing was made that was made. 4In Him was life,
and the life was the light of men. 5And the light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
comprehend[a] it.

### *John's Witness: The True Light*

6There was a man sent from God, whose name
*was* John. 7This man came for a witness, to bear
witness of the Light, that all through him might
believe. 8He was not that Light, but *was sent* to
bear witness of that Light. 9That was the true
Light which gives light to every man coming into
the world.[a]

10He was in the world, and the world was made
through Him, and the world did not know Him.
11He came to His own,[a] and His own[b] did not re-
ceive Him. 12But as many as received Him, to
them He gave the right to become children of
God, to those who believe in His name: 13who
were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the
flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### *The Word Becomes Flesh*

14And the Word became flesh and dwelt among
us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the
only begotten of the Father, full of grace and
truth.

**1:5** [a]Or *overcome* **1:9** [a]Or *That was the true Light which, coming into the world, gives light to every man.* **1:11** [a]That is, His own things or domain [b]That is, His own people

**JESUS CHRIST** **1 JESUS CHRIST IS GOD**

▶ *See* **JOHN 1:2, 3**

Jesus is God, one Person of the Trinity (see *Trinity*). His life perfectly demonstrated the characteristics and attributes of God. In John 1, He is referred to as "the Word," the essential embodiment of all that God is. Jesus was pre-existent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit as a partner in creation. One of the most comprehensive biblical statements about Him is, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

Throughout the Bible, we find many examples of Jesus' divinity. By the time of His Crucifixion, even some of His enemies admitted that He was the Son of God. Jesus Himself spoke about His unity with the Father: "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). Though Jesus was tempted by Satan, He remained sinless, as only God is (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus forgave sin, as only God has the power to do (Mark 2:7). He performed many miracles. The Gospels are full of accounts of Jesus healing the sick, feeding the hungry, casting out demons, and raising the dead.

▶ *Now turn to page 948 for Luke 2:10–12 and Point 2. Jesus Christ Became a Man.*

**SALVATION** **4 OUR RESPONSE: TRUST CHRIST**

▶ *See* **JOHN 1:12**

Have you ever trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior? You can choose to do so right now. Simply:

1. Admit you are not sufficient in yourself and need God.
2. Be willing to turn away (repent) from your sin.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the dead.
4. Pray and ask Jesus Christ to save you from your sin. Ask Him to take control of your life and be your Lord and Savior.

You can offer a simple prayer, such as:

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust You as my personal Savior and follow You as the Lord of my life.*

If you prayed to ask Christ to be your Lord and Savior, you are now a child of God.

▶ *Now turn to page 1060 for Romans 10:13 and Point 5. God's Assurance: His Word.*

15John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"

16And[a] of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son,[a] who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him.*

### *A Voice in the Wilderness*

19Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

20He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

21And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

22Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23He said: "I *am*

*'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*
*"Make straight the way of the* LORD*,"'*[a]

As the prophet Isaiah said."

24Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. 25And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

28These things were done in Bethabara[a] beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### *The Lamb of God*

29The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

32And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

### *The First Disciples*

35Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

37The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?"

They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

39He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

40One of the two who heard John *speak,* and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42And he brought him to Jesus.

Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah.[a] You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

### *Philip and Nathanael*

43The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

48Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

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**1:16** [a]NU-Text reads *For.* **1:18** [a]NU-Text reads *only begotten God.* **1:23** [a]Isaiah 40:3 **1:28** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Bethany.* **1:42** [a]NU-Text reads *John.*

[49]Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

[50]Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." [51]And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter[a] you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### *Water Turned to Wine*

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. [2]Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. [3]And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

[4]Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

[5]His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it.*"

[6]Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. [7]Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. [8]And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it.* [9]When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. [10]And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

[11]This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

[12]After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

### *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

[13]Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14]And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. [15]When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. [16]And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" [17]Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for Your house has eaten*[a] *Me up.*"[b]

[18]So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

[19]Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

[20]Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

[21]But He was speaking of the temple of His body. [22]Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them;[a] and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

### *The Discerner of Hearts*

[23]Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. [24]But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men,* [25]and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

### *The New Birth*

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. [2]This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

[3]Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

[4]Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

[5]Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6]That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7]Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' [8]The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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**1:51** [a]NU-Text omits *hereafter.* **2:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *will eat.* [b]Psalm 69:9 **2:22** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them.*

[9]Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

[10]Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? [11]Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. [12]If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? [13]No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is,* the Son of Man who is in heaven.[a] [14]And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15]that whoever believes in Him should not perish but[a] have eternal life. [16]For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [17]For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

[18]"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19]And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [20]For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21]But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

### *John the Baptist Exalts Christ*

[22]After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. [23]Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. [24]For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

[25]Then there arose a dispute between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. [26]And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

[27]John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. [28]You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent

**3:13** [a]NU-Text omits *who is in heaven.* **3:15** [a]NU-Text omits *not perish but.*

**LOVE** — **1 The Supreme Example of Love**

▶ *See* **John 3:16**

The essence of God's nature is perfect love, and He demonstrated that love by sending Jesus Christ into the world. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). While here, Jesus lived as a perfect human reflection of God's love. His death on the cross provided a way for your salvation. God sacrificed His own Son so that those who trust Jesus could have eternal life. This was the supreme example of love.

▶ *Now turn to page 1005 for John 15:9–17 and Point 2. The Overwhelming Experience of Love.*

**SALVATION** — **1 God's Purpose: Salvation**

▶ *See* **John 3:16**

Consider several important ideas revealed in this verse. (1) The only true God, the Creator and sustainer of the universe, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, here to die for our sins. God did this in order to cancel out our sin and enable Him, a perfect God, to have a personal relationship with each of us. (2) God did not reserve His love for a select few, but offers it to the whole world. (3) Though under no obligation, God willingly sacrificed His perfect Son to die in our place. (4) The greatness of God's sacrifice is awesome because Jesus is His *only* Son. (5) The gift of eternal life is available only as we exclusively trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way for our sin to be cancelled out, or forgiven. If we do not trust that Jesus is the one remedy for our sin, we face eternal death. (6) In Christ we are offered both eternal life after our earthly death and God's joy and peace during this life on earth (John 10:10).

▶ *Now turn to page 1051 for Romans 3:23 and Point 2. Our Problem: Separation from God.*

before Him.' [29]He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. [30]He must increase, but I *must* decrease. [31]He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. [32]And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. [33]He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. [34]For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. [35]The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. [36]He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

### *A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah*

4 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John [2](though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), [3]He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. [4]But He needed to go through Samaria.

[5]So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. [6]Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

[7]A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." [8]For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

[9]Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

[10]Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

[11]The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? [12]Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

[13]Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, [14]but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

[15]The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

[16]Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

[17]The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' [18]for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

[19]The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. [20]Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

[21]Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. [22]You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. [23]But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. [24]God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

[25]The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

[26]Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

### *The Whitened Harvest*

[27]And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no

**WORSHIP** **2 Worship in Spirit**

▶ *See* **John 4:24**

Earlier in this chapter of the Book of John, a Samaritan woman questioned Jesus about the proper place for worship. John 4:24 is part of Jesus' answer. While you may desire a familiar place and time for worship, Jesus points out that worship is not a matter of location or position, but of the spirit. If you focus too much on the time and place, there is danger that the ritual of worship will overshadow the One you worship.

We worship in spirit because God is Spirit. As

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one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

### *The Savior of the World*

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I *ever* did." 40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of His own word.

42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ,[a] the Savior of the world."

### *Welcome at Galilee*

43 Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. 44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. 45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

### *A Nobleman's Son Healed*

46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless

**4:42** [a] NU-Text omits *the Christ*.

**WORSHIP: 2. WORSHIP IN SPIRIT** *(continued)*

you try to understand God, you may emphasize His human attributes so much that you ignore His divine nature. But God is different from a mortal human. He is Spirit, and so you relate to Him through your spirit. Although you live in a human body, once you become a Christian you are also capable of understanding spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:14). Your spirit connects with God in worship.

Much of God's divine nature is a mystery. Yet, as you discover more of who God is, worship becomes more complete and fulfilling. Then, as you worship, you gain more understanding about God. Each reinforces the other.

▶ *Now turn to page 1017 for Acts 2:42 and Point 3. Acts of Worship.*

**OBEDIENCE** **2 CHRIST IS OUR EXAMPLE IN OBEDIENCE**

▶ *See* **JOHN 4:34**

Jesus often spoke in terms that the disciples, hindered by their earthly perspective, could not fully comprehend. This was no exception. While the disciples were trying to determine who had brought Jesus lunch, Jesus tried to explain that His true nourishment came from doing God's will. In other words, nothing was more important, and nothing could dissuade Him from seeing God's will through to its conclusion. Obedience to the Father ultimately led Jesus to the Cross, a death He willingly suffered because He was firmly convinced that God's way was best, in spite of its ominous requirements. If Christ is your example, His level of obedience requires your complete commitment.

▶ *Now turn to page 211 for Joshua 24:14, 15 and Point 3. Obedience Requires Full Commitment.*

you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

49The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

50Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him,* saying, "Your son lives!"

52Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

54This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

### *A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda*

5 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda,[a] having five porches. 3In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 4For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.[a] 5Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

And that day was the Sabbath. 10The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place. 14Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

15The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

### *Honor the Father and the Son*

16For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him,[a] because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. 19Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20For the Father loves the Son, and

**5:2** [a]NU-Text reads *Bethzatha.* **5:4** [a]NU-Text omits *waiting for the moving of the water* at the end of verse 3, and all of verse 4. **5:16** [a]NU-Text omits *and sought to kill Him.*

**JESUS CHRIST** **3 Jesus Christ Accomplished the Work of His Father**

▸ *See* **John 5:17–21**

Jesus was the manifestation of God on earth for the work of redemption, but He worked in unity with His Father. Facing the Cross, Jesus said, "'Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save Me from this hour"? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, saying, 'I have both glorified it and will glorify it again' " (John 12:27, 28).

Jesus' death on the cross is the fundamental component of the gospel and a matter Jesus discussed on occasion with His disciples. Because He obeyed His Father, Jesus could say, "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do" (John 17:4).

This work was two-faceted: death and resurrection. The Father's plan was not complete until Jesus "was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification" (Romans 4:25).

▸ *Now turn to page 1105 for Ephesians 1:19–23 and Point 4. Results of Jesus' Redemptive Work.*

shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. 21For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them,* even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

*Life and Judgment Are Through the Son*

24"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

*The Fourfold Witness*

31"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. 32There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. 33You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. 35He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. 36But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

41"I do not receive honor from men. 42But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. 43I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. 44How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God? 45Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. 46For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

*Feeding the Five Thousand*

6 After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. 2Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. 3And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

7Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii

**AUTHORITY** **2 Authority of Jesus Christ**

▶ *See* **John 5:19**

Jesus Christ is part of the Trinity (see *Trinity*). As God, Jesus has all authority over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). While on earth, Jesus demonstrated His authority over many aspects of the physical and spiritual world. He turned water into wine, calmed a fierce storm, and multiplied a few loaves and fishes into enough to feed thousands of people. Jesus had authority over the human body and healed lepers, the blind, and the sick. He demonstrated His authority over the spirit-world by casting out demons. Most important, Jesus has authority over death itself. He raised people from the dead and was also raised from the dead Himself. (See *Jesus Christ*.)

▶ *Now turn to page 982 for Luke 24:44–47 and Point 3. Authority of the Bible.*

worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

[8]One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, [9]"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

[10]Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. [11]And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples[a] to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. [12]So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." [13]Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. [14]Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

### *Jesus Walks on the Sea*

[15]Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

[16]Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, [17]got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. [18]Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. [19]So when they had rowed about three or four miles,[a] they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. [20]But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." [21]Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

### *The Bread from Heaven*

[22]On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered,[a] and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone— [23]however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— [24]when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. [25]And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

[26]Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. [27]Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

[28]Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

[29]Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

[30]Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? [31]Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, '*He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*'"[a]

[32]Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. [33]For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

[34]Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

[35]And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. [36]But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. [37]All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. [38]For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. [39]This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. [40]And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

### *Rejected by His Own*

[41]The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." [42]And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we

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**6:11** [a]NU-Text omits *to the disciples, and the disciples.* **6:19** [a]Literally *twenty-five or thirty stadia* **6:22** [a]NU-Text omits *that* and *which His disciples had entered.* **6:31** [a]Exodus 16:4; Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 78:24

know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

43Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, *'And they shall all be taught by God.'*[a] Therefore everyone who has heard and learned[b] from the Father comes to Me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me[a] has everlasting life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

52The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us *His* flesh to eat?"

53Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55For My flesh is food indeed,[a] and My blood is drink indeed. 56He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

59These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

### *Many Disciples Turn Away*

60Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this,* said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

61When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62*What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. 64But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

66From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."[a]

70Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" 71He spoke of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

### *Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve*

7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews[a] sought to kill Him. 2Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. 3His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. 4For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." 5For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

6Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. 7The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. 8You go up to this feast. I am not yet[a] going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." 9When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

### *The Heavenly Scholar*

10But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. 11Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" 12And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." 13However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

14Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

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**6:45** [a]Isaiah 54:13 [b]M-Text reads *hears and has learned.*
**6:47** [a]NU-Text omits *in Me.* **6:55** [a]NU-Text reads *true food* and *true drink.* **6:69** [a]NU-Text reads *You are the Holy One of God.*
**7:1** [a]That is, the ruling authorities **7:8** [a]NU-Text omits *yet.*

16 Jesus[a] answered them and said, "My doctrine
is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 If anyone wills
to do His will, he shall know concerning the doc-
trine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak
on My own *authority.* 18 He who speaks from him-
self seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the
glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no un-
righteousness is in Him. 19 Did not Moses give you
the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do
you seek to kill Me?"

20 The people answered and said, "You have a
demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one
work, and you all marvel. 22 Moses therefore gave
you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but
from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on
the Sabbath. 23 If a man receives circumcision on
the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not
be broken, are you angry with Me because I made
a man completely well on the Sabbath? 24 Do not
judge according to appearance, but judge with
righteous judgment."

### *Could This Be the Christ?*

25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is
this not He whom they seek to kill? 26 But look! He
speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do
the rulers know indeed that this is truly[a] the
Christ? 27 However, we know where this Man is
from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows
where He is from."

28 Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the tem-
ple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know
where I am from; and I have not come of Myself,
but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not
know. 29 But[a] I know Him, for I am from Him, and
He sent Me."

30 Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one
laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet
come. 31 And many of the people believed in Him,
and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do
more signs than these which this *Man* has done?"

### *Jesus and the Religious Leaders*

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring
these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees
and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.
33 Then Jesus said to them,[a] "I shall be with you a
little while longer, and *then* I go to Him who sent
Me. 34 You will seek Me and not find *Me,* and
where I am you cannot come."

35 Then the Jews said among themselves,
"Where does He intend to go that we shall not
find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion
among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What is
this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not
find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

### *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

37 On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Je-
sus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts,
let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes
in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart
will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke
concerning the Spirit, whom those believing[a] in
Him would receive; for the Holy[b] Spirit was not
yet *given,* because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### *Who Is He?*

40 Therefore many[a] from the crowd, when they
heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."
41 Others said, "This is the Christ."

But some said, "Will the Christ come out of
Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the
Christ comes from the seed of David and from the
town of Bethlehem, where David was?" 43 So there
was a division among the people because of Him.
44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no
one laid hands on Him.

### *Rejected by the Authorities*

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests
and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you
not brought Him?"

46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke
like this Man!"

47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you
also deceived? 48 Have any of the rulers or the
Pharisees believed in Him? 49 But this crowd that
does not know the law is accursed."

50 Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night,[a]
being one of them) said to them, 51 "Does our law
judge a man before it hears him and knows what
he is doing?"

52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also
from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has
arisen[a] out of Galilee."

### *An Adulteress Faces the Light of the World*

53 And everyone went to his *own* house.[a]

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**7:16** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *So Jesus.* **7:26** [a]NU-Text omits *truly.* **7:29** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *But.* **7:33** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them.* **7:39** [a]NU-Text reads *who believed.* [b]NU-Text omits *Holy.* **7:40** [a]NU-Text reads *some.* **7:50** [a]NU-Text reads *before.* **7:52** [a]NU-Text reads *is to rise.* **7:53** [a]The words *And everyone* through *sin no more* (8:11) are bracketed by NU-Text as not original. They are present in over 900 manuscripts.

8 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
2 Now early[a] in the morning He came again
into the temple, and all the people came to
Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then
the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a
woman caught in adultery. And when they had set
her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this
woman was caught[a] in adultery, in the very act.
5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded[a] us that such
should be stoned.[b] But what do You say?"[c] 6 This
they said, testing Him, that they might have *some-
thing* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped
down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as
though He did not hear.[a]
7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised
Himself up[a] and said to them, "He who is without
sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."
8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the
ground. 9 Then those who heard *it,* being con-
victed by *their* conscience,[a] went out one by one,
beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Je-
sus was left alone, and the woman standing in the
midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and
saw no one but the woman, He said to her,[a]
"Woman, where are those accusers of yours?[b] Has
no one condemned you?"
11 She said, "No one, Lord."
And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn
you; go and[a] sin no more."
12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am
the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not
walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

### *Jesus Defends His Self-Witness*

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You
bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."
14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I
bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I
know where I came from and where I am going;
but you do not know where I come from and
where I am going. 15 You judge according to the
flesh; I judge no one. 16 And yet if I do judge, My
judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with
the Father who sent Me. 17 It is also written in your
law that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am
One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father
who sent Me bears witness of Me."
19 Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Fa-
ther?"
Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My
Father. If you had known Me, you would have
known My Father also."
20 These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as
He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on
Him, for His hour had not yet come.

### *Jesus Predicts His Departure*

21 Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going
away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your
sin. Where I go you cannot come."
22 So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, be-
cause He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?"
23 And He said to them, "You are from beneath;
I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of
this world. 24 Therefore I said to you that you will
die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am
*He,* you will die in your sins."
25 Then they said to Him, "Who are You?"
And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been
saying to you from the beginning. 26 I have many
things to say and to judge concerning you, but He
who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world
those things which I heard from Him."
27 They did not understand that He spoke to
them of the Father.
28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up
the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He,*
and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father
taught Me, I speak these things. 29 And He who
sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me
alone, for I always do those things that please
Him." 30 As He spoke these words, many believed
in Him.

### *The Truth Shall Make You Free*

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed
Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disci-
ples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and
the truth shall make you free."
33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's de-
scendants, and have never been in bondage to
anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to
you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And
a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a
son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes
you free, you shall be free indeed.

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**8:2** [a]M-Text reads *very early.* **8:4** [a]M-Text reads *we found this woman.* **8:5** [a]M-Text reads *in our law Moses commanded.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *to stone such.* [c]M-Text adds *about her.* **8:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *as though He did not hear.* **8:7** [a]M-Text reads *He looked up.* **8:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *being convicted by their conscience.* **8:10** [a]NU-Text omits *and saw no one but the woman;* M-Text reads *He saw her and said.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *of yours.* **8:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *from now on.*

*Abraham's Seed and Satan's*

37"I know that you are Abraham's descendants,
but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no
place in you. 38I speak what I have seen with My
Father, and you do what you have seen with[a] your
father."

39They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is
our father."

Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's chil-
dren, you would do the works of Abraham. 40But
now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you
the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did
not do this. 41You do the deeds of your father."

Then they said to Him, "We were not born of
fornication; we have one Father—God."

42Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father,
you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and
came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but
He sent Me. 43Why do you not understand My
speech? Because you are not able to listen to My
word. 44You are of *your* father the devil, and the
desires of your father you want to do. He was a
murderer from the beginning, and does not
stand in the truth, because there is no truth in
him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his
own *resources,* for he is a liar and the father of
it. 45But because I tell the truth, you do not be-
lieve Me. 46Which of you convicts Me of sin?
And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe
Me? 47He who is of God hears God's words;
therefore you do not hear, because you are not
of God."

**8:38** [a]NU-Text reads *heard from.*

## ADDICTION — 3 Real Freedom

▸ *See* **John 8:34–36**

Victory over addiction comes as you grow to depend more on God and less on the solutions offered by this world. It is Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the dead that bought your freedom from addiction and from all of the sin in your life.

As you spend time in Bible study, talking with God in prayer, and fellowship with other mature Christians, God will transform your mind and help you resist temptation. Even if you experience a relapse, God forgives. Go before Him and humbly confess your sin.

Resisting the temptation of your addiction takes daily work. Underlying emotional issues need healing. The way you have been dealing with life needs to be unlearned. To continue in your recovery process, surround yourself with godly people and activities; become involved with a local church whose teaching is based on the Bible. Spend time with mature Christians who can pray for you, encourage you, and hold you accountable. You will need to stop seeing old friends who tempt you to continue in your addiction. "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits' " (1 Corinthians 15:33).

Many rehabilitation programs exist for various addictions that can help you establish a solid foundation for recovery. A Christian counselor or your pastor may be able to recommend such a program to you.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## NEW AGE MOVEMENT — 1 Truth or Relativism?

▸ *See* **John 8:42–47**

Jesus had these harsh words to say to some Jews who did not believe that He was God. His listeners could not see that His words were the truth because they were not in relationship with God to receive insight from Him. Jesus' statement makes clear that truth is not relative—God's words are truth.

In contrast, the New Age worldview holds that truth is strictly subjective, intuitive, and relative. Experience alone is the test of spiritual reality.

All through the Bible a great deal of importance is placed on the truth. God is described as a "God of truth" (Deuteronomy 32:3, 4). In answer to the apostle Thomas's question about how to get to heaven, Jesus replied, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). And Jesus told some Jewish believers that the truth—and freedom—could be found in God's Word (John 8:31, 32).

▸ *Now turn to page 658 for Isaiah 40:21–23 and Point 2. A Person or a Force?*

### *Before Abraham Was, I AM*

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do
we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and
have a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but
I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 And I
do not seek My *own* glory; there is One who
seeks and judges. 51 Most assuredly, I say to you,
if anyone keeps My word he shall never see
death."

52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know
that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the
prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word
he shall never taste death.' 53 Are You greater than
our father Abraham, who is dead? And the
prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out
to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor
is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of
whom you say that He is your[a] God. 55 Yet you have
not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do
not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do
know Him and keep His word. 56 Your father Abra-
ham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was
glad."

57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet
fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to
you, before Abraham was, I AM."

59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but
Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple,[a] go-
ing through the midst of them, and so passed by.

### *A Man Born Blind Receives Sight*

9 Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who
was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples
asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this
man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his par-
ents sinned, but that the works of God should be
revealed in him. 4 I[a] must work the works of Him
who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming
when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the
world, I am the light of the world."

6 When He had said these things, He spat on the
ground and made clay with the saliva; and He
anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.
7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of
Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went
and washed, and came back seeing.

8 Therefore the neighbors and those who previ-
ously had seen that he was blind[a] said, "Is not this
he who sat and begged?"

9 Some said, "This is he." Others *said,* "He is like
him."[a]

He said, "I am *he.*"

10 Therefore they said to him, "How were your
eyes opened?"

11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus
made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me,
'Go to the pool of[a] Siloam and wash.' So I went and
washed, and I received sight."

12 Then they said to him, "Where is He?"

He said, "I do not know."

### *The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man*

13 They brought him who formerly was blind to
the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus
made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the
Pharisees also asked him again how he had re-
ceived his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on
my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

**8:54** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *our.* **8:59** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **9:4** [a]NU-Text reads *We.* **9:8** [a]NU-Text reads *a beggar.* **9:9** [a]NU-Text reads *"No, but he is like him."* **9:11** [a]NU-Text omits *the pool of.*

**HEALING** **1 Illness Can Bring Glory to God**

▶ *See* **John 9:1–3**

Jesus indicated to His disciples that this man's blindness was not a judgment on him or his parents, but a way God's power would be revealed to others. After Jesus healed him, religious leaders who wanted to prove Jesus was a fraud interrogated the man. The healed man told them: "Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing" (verses 32, 33).

He witnessed to them about the work God did in his life. Whether your illness is healed by God or not, God can use your attitudes and actions in the midst of illness to bring glory to Him. If you have joy in the midst of suffering, you will be a testimony to others about Christ. (See *Suffering*.)

▶ *Now turn to page 1162 for James 5:14–16 and Point 2. Pray for Healing.*

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This
Man is not from God, because He does not keep
the Sabbath."
Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do
such signs?" And there was a division among
them.
17 They said to the blind man again, "What do
you say about Him because He opened your
eyes?"
He said, "He is a prophet."
18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him,
that he had been blind and received his sight,
until they called the parents of him who had re-
ceived his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying,
"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?
How then does he now see?"
20 His parents answered them and said, "We
know that this is our son, and that he was born
blind; 21 but by what means he now sees we do not
know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He
is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." 22 His
parents said these *things* because they feared the
Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if any-
one confessed *that* He *was* Christ, he would be put
out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said,
"He is of age; ask him."
24 So they again called the man who was blind,
and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know
that this Man is a sinner."
25 He answered and said, "Whether He is a sin-
ner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that
though I was blind, now I see."
26 Then they said to him again, "What did He do
to you? How did He open your eyes?"
27 He answered them, "I told you already, and
you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it*
again? Do you also want to become His disci-
ples?"
28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His
disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know
that God spoke to Moses; *as for* this *fellow,* we do
not know where He is from."
30 The man answered and said to them, "Why,
this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know
where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!
31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners;
but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His
will, He hears him. 32 Since the world began it has
been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of
one who was born blind. 33 If this Man were not
from God, He could do nothing."
34 They answered and said to him, "You were
completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?"
And they cast him out.

### *True Vision and True Blindness*

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and
when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you
believe in the Son of God?"[a]
36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that
I may believe in Him?"
37 And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen
Him and it is He who is talking with you."
38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he wor-
shiped Him.
39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come
into this world, that those who do not see may
see, and that those who see may be made blind."
40 Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with
Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we
blind also?"
41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you
would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.'
Therefore your sin remains.

### *Jesus the True Shepherd*

10 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who
does not enter the sheepfold by the
door, but climbs up some other way, the
same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by
the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the
doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice;
and he calls his own sheep by name and leads
them out. 4 And when he brings out his own
sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow
him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no
means follow a stranger, but will flee from him,
for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Je-
sus used this illustration, but they did not under-
stand the things which He spoke to them.

### *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most as-
suredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
8 All who *ever* came before Me[a] are thieves and
robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am
the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be
saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to
kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may
have life, and that they may have *it* more abun-
dantly.

**9:35** [a]NU-Text reads *Son of Man.* **10:8** [a]M-Text omits *before Me.*

11"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
gives His life for the sheep. 12But a hireling, *he who*
*is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the
sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep
and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and
scatters them. 13The hireling flees because he is a
hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14I am
the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep,* and am
known by My own. 15As the Father knows Me,
even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life
for the sheep. 16And other sheep I have which are
not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they
will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and*
one shepherd.
17"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay
down My life that I may take it again. 18No one
takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have
power to lay it down, and I have power to take it
again. This command I have received from My
Father."
19Therefore there was a division again among
the Jews because of these sayings. 20And many of
them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do
you listen to Him?"
21Others said, "These are not the words of one
who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of
the blind?"

### *The Shepherd Knows His Sheep*

22Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23And Jesus walked in the
temple, in Solomon's porch. 24Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You
keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us
plainly."
25Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do
not believe. The works that I do in My Father's
name, they bear witness of Me. 26But you do not
believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said
to you.[a] 27My sheep hear My voice, and I know
them, and they follow Me. 28And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall
anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29My Father,
who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and
no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's
hand. 30I and *My* Father are one."

### *Renewed Efforts to Stone Jesus*

31Then the Jews took up stones again to stone
Him. 32Jesus answered them, "Many good works I
have shown you from My Father. For which of
those works do you stone Me?"
33The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good
work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy,
and because You, being a Man, make Yourself
God."
34Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your
law, *'I said, "You are gods"'*?[a] 35If He called them
gods, to whom the word of God came (and the
Scripture cannot be broken), 36do you say of Him
whom the Father sanctified and sent into the
world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am
the Son of God'? 37If I do not do the works of My
Father, do not believe Me; 38but if I do, though you
do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may
know and believe[a] that the Father *is* in Me, and I
in Him." 39Therefore they sought again to seize
Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

### *The Believers Beyond Jordan*

40And He went away again beyond the Jordan to
the place where John was baptizing at first, and
there He stayed. 41Then many came to Him and
said, "John performed no sign, but all the things
that John spoke about this Man were true." 42And
many believed in Him there.

### *The Death of Lazarus*

11 Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of
Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2It was *that* Mary who
anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His
feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was
sick. 3Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying,
"Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."
4When Jesus heard *that,* He said, "This sickness

**10:26** [a]NU-Text omits *as I said to you.* **10:34** [a]Psalm 82:6
**10:38** [a]NU-Text reads *understand.*

**ABUNDANT LIFE** **1 God Offers Abundant Life**

► *See* **John 10:10**

Jesus came to give us eternal life (see *Salvation*), which is an abundant life. In John 10:10, the idea of God's abundant life is placed in contrast to what the thief offers. God gives our lives more than we could ever imagine; Satan takes away from life whatever he can.

► *Now turn to page 1114 for Philippians 2:10, 11 and Point 2. Through Christ's Lordship.*

is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

[5]Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [6]So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. [7]Then after this He said to *the* disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

[8]*The* disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"

[9]Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. [10]But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." [11]These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

[12]Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." [13]However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

[14]Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. [15]And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

[16]Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

### *I Am the Resurrection and the Life*

[17]So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. [18]Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles[a] away. [19]And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

[20]Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. [21]Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. [22]But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

[23]Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

[24]Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

[25]Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. [26]And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

[27]She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

### *Jesus and Death, the Last Enemy*

[28]And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." [29]As soon as she heard *that,* she arose quickly and came to Him. [30]Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was[a] in the place where Martha met Him. [31]Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."[a]

[32]Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

[33]Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. [34]And He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

[35]Jesus wept. [36]Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

**11:18** [a]Literally *fifteen stadia* **11:30** [a]NU-Text adds *still.*
**11:31** [a]NU-Text reads *supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.*

**GRIEF** **2 For the Christian, Death Is Not the End of Life**

▶ *See* **John 11:25, 26**

The death of a loved one is often the most intense form of grief we experience. Even if the person who died was a Christian, there is still a sense of loss for those who remain in this world. Christians often feel this particular tension—the joy of knowing a loved one is in God's presence and the pain of missing him or her now. For the Christian, the permanent loss from death was eliminated by Jesus' death and resurrection. We will be reunited in heaven, but we still feel sorrow in the present. God understands this and offers His comfort. You can trust Romans 8:28, which says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Though grieved by the loss of a loved one, you can still find God's joy when you look for and trust God's goodness in these difficult circumstances.

▶ *Now turn to page 1086 for 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 and Point 3. Comfort in Grief.*

37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man,
who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept
this man from dying?"

*Lazarus Raised from the Dead*

38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came
to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against
it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to
Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he
has been *dead* four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if
you would believe you would see the glory of
God?" 41 Then they took away the stone *from the
place* where the dead man was lying.[a] And Jesus
lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You
that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You al-
ways hear Me, but because of the people who are
standing by I said *this,* that they may believe that
You sent Me." 43 Now when He had said these
things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come
forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound
hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was
wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose
him, and let him go."

*The Plot to Kill Jesus*

45 Then many of the Jews who had come to
Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed
in Him. 46 But some of them went away to the Phar-
isees and told them the things Jesus did. 47 Then
the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a
council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man
works many signs. 48 If we let Him alone like this,
everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will
come and take away both our place and nation."

49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest
that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,
50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us[a]
that one man should die for the people, and not
that the whole nation should perish." 51 Now this
he did not say on his own *authority;* but being
high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus
would die for the nation, 52 and not for that nation
only, but also that He would gather together in one
the children of God who were scattered abroad.

53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put
Him to death. 54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked
openly among the Jews, but went from there into
the country near the wilderness, to a city called
Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

55 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and
many went from the country up to Jerusalem be-
fore the Passover, to purify themselves. 56 Then
they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves
as they stood in the temple, "What do you
think—that He will not come to the feast?" 57 Now
both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given
a command, that if anyone knew where He was,
he should report *it,* that they might seize Him.

*The Anointing at Bethany*

12 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus
came to Bethany, where Lazarus was
who had been dead,[a] whom He had
raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a
supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one
of those who sat at the table with Him. 3 Then
Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard,
anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with
her hair. And the house was filled with the fra-
grance of the oil.

4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Si-
mon's *son,* who would betray Him, said, 5 "Why
was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred
denarii[a] and given to the poor?" 6 This he said, not
that he cared for the poor, but because he was a
thief, and had the money box; and he used to take
what was put in it.

7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept[a]
this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you
have with you always, but Me you do not have al-
ways."

*The Plot to Kill Lazarus*

9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He
was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only,
but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He
had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests
plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on
account of him many of the Jews went away and
believed in Jesus.

*The Triumphal Entry*

12 The next day a great multitude that had come
to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was com-
ing to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!
*'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the*
*LORD!'*[a]
The King of Israel!"

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**11:41** [a]NU-Text omits *from the place where the dead man was lying.* **11:50** [a]NU-Text reads *you.* **12:1** [a]NU-Text omits *who had been dead.* **12:5** [a]About one year's wages for a worker **12:7** [a]NU-Text reads *that she may keep.* **12:13** [a]Psalm 118:26

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 *"Fear not, daughter of Zion;*
*Behold, your King is coming,*
*Sitting on a donkey's colt."*[a]

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

### *The Fruitful Grain of Wheat*

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

### *Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross*

27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, *saying,* "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself."

33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how *can* You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

### *Who Has Believed Our Report?*

37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

*"Lord, who has believed our report?*
*And to whom has the arm of the* LORD *been revealed?"*[a]

39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

40 *"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,*
*Lest they should see with their eyes,*
*Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,*
*So that I should heal them."*[a]

41 These things Isaiah said when[a] he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

### *Walk in the Light*

42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him,* lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe,[a] I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My

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**12:15** [a]Zechariah 9:9 **12:38** [a]Isaiah 53:1 **12:40** [a]Isaiah 6:10
**12:41** [a]NU-Text reads *because.* **12:47** [a]NU-Text reads *keep them.*

words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49For I have not spoken on My own *authority;* but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

### *Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet*

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2And supper being ended,[a] the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son,* to betray Him, 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. 6Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!"

10Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

12So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. 14If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

### *Jesus Identifies His Betrayer*

18"I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, *'He who eats bread with Me*[a] *has lifted up his heel against Me.'*[b] 19Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He.* 20Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

21When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

23Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

25Then, leaning back[a] on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it.*" And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. 27Now after the piece of bread, Satan

**13:2** [a]NU-Text reads *And during supper.* **13:18** [a]NU-Text reads *My bread.* [b]Psalm 41:9 **13:25** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *thus.*

**LORDSHIP** **5 Following Our Lord's Example**

► *See* **John 13:12–17**

This scene took place in the Upper Room before the Last Supper. Jesus knew He was about to be betrayed and crucified. He knew He would no longer be a physical presence in the daily lives of His disciples and He wanted to express His deep love for them (see verse 1). In this beautiful portrayal of servant-leadership, Christ leaves us an example to follow in humbly serving one another. As we observe our Lord's example and learn His commands, He leaves us with a promise: "Blessed are you if you do them."

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."[28]But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.[29]For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

[30]Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

### *The New Commandment*

[31]So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. [32]If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. [33]Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. [34]A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. [35]By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

### *Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial*

[36]Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?"

Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

[37]Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

[38]Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

### *The Way, the Truth, and the Life*

**14** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. [2]In My Father's house are many mansions;[a] if *it were* not *so,* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.[b] [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. [4]And where I go you know, and the way you know."

[5]Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

[6]Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### *The Father Revealed*

[7]"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

[8]Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

**14:2** [a]Literally *dwellings* [b]NU-Text adds a word which would cause the text to read either *if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?* or *if it were not so I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.*

## DEATH — 4 Death of the Righteous

► *See* John 14:1–3

Jesus promised that He has prepared a place in heaven for Christians. At death, a Christian's spirit enters immediately into the presence of the Lord. Physical death is only a transition from earth to heaven. Death does not alter the continuity of the relationship; it only enriches it. The apostle Paul wrote to various churches about the promise of the resurrection from the dead. Because some disciples in the early church began to lose hope that Christ would return, the apostle Paul encouraged them with God's promise of heaven (1 Corinthians 15:51–57).

The Bible teaches that someday the "dead in Christ" are going to be resurrected, and the living will be caught up together with them (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). At that time we will receive new bodies. We don't know exactly what these new bodies will be like, except that they will be spiritual, permanent, and glorious. "And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man" (1 Corinthians 15:49).

Christians have hope beyond the grave. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable" (1 Corinthians 15:19). The reuniting of living believers with those who have died before the coming of the Lord is part of the "blessed hope" to which Christians look forward (Titus 2:13).

A Christian can confront death realistically, yet victoriously. Though inevitable and yet often unexpected, death should not catch us off guard. God's promises can calm our fears. For Christians, death is the moment when we no longer see "in a mirror, dimly," but rather, "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so
long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He
who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can
you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe
that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The
words that I speak to you I do not speak on My
own *authority;* but the Father who dwells in Me
does the works. 11 Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for
the sake of the works themselves.

### *The Answered Prayer*

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes
in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and
greater *works* than these he will do, because I go
to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My
name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask[a] anything in My name,
I will do *it.*

### *Jesus Promises Another Helper*

15 "If you love Me, keep[a] My commandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you
another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor
knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells
with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you.

### *Indwelling of the Father and the Son*

19 "A little while longer and the world will see
Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live,
you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that
I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
21 He who has My commandments and keeps
them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me
will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and
manifest Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is
it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to
the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone
loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father
will love him, and We will come to him and make
Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me
does not keep My words; and the word which you
hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

### *The Gift of His Peace*

25 "These things I have spoken to you while
being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy
Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He
will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I
leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the
world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be

**14:14** [a]NU-Text adds *Me.* **14:15** [a]NU-Text reads *you will keep.*

SECOND COMING

## 1 Jesus Christ Will Return to Earth

▶ *See* **John 14:1–3**

Jesus tells all of His followers not to be troubled. If you are a follower of Christ, you can be hopeful because you know Jesus is preparing an eternal home for you. This promise can even make your current problems more bearable.

▶ *Now turn to page 912 for Matthew 24:36 and Point 2. Only God the Father Knows When Christ Will Return.*

PRAYER

## 2 Praying in Jesus' Name

▶ *See* **John 14:13**

Jesus taught that we should ask in His name, or by His authority, for whatever we need. The Bible teaches that we must pray not only in the name of Jesus, but also in agreement with God's will: "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14, 15). Having a close daily relationship with Christ through prayer and reading the Bible will enable you to know God's will (see *Will of God*). We are not worthy to approach the holy throne of God on our own—but by praying "in Jesus' name," we acknowledge our dependence on His righteousness.

▶ *Now turn to page 1147 for Hebrews 4:16 and Point 3. Confidence in Prayer.*

troubled, neither let it be afraid. [28]You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said,[a] 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

[29]"And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. [30]I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. [31]But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

### *The True Vine*

15 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. [2]Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away;[a] and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3]You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. [4]Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

[5]"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. [6]If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. [7]If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will[a] ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. [8]By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

### *Love and Joy Perfected*

[9]"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. [10]If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

[11]"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. [12]This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13]Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. [14]You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. [15]No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. [16]You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that

**14:28** [a]NU-Text omits *I said.* **15:2** [a]Or *lifts up* **15:7** [a]NU-Text omits *you will.*

**FELLOWSHIP** — **1 Fellowship Begins with God and Extends to Others**

► *See* **John 15:1, 4**

When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, your sin no longer stands in the way between you and God. You can be in a close relationship with Him. This fellowship with God is essential to your ability to bear spiritual fruit since Jesus teaches that you can do nothing of positive, eternal significance unless you continue in fellowship with God.

Fellowship with God will lead to healthy relationships with others. Without God's fellowship you are not able to have the fellowship with other believers that unites you with them (John 17:21). Fellowship with other believers is evidence of a healthy relationship with God.

► *Now turn to page 1017 for Acts 2:42 and Point 2. Characteristics of Christian Fellowship.*

**LOVE** — **2 The Overwhelming Experience of Love**

► *See* **John 15:9–17**

Jesus came not only to demonstrate love through His death, but to continually pour His love into your life. "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5). This love does not depend on your goodness or ability to do the right thing, since God loved you even before you knew Him. You are able to love God only because He loved you first (1 John 4:19). And because God loves you, you can also love others.

God's love is infinitely strong and endures forever. The apostle Paul states that there is nothing, not even death itself, that has the power to separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35–39).

► *Now turn to page 1081 for 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 and Point 3. The Challenging Essentials of Love.*

whatever you ask the Father in My name He may
give you. 17These things I command you, that you
love one another.

*The World's Hatred*

18"If the world hates you, you know that it hated
Me before *it hated* you. 19If you were of the world,
the world would love its own. Yet because you are
not of the world, but I chose you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you. 20Remember the
word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater
than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will
also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will
keep yours also. 21But all these things they will do
to you for My name's sake, because they do not
know Him who sent Me. 22If I had not come and
spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now
they have no excuse for their sin. 23He who hates
Me hates My Father also. 24If I had not done
among them the works which no one else did,
they would have no sin; but now they have seen
and also hated both Me and My Father. 25But *this
happened* that the word might be fulfilled which
is written in their law, '*They hated Me without a
cause.*'[a]

*The Coming Rejection*

26"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall
send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth
who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of
Me. 27And you also will bear witness, because you
have been with Me from the beginning.

16 "These things I have spoken to you, that
you should not be made to stumble.
2They will put you out of the syna-
gogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills
you will think that he offers God service. 3And
these things they will do to you[a] because they
have not known the Father nor Me. 4But these
things I have told you, that when the[a] time comes,
you may remember that I told you of them.

"And these things I did not say to you at the be-
ginning, because I was with you.

*The Work of the Holy Spirit*

5"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and
none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6But
because I have said these things to you, sorrow
has filled your heart. 7Nevertheless I tell you the
truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if
I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;
but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8And when
He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and
of righteousness, and of judgment: 9of sin, be-
cause they do not believe in Me; 10of righteous-
ness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no
more; 11of judgment, because the ruler of this
world is judged.

12"I still have many things to say to you, but you
cannot bear *them* now. 13However, when He, the

**15:25** [a]Psalm 69:4 **16:3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to you.*
**16:4** [a]NU-Text reads *their.*

HOLY SPIRIT, INDWELLING

## 2 The Work of the Holy Spirit

▶ *See* **John 16:7–11**

Jesus Christ taught that after He left the earth, the Holy Spirit ("the Helper") would come to minister in the world. The Holy Spirit's role includes convicting us of sin and unbelief and convincing us that Jesus is the perfect Son of God and that the power of Satan has been broken. In John 3:3–8, Jesus explains that a person must be born again—of the Spirit—to go to heaven. The Holy Spirit is the One who draws us toward God the Father, convincing us of our need for new birth.

The apostle Paul prayed for God to strengthen the believers in Ephesus through the Holy Spirit: "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16). By strengthening "the inner man," the Holy Spirit helps believers make decisions that are pleasing to God and that positively impact the world.

The Holy Spirit works within the "body of Christ," another name for the church (1 Corinthians 12:13, 14, 27). The Holy Spirit brings unity to the church (Ephesians 2:19–22), making the gathering of even two Christians unique (Matthew 18:20). Another ministry of the Holy Spirit is to give believers special gifts "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

▶ *Now turn to page 1071 for 1 Corinthians 3:16 and Point 3. The Indwelling Holy Spirit.*

Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority,* but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. [14]He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. [15]All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.[a]

*Sorrow Will Turn to Joy*

[16]"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

[17]Then *some* of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" [18]They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

[19]Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? [20]Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. [21]A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. [22]Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

[23]"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. [24]Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

*Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World*

[25]"These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. [26]In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; [27]for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. [28]I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

[29]His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! [30]Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

[31]Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? [32]Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. [33]These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will[a] have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

*Jesus Prays for Himself*

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, [2]as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should[a] give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [3]And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. [4]I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. [5]And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

*Jesus Prays for His Disciples*

[6]"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They

**16:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *He takes of Mine and will declare it to you.* **16:33** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *will.*
**17:2** [a]M-Text reads *shall.*

**HONESTY** **2 How to Know the Truth**

▸ *See* **John 16:13**

Some might argue that it is hard to know the truth since we see different standards of honesty in the media, politics, business, society, and among different cultures. How do we know what is true when truth seems so relative? Jesus answered this question with the promise in verse 13. God's standard of truth will be revealed from within a conscience that is sensitive to the Holy Spirit (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*).

▸ *Now turn to page 581 for Proverbs 11:3 and Point 3. Honesty in Your Lifestyle.*

were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them,* and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me,[a] that they may be one as We *are.* 12While I was with them in the world,[a] I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept;[b] and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

### *Jesus Prays for All Believers*

20"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will[a] believe in Me through their word; 21that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it,* that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

### *Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane*

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. 2And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. 3Then Judas, having received a detachment *of troops,* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. 4Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

5They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am *He.*" And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. 6Now when He said to them, "I am *He,*" they drew back and fell to the ground.

7Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am *He.* Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," 9that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

10Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

### *Before the High Priest*

12Then the detachment *of troops* and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. 13And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. 14Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

### *Peter Denies Jesus*

15And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so *did* another[a] disciple. Now that disciple was known to the

**17:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *keep them through Your name which You have given Me.* **17:12** [a]NU-Text omits *in the world.* [b]NU-Text reads *in Your name which You gave Me. And I guarded them;* (or *it;*). **17:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *will.*
**18:15** [a]M-Text reads *the other.*

high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. [16]But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. [17]Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also *one* of this Man's disciples, are you?"

He said, "I am not."

[18]Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

### *Jesus Questioned by the High Priest*

[19]The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

[20]Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet,[a] and in secret I have said nothing. [21]Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

[22]And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

[23]Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

[24]Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

### *Peter Denies Twice More*

[25]Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?"

He denied *it* and said, "I am not!"

[26]One of the servants of the high priest, a relative *of him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" [27]Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

### *In Pilate's Court*

[28]Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. [29]Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

[30]They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

[31]Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law."

Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," [32]that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

[33]Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

[34]Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

[35]Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

[36]Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

[37]Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

[38]Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

### *Taking the Place of Barabbas*

[39]"But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

[40]Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

### *The Soldiers Mock Jesus*

**19** So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him.* [2]And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. [3]Then they said,[a] "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

[4]Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

### *Pilate's Decision*

[5]Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of

**18:20** [a]NU-Text reads *where all the Jews meet.* **19:3** [a]NU-Text reads *And they came up to Him and said.*

thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, "Behold the Man!"

[6]Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify *Him,* crucify *Him!*"

Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify *Him,* for I find no fault in Him."

[7]The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our[a] law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

[8]Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, [9]and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

[10]Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

[11]Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

[12]From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

[13]When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The* Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. [14]Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

[15]But they cried out, "Away with *Him,* away with *Him!* Crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

[16]Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led *Him* away.[a]

### *The King on a Cross*

[17]And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, [18]where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. [19]Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH,
THE KING OF THE JEWS.

[20]Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, *and* Latin.

[21]Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews."'"

[22]Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

[23]Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. [24]They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

> *"They divided My garments among them,*
> *And for My clothing they cast lots."*[a]

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

### *Behold Your Mother*

[25]Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26]When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" [27]Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home.*

### *It Is Finished*

[28]After this, Jesus, knowing[a] that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" [29]Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. [30]So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

### *Jesus' Side Is Pierced*

[31]Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day,* that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. [32]Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. [33]But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. [34]But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came

**19:7** [a]NU-Text reads *the law.* **19:16** [a]NU-Text omits *and led Him away.* **19:24** [a]Psalm 22:18 **19:28** [a]M-Text reads *seeing.*

out. [35]And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. [36]For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, *"Not one of His bones shall be broken."*[a] [37]And again another Scripture says, *"They shall look on Him whom they pierced."*[a]

### *Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb*

[38]After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave *him* permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. [39]And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. [40]Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. [41]Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. [42]So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation *Day,* for the tomb was nearby.

### *The Empty Tomb*

**20** Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2]Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

[3]Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. [4]So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. [5]And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there;* yet he did not go in. [6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there,* [7]and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. [8]Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. [9]For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. [10]Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

### *Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord*

[11]But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. [12]And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. [13]Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

[14]Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there,* and did not know that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

[16]Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him,[a] "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

[17]Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.'"

[18]Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord,[a] and *that* He had spoken these things to her.

### *The Apostles Commissioned*

[19]Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled,[a] for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." [20]When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

[21]So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." [22]And when He had said this, He breathed on *them,* and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

### *Seeing and Believing*

[24]Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

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**19:36** [a]Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20
**19:37** [a]Zechariah 12:10 **20:16** [a]NU-Text adds *in Hebrew.*
**20:18** [a]NU-Text reads *disciples, "I have seen the Lord," . . .*
**20:19** [a]NU-Text omits *assembled.*

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands
the print of the nails, and put my finger into the
print of the nails, and put my hand into His side,
I will not believe."

[26]And after eight days His disciples were again
inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the
doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and
said, "Peace to you!" [27]Then He said to Thomas,
"Reach your finger here, and look at My hands;
and reach your hand *here,* and put *it* into My side.
Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

[28]And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My
Lord and my God!"

[29]Jesus said to him, "Thomas,[a] because you
have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are*
those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

### *That You May Believe*

[30]And truly Jesus did many other signs in the
presence of His disciples, which are not written in
this book; [31]but these are written that you may be-
lieve that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that believing you may have life in His name.

### *Breakfast by the Sea*

**21** After these things Jesus showed Himself
again to the disciples at the Sea of
Tiberias, and in this way He showed
*Himself:* [2]Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee,
and two others of His disciples were together. [3]Si-
mon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We are going with you also."
They went out and immediately[a] got into the boat,
and that night they caught nothing. [4]But when the
morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore;
yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
[5]Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any
food?"

They answered Him, "No."

[6]And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right
side of the boat, and you will find *some.*" So they
cast, and now they were not able to draw it in be-
cause of the multitude of fish.

[7]Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said
to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter
heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer
garment (for he had removed it), and plunged
into the sea. [8]But the other disciples came in the
little boat (for they were not far from land, but
about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with
fish. [9]Then, as soon as they had come to land, they
saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and
bread. [10]Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the
fish which you have just caught."

[11]Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to
land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-
three; and although there were so many, the net
was not broken. [12]Jesus said to them, "Come *and*
eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask
Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the
Lord. [13]Jesus then came and took the bread and
gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

[14]This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Him-
self to His disciples after He was raised from the
dead.

### *Jesus Restores Peter*

[15]So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said
to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah,[a] do you love
Me more than these?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love
You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

[16]He said to him again a second time, "Simon,
*son* of Jonah,[a] do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love
You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

[17]He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of
Jonah,[a] do you love Me?" Peter was grieved be-
cause He said to him the third time, "Do you
love Me?"

And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things;
You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. [18]Most as-
suredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you
girded yourself and walked where you wished; but
when you are old, you will stretch out your hands,
and another will gird you and carry *you* where
you do not wish." [19]This He spoke, signifying by
what death he would glorify God. And when He
had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

### *The Beloved Disciple and His Book*

[20]Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple
whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned
on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who
is the one who betrays You?" [21]Peter, seeing him,
said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?"

[22]Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till
I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me."

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**20:29** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Thomas.* **21:3** [a]NU-Text omits *immediately.* **21:15** [a]NU-Text reads *John.* **21:16** [a]NU-Text reads *John.* **21:17** [a]NU-Text reads *John.*

[23]Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you?"

[24]This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

[25]And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

# ACTS
## OF THE APOSTLES

*Prologue*

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

*The Holy Spirit Promised*

4And being assembled together with *them,* He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said,* "you have heard from Me; 5for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me[a] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

*Jesus Ascends to Heaven*

9Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was

**1:8** [a]NU-Text reads *My witnesses.*

SECOND COMING

### 3 Christ's Return Will Be Personal and Visible

▸ *See* **Acts 1:9–11**

After Jesus' resurrection from the dead, He made several appearances to His followers. In His resurrected body, Jesus could walk, talk, eat, see, and function just as a human. And even though that resurrected body could act in other ways beyond a mortal body, Jesus' friends could still recognize Him. Notice the words, "will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Jesus' return will be personal and visible, and He will be recognizable.

▸ *Now turn to page 1127 for 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 and Point 4. Jesus' Second Coming Will Be Tragic for Unbelievers.*

JESUS CHRIST

### 5 Consummation of Jesus' Work

▸ *See* **Acts 1:11**

The great, expectant hope of the believer is the return of Christ. Jesus will return personally and bodily, and at that time He will receive us to Himself (John 14:3). This return is imminent; it could happen any day (Hebrews 10:37).

We shall see Jesus and our bodies will be transformed to be like His body (1 John 3:2; Philippians 3:20, 21). Believers who have already died will be raised (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52). "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). The day of His Second Coming will come "as a thief in the night" (2 Peter 3:10–13).

A new creation will ultimately follow Jesus' return to earth: the curse will be removed, and the Lamb will be on His throne (Revelation 22:3–5) to receive the exaltation (Philippians 2:9–11) and honor and glory He is due (Revelation 4:11; 5:12).

Meanwhile, promising not to leave us alone and without comfort, Jesus sends the blessed Holy Spirit as His continuing presence in the world and in believers (see John 14:16–18, 26). He is to live within us and remind us of all spiritual truth (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

### *The Upper Room Prayer Meeting*

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. 14These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication,[a] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

### *Matthias Chosen*

15And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples[a] (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16"Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

18(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20"For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

*'Let his dwelling place be desolate,*
*And let no one live in it';*[a]

and,

*'Let*[b] *another take his office.'*[c]

21"Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

23And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." 26And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

### *Coming of the Holy Spirit*

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[a] in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### *The Crowd's Response*

5And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

### *Peter's Sermon*

14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. 16But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 *'And it shall come to pass in the last days,*
*says God,*
*That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;*
*Your sons and your daughters shall*
*prophesy,*

**1:14** [a]NU-Text omits *and supplication.* **1:15** [a]NU-Text reads *brethren.* **1:20** [a]Psalm 69:25 [b]Psalm 109:8 [c]Greek *episkopen,* position of overseer **2:1** [a]NU-Text reads *together.*

*Your young men shall see visions,*
*Your old men shall dream dreams.*
18 *And on My menservants and on My maidservants*
*I will pour out My Spirit in those days;*
*And they shall prophesy.*
19 *I will show wonders in heaven above*
*And signs in the earth beneath:*
*Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.*
20 *The sun shall be turned into darkness,*
*And the moon into blood,*
*Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*
21 *And it shall come to pass*
*That whoever calls on the name of the LORD*
*Shall be saved.'*[a]

22"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken[a] by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25For David says concerning Him:

*'I foresaw the LORD always before my face,*
*For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*
26 *Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;*
*Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.*
27 *For You will not leave my soul in Hades,*
*Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*
28 *You have made known to me the ways of life;*
*You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'*[a]

29"Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,[a] 31he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

34"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

*'The LORD said to my Lord,*
*"Sit at My right hand,*
35 *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."'*[a]

36"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37Now when they heard *this,* they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"

38Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

### *A Vital Church Grows*

40And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41Then those who gladly[a] received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them.* 42And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church[a] daily those who were being saved.

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**2:21** [a]Joel 2:28–32 **2:23** [a]NU-Text omits *have taken.*
**2:28** [a]Psalm 16:8–11 **2:30** [a]NU-Text omits *according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ* and completes the verse with *He would seat one on his throne.* **2:35** [a]Psalm 110:1
**2:41** [a]NU-Text omits *gladly.* **2:47** [a]NU-Text omits *to the church.*

*A Lame Man Healed*

3 Now Peter and John went up together to the
temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour.*
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's
womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the
gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask
alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who,
seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple,
asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with
John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his
attention, expecting to receive something from
them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not
have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of
Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And
he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up,
and immediately his feet and ankle bones received
strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and
entered the temple with them—walking, leaping,
and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him
walking and praising God. 10 Then they knew that
it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful
Gate of the temple; and they were filled with won-
der and amazement at what had happened to him.

*Preaching in Solomon's Portico*

11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on
to Peter and John, all the people ran together to
them in the porch which is called Solomon's,
greatly amazed. 12 So when Peter saw *it,* he re-
sponded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you
marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as
though by our own power or godliness we had
made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His

## FELLOWSHIP — 2 Characteristics of Christian Fellowship

► *See* **Acts 2:42**

This verse and those that follow it describe the life of early Christians in Jerusalem. They devoted themselves to fellowship that was characterized by:

- A common doctrine based on the Person and work of Jesus Christ
- Sharing meals together—this may have been the ceremonial meal in remembrance of the sufferings of Christ (communion), or simply their daily meals
- Appropriate confession of sins to one another and praying for one another (James 5:16)
- Meeting one another's physical and social needs (Acts 2:45)
- Meeting together to encourage one another toward love, good deeds, and perseverance (Hebrews 10:24, 25)
- Working together in Christian ministry (Colossians 1:1–8)
- Mutual love for one another (John 13:34)

A Christian community that experiences these things is vibrant and alive. The love for Christ and people will be obvious.

► *Now turn to page 1162 for James 5:16 and Point 3. Unconfessed Sin Hinders Fellowship.*

## WORSHIP — 3 Acts of Worship

► *See* **Acts 2:42**

This passage illustrates the variety of activities included during worship by the early Christians: teaching, Scripture reading, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Many modern churches have also adopted these as a pattern for worship. The first-century church was a group that did many things together. They ate together, learned together, prayed together, and worshiped together. While you may worship individually, worship is most often described in the Bible as taking place within groups (Hebrews 10:24, 25). Worship unites you with God and also with others. Worship may even include serving others together with acts of kindness or gifts.

As you worship together, you are built up and encouraged, growing in your understanding and knowledge of God. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." God's Word is the primary tool for teaching and advising one another. Singing is an aspect of worship that praises God and further unites His people. In order to worship wholeheartedly, it is important to confess your sins and to be in good relationship with others.

► *Now turn to page 70 for Exodus 24:7 and Point 4. Results of Worship.*

Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. 14But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17"Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. 18But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,[a] 21whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22For Moses truly said to the fathers, '*The* LORD *your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.* 23*And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.*'[a] 24Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold[a] these days. 25You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, '*And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*'[a] 26To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities."

### *Peter and John Arrested*

4 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

### *Addressing the Sanhedrin*

5And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11This is the '*stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*'[a] 12Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

### *The Name of Jesus Forbidden*

13Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. 14And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15But when they had commanded them to go aside out

**3:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Christ Jesus, who was ordained for you before.* **3:23** [a]Deuteronomy 18:15, 18, 19 **3:24** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *proclaimed.* **3:25** [a]Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14 **4:11** [a]Psalm 118:22

**REPENTANCE** **3 OUR REWARD FOR REPENTANCE**

► *See* **ACTS 3:19**

Even though we often think of repentance as difficult or even painful, repentance is part of God's Good News. When you repent, God promises "times of refreshing" because of His presence in your life. Repentance is not a burden. Rather, it lifts the burden of sin that hinders your relationship with God and with others. God promises to blot out your sins and give you abundant life when you obey His Word. That abundant life begins with repentance. (See *Abundant Life.*)

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

of the council, they conferred among themselves, [16]saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it.* [17]But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

[18]So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. [19]But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. [20]For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." [21]So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. [22]For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

### *Prayer for Boldness*

[23]And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. [24]So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, [25]who by the mouth of Your servant David[a] have said:

*'Why did the nations rage,*
*And the people plot vain things?*
[26] *The kings of the earth took their stand,*
*And the rulers were gathered together*
*Against the* LORD *and against His Christ.'*[a]

[27]"For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together [28]to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. [29]Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, [30]by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

[31]And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

### *Sharing in All Things*

[32]Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. [33]And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. [34]Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, [35]and

**4:25** [a]NU-Text reads *who through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father, Your servant David.* **4:26** [a]Psalm 2:1, 2

**WITNESSING** **3 PREPARE YOURSELF TO BE A WITNESS**

► *See* **ACTS 4:13**

These men could be bold witnesses for Christ because they spent time with Him. In order to witness effectively, an individual must know Christ personally. If you have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you need to spend time with Him. There will be very little to share with someone else if you don't seek and maintain a close walk with Christ through reading and obeying the Bible and praying. You must be a genuine and growing Christian.

Become active in a church where the Bible is preached and taught. Memorize and meditate on God's Word. Cultivate friendships with other witnessing Christians in order to learn from them. Practice explaining how to accept Christ (see *Salvation*). You may even find it helpful to enroll in a course or read books on personal evangelism.

Still, the most important way to be prepared to witness is to spend time each day with the Lord in Bible study and prayer. Once you are prepared, trust the Holy Spirit to empower you and use you: "Do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you" (Matthew 10:19, 20).

Most of all, be available and willing to be used by God. God asked Isaiah, "Whom shall I send?" And Isaiah replied, "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

► *Now turn to page 1142 for Philemon 4–6 and Point 4. How to Witness to Others.*

laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

[36]And Joses,[a] who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, [37]having land, sold *it,* and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

### *Lying to the Holy Spirit*

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. [2]And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it,* and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. [3]But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? [4]While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

[5]Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. [6]And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him.*

[7]Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. [8]And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?"

She said, "Yes, for so much."

[9]Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out." [10]Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband. [11]So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

### *Continuing Power in the Church*

[12]And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. [13]Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. [14]And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, [15]so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. [16]Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

### *Imprisoned Apostles Freed*

[17]Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, [18]and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. [19]But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, [20]"Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

[21]And when they heard *that,* they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

### *Apostles on Trial Again*

[22]But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, [23]saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside[a] before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" [24]Now when the high priest,[a] the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. [25]So one came and told them, saying,[a] "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

[26]Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. [27]And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, [28]saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

[29]But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. [30]The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. [31]Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. [32]And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so* also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

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**4:36** [a]NU-Text reads *Joseph.* **5:23** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *outside.* **5:24** [a]NU-Text omits *the high priest.* **5:25** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *saying.*

*Gamaliel's Advice*

33When they heard *this,* they were furious and
plotted to kill them. 34Then one in the council
stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of
the law held in respect by all the people, and com-
manded them to put the apostles outside for a lit-
tle while. 35And he said to them: "Men of Israel,
take heed to yourselves what you intend to do re-
garding these men. 36For some time ago Theudas
rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of
men, about four hundred, joined him. He was
slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and
came to nothing. 37After this man, Judas of Galilee
rose up in the days of the census, and drew away
many people after him. He also perished, and all
who obeyed him were dispersed. 38And now I say
to you, keep away from these men and let them
alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will
come to nothing; 39but if it is of God, you cannot
overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight
against God."

40And they agreed with him, and when they
had called for the apostles and beaten *them,* they
commanded that they should not speak in the
name of Jesus, and let them go. 41So they departed
from the presence of the council, rejoicing that
they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His[a]
name. 42And daily in the temple, and in every
house, they did not cease teaching and preaching
Jesus *as* the Christ.

*Seven Chosen to Serve*

6 Now in those days, when *the number of* the
disciples was multiplying, there arose a com-
plaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists,[a]
because their widows were neglected in the daily
distribution. 2Then the twelve summoned the
multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not de-
sirable that we should leave the word of God and
serve tables. 3Therefore, brethren, seek out from
among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of
the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may ap-
point over this business; 4but we will give our-
selves continually to prayer and to the ministry of
the word."

5And the saying pleased the whole multitude.
And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and
the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor,
Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from
Antioch, 6whom they set before the apostles; and
when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

7Then the word of God spread, and the number
of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem,
and a great many of the priests were obedient to
the faith.

*Stephen Accused of Blasphemy*

8And Stephen, full of faith[a] and power, did great
wonders and signs among the people. 9Then there
arose some from what is called the Synagogue of
the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and
those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with
Stephen. 10And they were not able to resist the
wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11Then
they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard
him speak blasphemous words against Moses
and God." 12And they stirred up the people, the
elders, and the scribes; and they came upon *him,*
seized him, and brought *him* to the council.

**5:41** [a]NU-Text reads *the name;* M-Text reads *the name of Jesus.*
**6:1** [a]That is, Greek-speaking Jews **6:8** [a]NU-Text reads *grace.*

**PERSECUTION** **3 God Ensures that Good Comes from Suffering**

► *See* **Acts 6:8–15**

Stephen is the first New Testament example of a martyr, someone killed because of his or her faith in Christ. We might wonder what good came from this terrible act. While the Bible doesn't tell us every detail, we do know that Saul, an important religious leader, was present during this scene. He was an aggressive persecutor of Christians. Later, he was converted to Christianity and was called Paul—the same Paul who wrote a large portion of the New Testament and became a persecuted Christian himself. Perhaps witnessing God's peace in martyrs like Stephen encouraged Paul during his own times of persecution.

Early church persecution also resulted in scattering Christians throughout the world. Thus the gospel was spread and the church grew (Acts 11:19). The good news of Jesus' death and Resurrection arrived in areas where it may not have gone under normal circumstances, or at least not for a long time. Persecuting the early Christians was like trying to stamp out a fire—the sparks just scattered and caused further fires. Even today, churches grow and the gospel is spread because of persecution.

► *Now turn to page 1058 for Romans 8:35 and Point 4. God Is Always with Us.*

13 They also set up false witnesses who said, "This
man does not cease to speak blasphemous[a] words
against this holy place and the law; 14 for we have
heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will de-
stroy this place and change the customs which
Moses delivered to us." 15 And all who sat in the
council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as
the face of an angel.

### *Stephen's Address: The Call of Abraham*

7 Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, 3 and said to him, '*Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.*'[a] 4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. 5 And *God* gave him no inheritance in it, not even *enough* to set his foot on. But even when *Abraham* had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him. 6 But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress *them* four hundred years. 7 '*And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,*'[a] said God, '*and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.*'[b] 8 Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so *Abraham* begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac *begot* Jacob, and Jacob *begot* the twelve patriarchs.

### *The Patriarchs in Egypt*

9 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him 10 and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. 11 Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. 13 And the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh. 14 Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to *him,* seventy-five[a] people. 15 So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. 16 And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, *the father* of Shechem.

### *God Delivers Israel by Moses*

17 "But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt 18 till another king arose who did not know Joseph. 19 This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live. 20 At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months. 21 But when he was set out, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. 22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. 25 For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. 26 And the next day he appeared to *two of* them as they were fighting, and *tried to* reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' 27 But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, '*Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?*'[a] 29 Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

30 "And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord[a] appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. 31 When Moses saw *it,* he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, 32 *saying, 'I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'*[a] And Moses trembled and dared not look. 33 '*Then the* LORD *said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt."*'[a]

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**6:13** [a]NU-Text omits *blasphemous.* **7:3** [a]Genesis 12:1
**7:7** [a]Genesis 15:14 [b]Exodus 3:12 **7:14** [a]Or *seventy* (compare Exodus 1:5) **7:28** [a]Exodus 2:14 **7:30** [a]NU-Text omits *of the Lord.* **7:32** [a]Exodus 3:6, 15 **7:34** [a]Exodus 3:5, 7, 8, 10

35"This Moses whom they rejected, saying,
'*Who made you a ruler and a judge?*'[a] is the one
God sent *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand
of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.
36He brought them out, after he had shown won-
ders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the
Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

### *Israel Rebels Against God*

37"This is that Moses who said to the children
of Israel,[a] '*The* LORD *your God will raise up for
you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him
you shall hear.*'[b]

38"This is he who was in the congregation in the
wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on
Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, the one who
received the living oracles to give to us, 39whom
our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in
their hearts they turned back to Egypt, 40saying to
Aaron, '*Make us gods to go before us; as for this
Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt,
we do not know what has become of him.*'[a] 41And
they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices
to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own
hands. 42Then God turned and gave them up to
worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the
book of the Prophets:

*'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and
sacrifices during forty years in the
wilderness,
O house of Israel?*
43 *You also took up the tabernacle of
Moloch,
And the star of your god Remphan,
Images which you made to worship;
And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'*[a]

### *God's True Tabernacle*

44"Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in
the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Mo-
ses to make it according to the pattern that he had
seen, 45which our fathers, having received it in
turn, also brought with Joshua into the land pos-
sessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out be-
fore the face of our fathers until the days of David,
46who found favor before God and asked to find a
dwelling for the God of Jacob. 47But Solomon built
Him a house.

48"However, the Most High does not dwell in
temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

49 *'Heaven* is *My throne,
And earth is My footstool.
What house will you build for Me? says the
LORD,
Or what is the place of My rest?*
50 *Has My hand not made all these things?*'[a]

### *Israel Resists the Holy Spirit*

51"*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart
and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your
fathers *did,* so *do* you. 52Which of the prophets did
your fathers not persecute? And they killed those
who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom
you now have become the betrayers and murder-
ers, 53who have received the law by the direction
of angels and have not kept *it.*"

### *Stephen the Martyr*

54When they heard these things they were cut
to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their*
teeth. 55But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed
into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God, 56and said,
"Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of
Man standing at the right hand of God!"

57Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped
their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58and
they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him.* And
the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of
a young man named Saul. 59And they stoned
Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying,
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60Then he knelt
down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do
not charge them with this sin." And when he had
said this, he fell asleep.

### *Saul Persecutes the Church*

8 Now Saul was consenting to his death.
At that time a great persecution arose
against the church which was at Jerusalem;
and they were all scattered throughout the re-
gions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
2And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial,*
and made great lamentation over him.

3As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, en-
tering every house, and dragging off men and
women, committing *them* to prison.

### *Christ Is Preached in Samaria*

4Therefore those who were scattered went
everywhere preaching the word. 5Then Philip
went down to the[a] city of Samaria and preached

**7:35** [a]Exodus 2:14 **7:37** [a]Deuteronomy 18:15 [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Him you shall hear.* **7:40** [a]Exodus 32:1, 23
**7:43** [a]Amos 5:25–27 **7:50** [a]Isaiah 66:1, 2 **8:5** [a]Or *a*

Christ to them. 6And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8And there was great joy in that city.

### *The Sorcerer's Profession of Faith*

9But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." 11And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. 12But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. 13Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

### *The Sorcerer's Sin*

14Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! 21You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. 22Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

24Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

25So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

### *Christ Is Preached to an Ethiopian*

26Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

30So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

*"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;*
*And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,*
*So He opened not His mouth.*
33 *In His humiliation His justice was taken away,*
*And who will declare His generation?*
*For His life is taken from the earth."*[a]

34So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

37Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."[a]

38So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through,

**8:33** [a]Isaiah 53:7, 8 **8:37** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit this verse. It is found in Western texts, including the Latin tradition.

he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

### *The Damascus Road: Saul Converted*

9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest [2]and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

[3]As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. [4]Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

[5]And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.[a] It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads."

[6]So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

[7]And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. [8]Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. [9]And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

### *Ananias Baptizes Saul*

[10]Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias."

And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

[11]So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. [12]And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

[13]Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. [14]And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

[15]But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. [16]For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

[17]And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus,[a] who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." [18]Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

[19]So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

### *Saul Preaches Christ*

[20]Immediately he preached the Christ[a] in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

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**9:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit the last sentence of verse 5 and begin verse 6 with *But arise and go.* **9:17** [a]M-Text omits *Jesus.* **9:20** [a]NU-Text reads *Jesus.*

**BAPTISM** **3 The Importance of Baptism**

► *See* **Acts 8:36, 37**

Baptism represents what God has done through Christ on your behalf. Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sins by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. When you are baptized in the name of the Lord, you publicly acknowledge that you are sinful and have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior (Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48). Baptism publicly signifies your cleansing from sin and sets you apart for service to Christ (Matthew 10:32, 33).

Through baptism, you are identified with Christ. Though baptism is important to the Christian faith, it is not a means of salvation. Only acceptance of Christ's sacrificial death can save you (see *Salvation*). Baptism, however, is a picture of your new life in Christ—washed clean from your sin by Jesus' death on the cross. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3, 4). The act of baptism represents the death of your sinful nature and the new life you have in Christ. Jesus Christ is honored when you obey Him and show this public acknowledgement of your faith in Him.

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[21]Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

[22]But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

### *Saul Escapes Death*

[23]Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. [24]But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. [25]Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down through the wall in a large basket.

### *Saul at Jerusalem*

[26]And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. [27]But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. [28]So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. [29]And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. [30]When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

### *The Church Prospers*

[31]Then the churches[a] throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

### *Aeneas Healed*

[32]Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all *parts of the country,* that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. [33]There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. [34]And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. [35]So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

### *Dorcas Restored to Life*

[36]At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. [37]But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in an upper room. [38]And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring *him* not to delay in coming to them. [39]Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. [40]But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. [41]Then he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. [42]And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. [43]So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

### *Cornelius Sends a Delegation*

**10** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, [2]a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. [3]About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

[4]And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?"

So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. [5]Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. [6]He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.[a] He will tell you what you must do." [7]And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. [8]So when he had explained all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

### *Peter's Vision*

[9]The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. [10]Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance [11]and saw

**9:31** [a]NU-Text reads *church . . . was edified.*
**10:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit the last sentence of this verse.

heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. 12In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

14But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

15And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

### *Summoned to Caesarea*

17Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. 18And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there.

19While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. 20Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

21Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius,[a] and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?"

22And they said, "Cornelius *the* centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you." 23Then he invited them in and lodged *them.*

On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

### *Peter Meets Cornelius*

24And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped *him.* 26But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." 27And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. 28Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. 29Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

30So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour[a] I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, 31and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. 32Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.[a] When he comes, he will speak to you.' 33So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."

### *Preaching to Cornelius' Household*

34Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they[a] killed by hanging on a tree. 40Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. 43To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

### *The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles*

44While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been

**10:21** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *who had been sent to him from Cornelius.* **10:30** [a]NU-Text reads *Four days ago to this hour, at the ninth hour.* **10:32** [a]NU-Text omits the last sentence of this verse. **10:39** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *also.*

poured out on the Gentiles also. 46For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, 47"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?" 48And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

### *Peter Defends God's Grace*

11 Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, 3saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"

4But Peter explained *it* to them in order from the beginning, saying: 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. 6When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 7And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' 8But I said, 'Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.' 9But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' 10Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea. 12Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 14who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.' 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 16Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17If therefore God gave them the same gift as *He gave* us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

18When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

### *Barnabas and Saul at Antioch*

19Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

22Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

25Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

### *Relief to Judea*

27And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. 30This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

### *Herod's Violence to the Church*

12 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. 2Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4So when he had arrested him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

### *Peter Freed from Prison*

5Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant[a] prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

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**12:5** [a]NU-Text reads *constantly* (or *earnestly*).

[6]And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. [7]Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him,* and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off *his* hands. [8]Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." [9]So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. [10]When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

[11]And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people."

[12]So, when he had considered *this,* he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. [13]And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. [14]When she recognized Peter's voice, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. [15]But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

[16]Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened *the door* and saw him, they were astonished. [17]But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

[18]Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. [19]But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that *they* should be put to death.

And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed *there.*

### *Herod's Violent Death*

[20]Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's *country.*

[21]So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. [22]And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" [23]Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

[24]But the word of God grew and multiplied.

### *Barnabas and Saul Appointed*

[25]And Barnabas and Saul returned from[a] Jerusalem when they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

**13** Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. [2]As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." [3]Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away.

### *Preaching in Cyprus*

[4]So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. [5]And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as *their* assistant.

[6]Now when they had gone through the island[a] to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name *was* Bar-Jesus, [7]who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. [8]But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. [9]Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him [10]and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? [11]And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord

**12:25** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *to.* **13:6** [a]NU-Text reads *the whole island.*

*is* upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. [12]Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

### *At Antioch in Pisidia*

[13]Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. [14]But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. [15]And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men *and* brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

[16]Then Paul stood up, and motioning with *his* hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: [17]The God of this people Israel[a] chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. [18]Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. [19]And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.

[20]"After that He gave *them* judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. [21]And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. [22]And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, '*I have found David*[a] the *son* of Jesse, *a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.*'[b] [23]From this man's seed, according to *the* promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—[a] [24]after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. [25]And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not *He.* But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

[26]"Men *and* brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. [27]For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him.* [28]And though they found no cause for death *in Him,* they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. [29]Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb. [30]But God raised Him from the dead. [31]He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. [32]And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. [33]God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

> *'You are My Son,*
> *Today I have begotten You.'*[a]

[34]And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus:

> *'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'*[a]

[35]Therefore He also says in another *Psalm:*

> *'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'*[a]

[36]"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; [37]but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. [38]Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; [39]and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. [40]Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

> [41] *'Behold, you despisers,*
> *Marvel and perish!*
> *For I work a work in your days,*
> *A work which you will by no means believe,*
> *Though one were to declare it to you.'"*[a]

### *Blessing and Conflict at Antioch*

[42]So when the Jews went out of the synagogue,[a] the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. [43]Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews

**13:17** [a]M-Text omits *Israel.* **13:22** [a]Psalm 89:20 [b]1 Samuel 13:14 **13:23** [a]M-Text reads *for Israel salvation.* **13:33** [a]Psalm 2:7 **13:34** [a]Isaiah 55:3 **13:35** [a]Psalm 16:10 **13:41** [a]Habakkuk 1:5 **13:42** [a]Or *And when they went out of the synagogue of the Jews;* NU-Text reads *And when they went out, they begged.*

and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. 47For so the Lord has commanded us:

*'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,*
*That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'"*[a]

48Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

49And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

### *At Iconium*

14 Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. 2But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. 3Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles. 5And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, 6they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the

**13:47** [a]Isaiah 49:6

**HOLY SPIRIT, INDWELLING**

## 4 Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

► *See* **Acts 13:52**

When a believer is filled with the Spirit, his or her life will display the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22, 23 (see *Holy Spirit, Fruit*). Additionally, gifts of the Spirit will be demonstrated in the lives of believers for the good of the church (see Romans 12:3–8 and see also in 1 Corinthians 12—14; see *Holy Spirit, Gifts*).

When we disobey the Holy Spirit, it grieves Him and blocks His work in our lives. The Book of Acts makes it clear that being "filled with the Holy Spirit" is not a once-for-all experience but a continual, day-by-day filling (see Acts 4:8, 31). These are steps to take to be daily filled with the Holy Spirit:

- Realize that God wants to give you abundant life (John 10:10 and John 15:4, 5).
- Sincerely desire a Spirit-controlled and empowered life (Matthew 5:6).
- Confess any known sin that would hinder the Holy Spirit's control in your life (1 John 1:9).
- Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and thank Him for doing so (1 John 5:14, 15).
- "Walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16)—maintain an ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit.

God's Word does not say that an overwhelming emotional experience always accompanies the filling of the Holy Spirit. Rather, we have God's peace and joy that come daily through a life controlled by the Spirit of Christ. Opposition and conflict can come from several sources, including worldly distractions, our old sinful nature within us (Galatians 5:15–17), or even the devil who works against believers (1 Peter 5:7–9 and Ephesians 6:10–13). As we "walk in the Spirit" every day, we please God and our faith matures. Galatians 6:8 says, "For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

surrounding region. 7And they were preaching the gospel there.

### *Idolatry at Lystra*

8And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9*This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. 11Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian *language,* "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 12And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

14But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out 15and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, 16who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 17Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." 18And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

### *Stoning, Escape to Derbe*

19Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul *and* dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

### *Strengthening the Converts*

21And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying,* "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." 23So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. 25Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. 28So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

### *Conflict over Circumcision*

15 And certain *men* came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

3So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. 4And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. 5But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses."

### *The Jerusalem Council*

6Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up *and* said to them: "Men *and* brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, 9and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ[a] we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

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**15:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Christ.*

12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many
miracles and wonders God had worked through
them among the Gentiles. 13 And after they had
become silent, James answered, saying, "Men
*and* brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared
how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take
out of them a people for His name. 15 And with
this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is
written:

16 '*After this I will return*
*And will rebuild the tabernacle of David,*
*which has fallen down;*
*I will rebuild its ruins,*
*And I will set it up;*
17 *So that the rest of mankind may seek the*
*LORD,*
*Even all the Gentiles who are called by My*
*name,*
*Says the LORD who does all these things.*'[a]

18 "Known to God from eternity are all His
works.[a] 19 Therefore I judge that we should not
trouble those from among the Gentiles who are
turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to
abstain from things polluted by idols, *from* sexual immorality,[a] *from* things strangled, and
*from* blood. 21 For Moses has had throughout
many generations those who preach him in
every city, being read in the synagogues every
Sabbath."

### *The Jerusalem Decree*

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with
the whole church, to send chosen men of their
own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas,
*namely,* Judas who was also named Barsabas,[a]
and Silas, leading men among the brethren.
23 They wrote this, *letter* by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in
Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went
out from us have troubled you with words,
unsettling your souls, saying, "*You must* be
circumcised and keep the law"[a]—to whom
we gave no *such* commandment—25 it
seemed good to us, being assembled with
one accord, to send chosen men to you with
our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who
have risked their lives for the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent
Judas and Silas, who will also report the
same things by word of mouth. 28 For it
seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to
lay upon you no greater burden than these
necessary things: 29 that you abstain from
things offered to idols, from blood, from
things strangled, and from sexual
immorality.[a] If you keep yourselves from
these, you will do well.

Farewell.

### *Continuing Ministry in Syria*

30 So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude
together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they
had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.
32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets
also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren
with many words. 33 And after they had stayed
*there* for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles.[a]
34 However, it seemed good to Silas to remain
there.[a] 35 Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the
Lord, with many others also.

### *Division over John Mark*

36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas,
"Let us now go back and visit our brethren in
every city where we have preached the word of
the Lord, *and see* how they are doing." 37 Now
Barnabas was determined to take with them John
called Mark. 38 But Paul insisted that they should
not take with them the one who had departed
from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with
them to the work. 39 Then the contention became
so sharp that they parted from one another. And
so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;
40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.
41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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**15:17** [a]Amos 9:11, 12 **15:18** [a]NU-Text (combining with verse 17) reads *Says the Lord, who makes these things known from eternity (of old).* **15:20** [a]Or *fornication* **15:22** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Barsabbas.* **15:24** [a]NU-Text omits *saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law."* **15:29** [a]Or *fornication* **15:33** [a]NU-Text reads *to those who had sent them.* **15:34** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit this verse.

### *Timothy Joins Paul and Silas*

16 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, *the* son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father *was* Greek. [2]He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. [3]Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took *him* and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. [4]And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. [5]So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

### *The Macedonian Call*

[6]Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. [7]After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit[a] did not permit them. [8]So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. [9]And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [10]Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

### *Lydia Baptized at Philippi*

[11]Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next *day* came to Neapolis, [12]and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. [13]And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there.* [14]Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us.* She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. [15]And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us,* saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

### *Paul and Silas Imprisoned*

[16]Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. [17]This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." [18]And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. [19]But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

[20]And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; [21]and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." [22]Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. [23]And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. [24]Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

### *The Philippian Jailer Saved*

[25]But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. [26]Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. [27]And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. [28]But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

[29]Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. [30]And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

[31]So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." [32]Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. [33]And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized. [34]Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

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**16:7** [a]NU-Text adds *of Jesus.*

*Paul Refuses to Depart Secretly*

35And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, "Let those men go."

36So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace."

37But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, *and* have thrown *us* into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out."

38And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans. 39Then they came and pleaded with them and brought *them* out, and asked *them* to depart from the city. 40So they went out of the prison and entered *the house of* Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.

*Preaching Christ at Thessalonica*

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying,* "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." 4And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

*Assault on Jason's House*

5But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious,[a] took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. 6But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. 7Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus." 8And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. 9So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

*Ministering at Berea*

10Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so. 12Therefore many of them believed, also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. 13But

**17:5** [a]NU-Text omits *who were not persuaded;* M-Text omits *becoming envious.*

**DOUBT** **3 Faith Is Nurtured Through God's Word**

► *See* **Acts 17:11, 12**

The Bible is the perfect Word of God. It teaches you about salvation and also how to live your Christian life. In the Bible, you see that faith is a spiritual discipline that conquers doubt. Your faith can grow when it is nurtured with the Word of God.

Second Timothy 3:15–17 says: "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Word of God is essential for every part of your life and is relevant to every generation. It is a dynamic force, penetrating to the very core of who you are. God's Word renews and transforms your mind. This is important, because when you doubt, you need to have somewhere to turn. Your mind—and Satan—deceive you with doubt. When you doubt God or His care for your life, you can depend on the Bible as the ultimate source of truth. Spending time studying God's Word will strengthen your faith and help you overcome your doubts.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds. [14]Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there. [15]So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

### *The Philosophers at Athens*

[16]Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. [17]Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. [18]Then[a] certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

[19]And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine *is* of which you speak? [20]For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." [21]For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

### *Addressing the Areopagus*

[22]Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; [23]for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: [24]God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. [25]Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. [26]And He has made from one blood[a] every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, [27]so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; [28]for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' [29]Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. [30]Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, [31]because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

[32]And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." [33]So Paul departed from among them. [34]However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

### *Ministering at Corinth*

**18** After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. [2]And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. [3]So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers. [4]And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

[5]When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *is* the Christ. [6]But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook *his* garments and said to them, "Your blood *be* upon your *own* heads; I *am* clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." [7]And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain *man* named Justus,[a] *one* who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. [8]Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

[9]Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not

**17:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *also*. **17:26** [a]NU-Text omits *blood*. **18:7** [a]NU-Text reads *Titius Justus*.

keep silent; [10]for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." [11]And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

[12]When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat, [13]saying, "This *fellow* persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

[14]And when Paul was about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crimes, O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with you. [15]But if it is a question of words and names and your own law, look *to it* yourselves; for I do not want to be a judge of such *matters.*" [16]And he drove them from the judgment seat. [17]Then all the Greeks[a] took Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before the judgment seat. But Gallio took no notice of these things.

### *Paul Returns to Antioch*

[18]So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him. He had *his* hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. [19]And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. [20]When they asked *him* to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent, [21]but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem;[a] but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.

[22]And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. [23]After he had spent some time *there,* he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

### *Ministry of Apollos*

[24]Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. [25]This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. [26]So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. [27]And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; [28]for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

### *Paul at Ephesus*

**19** And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples [2]he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

[3]And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

[4]Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

[5]When they heard *this,* they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6]And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. [7]Now the men were about twelve in all.

[8]And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. [9]But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. [10]And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

### *Miracles Glorify Christ*

[11]Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, [12]so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. [13]Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We[a] exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." [14]Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

[15]And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

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**18:17** [a]NU-Text reads *they all.* **18:21** [a]NU-Text omits *I must* through *Jerusalem.* **19:13** [a]NU-Text reads *I.*

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was
leaped on them, overpowered[a] them, and pre-
vailed against them,[b] so that they fled out of that
house naked and wounded. 17 This became known
both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus;
and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord
Jesus was magnified. 18 And many who had be-
lieved came confessing and telling their deeds.
19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic
brought their books together and burned *them* in
the sight of all. And they counted up the value of
them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.
20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and pre-
vailed.

### *The Riot at Ephesus*

21 When these things were accomplished, Paul
purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed
through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusa-
lem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also
see Rome." 22 So he sent into Macedonia two of
those who ministered to him, Timothy and Eras-
tus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

23 And about that time there arose a great
commotion about the Way. 24 For a certain man
named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver
shrines of Diana,[a] brought no small profit to the
craftsmen. 25 He called them together with the
workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men,
you know that we have our prosperity by this
trade. 26 Moreover you see and hear that not only
at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this
Paul has persuaded and turned away many peo-
ple, saying that they are not gods which are made
with hands. 27 So not only is this trade of ours in
danger of falling into disrepute, but also the tem-
ple of the great goddess Diana may be despised
and her magnificence destroyed,[a] whom all Asia
and the world worship."

28 Now when they heard *this,* they were full of
wrath and cried out, saying, "Great *is* Diana of the
Ephesians!" 29 So the whole city was filled with
confusion, and rushed into the theater with one
accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus,
Macedonians, Paul's travel companions. 30 And
when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the dis-
ciples would not allow him. 31 Then some of the
officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him
pleading that he would not venture into the the-
ater. 32 Some therefore cried one thing and some
another, for the assembly was confused, and most
of them did not know why they had come to-
gether. 33 And they drew Alexander out of the mul-
titude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexan-
der motioned with his hand, and wanted to make
his defense to the people. 34 But when they found
out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out
for about two hours, "Great *is* Diana of the Ephe-
sians!"

35 And when the city clerk had quieted the
crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus, what man is
there who does not know that the city of the Ephe-
sians is temple guardian of the great goddess Di-
ana, and of the *image* which fell down from Zeus?
36 Therefore, since these things cannot be denied,
you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly. 37 For
you have brought these men here who are neither
robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your[a] god-
dess. 38 Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow
craftsmen have a case against anyone, the courts
are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring
charges against one another. 39 But if you have any
other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in
the lawful assembly. 40 For we are in danger of
being called in question for today's uproar, there
being no reason which we may give to account for
this disorderly gathering." 41 And when he had said
these things, he dismissed the assembly.

### *Journeys in Greece*

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul called
the disciples to *himself,* embraced *them,*
and departed to go to Macedonia. 2 Now
when he had gone over that region and encour-
aged them with many words, he came to Greece
3 and stayed three months. And when the Jews
plotted against him as he was about to sail to
Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.
4 And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to
Asia—also Aristarchus and Secundus of the
Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy,
and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. 5 These men,
going ahead, waited for us at Troas. 6 But we sailed
away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened
Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas,
where we stayed seven days.

### *Ministering at Troas*

7 Now on the first *day* of the week, when the dis-
ciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to

**19:16** [a]M-Text reads *and they overpowered.* [b]NU-Text reads *both of them.* **19:24** [a]Greek *Artemis* **19:27** [a]NU-Text reads *she be deposed from her magnificence.* **19:37** [a]NU-Text reads *our.*

depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. [8]There were many lamps in the upper room where they[a] were gathered together. [9]And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. [10]But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing *him* said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." [11]Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. [12]And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

### *From Troas to Miletus*

[13]Then we went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board; for so he had given orders, intending himself to go on foot. [14]And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene. [15]We sailed from there, and the next *day* came opposite Chios. The following *day* we arrived at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium. The next *day* we came to Miletus. [16]For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

### *The Ephesian Elders Exhorted*

[17]From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. [18]And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, [19]serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; [20]how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, [21]testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. [22]And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, [23]except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. [24]But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself,[a] so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

[25]"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. [26]Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men.* [27]For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. [28]Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God[a] which He purchased with His own blood. [29]For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. [30]Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. [31]Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

[32]"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. [33]I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. [34]Yes,[a] you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. [35]I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

[36]And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. [37]Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, [38]sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

**20:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *we.* **20:24** [a]NU-Text reads *But I do not count my life of any value or dear to myself.* **20:28** [a]M-Text reads *of the Lord and God.* **20:34** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Yes.*

THE BIBLE

### 4 The Bible Is a Source of Encouragement and Hope

▶ *See* **Acts 20:32**

For Christians, God's Word is the source of spiritual understanding, faith, and fulfillment. Luke, the writer of Acts, lovingly entrusts his readers into the care of God's Word, which is "able to build you up." We find the Bible to be a patient teacher. Within its pages are help and encouragement for whatever we need:

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*Warnings on the Journey to Jerusalem*

21 Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following *day* to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. [2]And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. [3]When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo. [4]And finding disciples,[a] we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. [5]When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till *we were* out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed. [6]When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home.

[7]And when we had finished *our* voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. [8]On the next *day* we who were Paul's companions[a] departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was *one* of the seven, and stayed with him. [9]Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. [10]And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. [11]When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his *own* hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

[12]Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. [13]Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

[14]So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

*Paul Urged to Make Peace*

[15]And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem. [16]Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.

[17]And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. [18]On the following *day* Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. [19]When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. [20]And when they heard *it,* they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; [21]but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children nor to walk according to the customs. [22]What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will[a] hear that you have come. [23]Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. [24]Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may

**21:4** [a]NU-Text reads *the disciples.* **21:8** [a]NU-Text omits *who were Paul's companions.* **21:22** [a]NU-Text reads *What then is to be done? They will certainly.*

***The Bible: 4. The Bible Is a Source of Encouragement and Hope*** *(continued)*

"This is my comfort in my affliction, / For Your word has given me life" (Psalm 119:50). God uses the Bible to speak to us about His will, His love, and His character. When we read the Bible, we can be assured that it is the actual voice of God.

Romans 15:4 says, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." We do not need to fear the Word of God. It was written to help and strengthen us: "My soul melts from heaviness; / Strengthen me according to Your word" (Psalm 119:28). The Bible is the only book that gives answers to life's ultimate questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? If reading the Bible is not encouraging, or if you feel condemned by reading it, ask God to reveal the source of that condemnation. Perhaps you have unconfessed sin, or you feel unnecessarily guilty (see *Guilt*). You can also talk with a pastor or other mature Christians for help in understanding parts of the Bible that may confuse or concern you.

► *Now turn to page 557 for Psalm 119:162 and Point 5. The Bible Is a Great Treasure.*

shave *their* heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but *that* you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. [25]But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written *and* decided that they should observe no such thing, except[a] that they should keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality."

### *Arrested in the Temple*

[26]Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.

[27]Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, [28]crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all *men* everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." [29](For they had previously[a] seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

[30]And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. [31]Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. [32]He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. [33]Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done. [34]And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another.

So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks. [35]When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. [36]For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!"

### *Addressing the Jerusalem Mob*

[37]Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?"

He replied, "Can you speak Greek? [38]Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?"

[39]But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people."

[40]So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to *them* in the Hebrew language, saying,

**22** "Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now." [2]And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent.

Then he said: [3]"I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today. [4]I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, [5]as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.

[6]"Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. [7]And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' [8]So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

[9]"And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid,[a] but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. [10]So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.' [11]And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

[12]"Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt *there,* [13]came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. [14]Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen

**21:25** [a]NU-Text omits *that they should observe no such thing, except.* **21:29** [a]M-Text omits *previously.* **22:9** [a]NU-Text omits *and were afraid.*

you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. 15For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. 16And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

17"Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance 18and saw Him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.' 19So I said, 'Lord, they know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believe on You. 20And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by consenting to his death,[a] and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.' 21Then He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.'"

### *Paul's Roman Citizenship*

22And they listened to him until this word, and *then* they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a *fellow* from the earth, for he is not fit to live!" 23Then, as they cried out and tore off *their* clothes and threw dust into the air, 24the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging, so that he might know why they shouted so against him. 25And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

26When the centurion heard *that,* he went and told the commander, saying, "Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman."

27Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?"

He said, "Yes."

28The commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship."

And Paul said, "But I was born *a citizen.*"

29Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

### *The Sanhedrin Divided*

30The next day, because he wanted to know for certain why he was accused by the Jews, he released him from *his* bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

23 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." 2And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. 3Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, *you* whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?"

4And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

5Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, '*You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.*'"[a]

6But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"

7And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. 8For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. 9Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees' party arose and protested, saying, "We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God."[a]

10Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring *him* into the barracks.

### *The Plot Against Paul*

11But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

12And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy. 14They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed

**22:20** [a]NU-Text omits *to his death.* **23:5** [a]Exodus 22:28
**23:9** [a]NU-Text omits last clause and reads *what if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?*

Paul. 15Now you, therefore, together with the council, suggest to the commander that he be brought down to you tomorrow,[a] as though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

16So when Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. 17Then Paul called one of the centurions to *him* and said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him." 18So he took him and brought *him* to the commander and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to *him* and asked *me* to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

19Then the commander took him by the hand, went aside, and asked privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?"

20And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask that you bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more fully about him. 21But do not yield to them, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you."

22So the commander let the young man depart, and commanded *him,* "Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me."

### *Sent to Felix*

23And he called for two centurions, saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night; 24and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring *him* safely to Felix the governor." 25He wrote a letter in the following manner:

26 Claudius Lysias,

To the most excellent governor Felix:

Greetings.

27 This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. Coming with the troops I rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28And when I wanted to know the reason they accused him, I brought him before their council. 29I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but had nothing charged against him deserving of death or chains. 30And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man,[a] I sent him immediately to you, and also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him.

Farewell.

31Then the soldiers, as they were commanded, took Paul and brought *him* by night to Antipatris. 32The next day they left the horsemen to go on with him, and returned to the barracks. 33When they came to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him. 34And when the governor had read *it,* he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that *he was* from Cilicia, 35he said, "I will hear you when your accusers also have come." And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

### *Accused of Sedition*

24 Now after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders and a certain orator *named* Tertullus. These gave evidence to the governor against Paul.

2And when he was called upon, Tertullus began his accusation, saying: "Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought to this nation by your foresight, 3we accept *it* always and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness. 4Nevertheless, not to be tedious to you any further, I beg you to hear, by your courtesy, a few words from us. 5For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. 6He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him,[a] and wanted to judge him according to our law. 7But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took *him* out of our hands, 8commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him." 9And the Jews also assented,[a] maintaining that these things were so.

### *The Defense Before Felix*

10Then Paul, after the governor had nodded to him to speak, answered: "Inasmuch as I know

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**23:15** [a]NU-Text omits *tomorrow.* **23:30** [a]NU-Text reads *there would be a plot against the man.* **24:6** [a]NU-Text ends the sentence here and omits the rest of verse 6, all of verse 7, and the first clause of verse 8. **24:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *joined the attack.*

that you have been for many years a judge of this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself, [11]because you may ascertain that it is no more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship. [12]And they neither found me in the temple disputing with anyone nor inciting the crowd, either in the synagogues or in the city. [13]Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me. [14]But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. [15]I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead,[a] both of *the* just and *the* unjust. [16]This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

[17]"Now after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation, [18]in the midst of which some Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with a mob nor with tumult. [19]They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything against me. [20]Or else let those who are *here* themselves say if they found any wrongdoing[a] in me while I stood before the council, [21]unless *it is* for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day.'"

### *Felix Procrastinates*

[22]But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of *the* Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case." [23]So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let *him* have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.

[24]And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. [25]Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." [26]Meanwhile he also hoped that money would be given him by Paul, that he might release him.[a] Therefore he sent for him more often and conversed with him.

[27]But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

### *Paul Appeals to Caesar*

25 Now when Festus had come to the province, after three days he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem. [2]Then the high priest[a] and the chief men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they petitioned him, [3]asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem—while *they* lay in ambush along the road to kill him. [4]But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was going *there* shortly. [5]"Therefore," he said, "let those who have authority among you go down with *me* and accuse this man, to see if there is any fault in him."

[6]And when he had remained among them

**24:15** [a]NU-Text omits *of the dead.* **24:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *say what wrongdoing they found.* **24:26** [a]NU-Text omits *that he might release him.* **25:2** [a]NU-Text reads *chief priests.*

**RESTORATION** **5 When You Have Sinned**

▸ *See* **Acts 24:16**

The only way to always have a "conscience without offense" is to seek forgiveness from those whom you have offended. You must also make restitution whenever necessary. Do this immediately when God convicts you of a wrong, and avoid the destructive power of bitterness and guilt.

First John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

If we are conscientious about our relationships, we must keep short accounts, or repent quickly when we sin against someone else. That means that when we have an issue in any relationship, we must address it immediately so that there are no barriers between fellow believers. This helps prevent bitterness or anger from growing in our hearts. If we hide sin from each other, we are not walking in the truth. Restoration happens through confession, repentance, and forgiveness.

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more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought. 7When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood about and laid many serious complaints against Paul, which they could not prove, 8while he answered for himself, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all."

9But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?"

10So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. 11For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar."

12Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

### *Paul Before Agrippa*

13And after some days King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus. 14When they had been there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying: "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix, 15about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me,* when I was in Jerusalem, asking for a judgment against him. 16To them I answered, 'It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction[a] before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him.' 17Therefore when they had come together, without any delay, the next day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded the man to be brought in. 18When the accusers stood up, they brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed, 19but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. 20And because I was uncertain of such questions, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters. 21But when Paul appealed to be reserved for the decision of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I could send him to Caesar."

22Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself."

"Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him."

23So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered the auditorium with the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at Festus' command Paul was brought in. 24And Festus said: "King Agrippa and all the men who are here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he was not fit to live any longer. 25But when I found that he had committed nothing deserving of death, and that he himself had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him. 26I have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write. 27For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him."

### *Paul's Early Life*

**26** Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself."

So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: 2"I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, 3especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4"My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know. 5They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 6And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. 7To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God* night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. 8Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

9"Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received author-

**25:16** [a]NU-Text omits *to destruction,* although it is implied.

ity from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against *them.* [11]And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted *them* even to foreign cities.

### *Paul Recounts His Conversion*

[12]"While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, [13]at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. [14]And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the goads.' [15]So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. [16]But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. [17]I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now[a] send you, [18]to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

### *Paul's Post-Conversion Life*

[19]"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, [20]but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. [21]For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill *me.* [22]Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— [23]that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles."

### *Agrippa Parries Paul's Challenge*

[24]Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!"

[25]But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. [26]For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. [27]King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

[28]Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

[29]And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

[30]When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; [31]and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, "This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains."

[32]Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

### *The Voyage to Rome Begins*

**27** And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to *one* named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment. [2]So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we put to sea, meaning to sail along the coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us. [3]And the next *day* we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave *him* liberty to go to his friends and receive care. [4]When we had put to sea from there, we sailed under *the shelter of* Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. [5]And when we had sailed over the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city* of Lycia. [6]There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board.

[7]When we had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not permitting us to proceed, we sailed under *the shelter of* Crete off Salmone. [8]Passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city *of* Lasea.

### *Paul's Warning Ignored*

[9]Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, [10]saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but

**26:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *now.*

also our lives." [11]Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. [12]And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, *and* winter *there.*

### *In the Tempest*

[13]When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete. [14]But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon.[a] [15]So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let *her* drive. [16]And running under *the shelter of* an island called Clauda,[a] we secured the skiff with difficulty. [17]When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis[a] *Sands,* they struck sail and so were driven. [18]And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next *day* they lightened the ship. [19]On the third *day* we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands. [20]Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on *us,* all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

[21]But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. [22]And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. [23]For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, [24]saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' [25]Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. [26]However, we must run aground on a certain island."

[27]Now when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic *Sea,* about midnight the sailors sensed that they were drawing near some land. [28]And they took soundings and found *it* to be twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little farther, they took soundings again and found *it* to be fifteen fathoms. [29]Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come. [30]And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow, [31]Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." [32]Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off.

[33]And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored *them* all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing. [34]Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you." [35]And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken *it* he began to eat. [36]Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves. [37]And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship. [38]So when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship and threw out the wheat into the sea.

### *Shipwrecked on Malta*

[39]When it was day, they did not recognize the land; but they observed a bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship if possible. [40]And they let go the anchors and left *them* in the sea, meanwhile loosing the rudder ropes; and they hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made for shore. [41]But striking a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves.

[42]And the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and escape. [43]But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should jump *overboard* first and get to land, [44]and the rest, some on boards and some on *parts* of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land.

### *Paul's Ministry on Malta*

**28** Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta. [2]And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. [3]But when Paul

**27:14** [a]NU-Text reads *Euraquilon.* **27:16** [a]NU-Text reads *Cauda.*
**27:17** [a]M-Text reads *Syrtes.*

had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid *them* on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live." 5But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. 8And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. 10They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.

### *Arrival at Rome*

11After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island. 12And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. 13From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli, 14where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome. 15And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

16Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

### *Paul's Ministry at Rome*

17And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: "Men *and* brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans, 18who, when they had examined me, wanted to let *me* go, because there was no cause for putting me to death. 19But when the Jews[a] spoke against *it,* I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation. 20For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see *you* and speak with *you,* because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."

21Then they said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you. 22But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere."

23So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at *his* lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. 24And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. 25So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our[a] fathers, 26saying,

*'Go to this people and say:*
*"Hearing you will hear, and shall not*
*understand;*
*And seeing you will see, and not perceive;*
27 *For the hearts of this people have grown*
*dull.*
*Their ears are hard of hearing,*
*And their eyes they have closed,*
*Lest they should see with their eyes and*
*hear with their ears,*
*Lest they should understand with their*
*hearts and turn,*
*So that I should heal them."'*[a]

28"Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!" 29And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves.[a]

30Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, 31preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

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**28:19** [a]That is, the ruling authorities **28:25** [a]NU-Text reads *your.* **28:27** [a]Isaiah 6:9, 10 **28:29** [a]NU-Text omits this verse.

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God
2 which He promised before through His
prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His
Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the
seed of David according to the flesh, 4 *and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according
to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from
the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace
and apostleship for obedience to the faith among
all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also
are the called of Jesus Christ;

7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Desire to Visit Rome*

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for
you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the
whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I
serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that
without ceasing I make mention of you always in
my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means,
now at last I may find a way in the will of God to
come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be
established— 12 that is, that I may be encouraged
together with you by the mutual faith both of you
and me.

13 Now I do not want you to be unaware,
brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but
was hindered until now), that I might have some
fruit among you also, just as among the other
Gentiles. 14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to
barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15 So, as
much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel
to you who are in Rome also.

### *The Just Live by Faith*

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,[a]
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone
who believes, for the Jew first and also for the
Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *"The just shall live by faith."*[a]

### *God's Wrath on Unrighteousness*

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of
men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
19 because what may be known of God is manifest
in them, for God has shown *it* to them. 20 For since
the creation of the world His invisible *attributes*
are clearly seen, being understood by the things
that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because,
although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him*
as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in
their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were

**1:16** [a]NU-Text omits *of Christ.* **1:17** [a]Habakkuk 2:4

**AIDS/HIV** **② IS AIDS GOD'S JUDGMENT ON HOMOSEXUALS?**

► *See* **ROMANS 1:18, 27**

All "ungodliness and unrighteousness" deserves God's wrath. All sin carries consequences. AIDS is not a judgment against homosexuals, though it can be a repercussion of sin, just as many other sexually transmitted diseases are. Sin's consequences often affect innocent victims, as well.

The Bible teaches that all humans are sinners (Romans 3:23) and any sin separates us from God, including the sin of homosexual behavior (see *Homosexuality*). First Corinthians 6:9–11 lists homosexuality as one of the sins the Corinthian Christians had formerly practiced. But the homosexuals at Corinth were forgiven just like the others, when they renounced their sin.

When you begin a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, He saves you from all of your sin, regardless of its label. Your salvation is based on God's grace, not on your own moral goodness. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

► *Now turn to page 1089 for 2 Corinthians 4:17 and Point 3. Will God Heal AIDS?*

darkened. [22]Professing to be wise, they became fools, [23]and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

[24]Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, [25]who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

[26]For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. [27]Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

[28]And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; [29]being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality,[a] wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, [30]backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, [31]undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving,[a] unmerciful; [32]who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

### *God's Righteous Judgment*

**2** Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. [2]But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. [3]And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? [4]Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? [5]But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, [6]who *"will render to each one according to his deeds"*:[a] [7]eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; [8]but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, [9]tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; [10]but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [11]For there is no partiality with God.

[12]For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law [13](for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; [14]for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, [15]who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) [16]in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### *The Jews Guilty as the Gentiles*

[17]Indeed[a] you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, [18]and know *His*

**1:29** [a]NU-Text omits *sexual immorality.* **1:31** [a]NU-Text omits *unforgiving.* **2:6** [a]Psalm 62:12; Proverbs 24:12 **2:17** [a]NU-Text reads *But if.*

**NEW AGE MOVEMENT**

### 3 Creator or Creation?

► *See* **Romans 1:18–25**

God is the Creator of the universe (Acts 17:24). He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever-present. God and His creation are not one and the same (Genesis 1:26, 27, 31). The Bible is clear that there is an infinite gap between the Creator and the creation (1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 102:25–27; 113:4–6). God independently sustains His creation (Colossians 1:17). We are called to worship the Creator, not His creation.

► *Now turn to page 1151 for Hebrews 9:24–28 and Point 4. Eternal Life or Reincarnation?*

will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, [19]and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, [20]an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. [21]You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? [22]You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? [23]You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? [24]For "*the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,*"[a] as it is written.

### *Circumcision of No Avail*

[25]For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. [26]Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? [27]And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, *even* with *your* written *code* and circumcision, *are* a transgressor of the law? [28]For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; [29]but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God.

### *God's Judgment Defended*

**3** What advantage then has the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? [2]Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. [3]For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? [4]Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

*"That You may be justified in Your words,*
*And may overcome when You are judged."*[a]

[5]But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) [6]Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

[7]For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? [8]And *why* not *say,* "Let us do evil that good may come"?—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

### *All Have Sinned*

[9]What then? Are we better *than they?* Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

[10]As it is written:

*"There is none righteous, no, not one;*
[11] *There is none who understands;*
*There is none who seeks after God.*
[12] *They have all turned aside;*
*They have together become unprofitable;*
*There is none who does good, no, not one."*[a]
[13] *"Their throat is an open tomb;*
*With their tongues they have practiced deceit";*[a]
*"The poison of asps is under their lips";*[b]
[14] *"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."*[a]
[15] *"Their feet are swift to shed blood;*
[16] *Destruction and misery are in their ways;*
[17] *And the way of peace they have not known."*[a]
[18] *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*[a]

[19]Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. [20]Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

### *God's Righteousness Through Faith*

[21]But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, [22]even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all[a] who believe. For there is no difference; [23]for all

**2:24** [a]Isaiah 52:5; Ezekiel 36:22 **3:4** [a]Psalm 51:4 **3:12** [a]Psalms 14:1–3; 53:1–3; Ecclesiastes 7:20 **3:13** [a]Psalm 5:9 [b]Psalm 140:3 **3:14** [a]Psalm 10:7 **3:17** [a]Isaiah 59:7, 8 **3:18** [a]Psalm 36:1
**3:22** [a]NU-Text omits *and on all.*

**SALVATION** **2 Our Problem: Separation from God**

▶ *See* **Romans 3:23**

Sin has destroyed the close relationship that God intended for us to have with Him. Beginning with Adam and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden, all of us have chosen to disobey God. We may sin in different ways, but

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have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
[24]being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25]whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, [26]to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

### *Boasting Excluded*

[27]Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28]Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. [29]Or *is He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, [30]since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. [31]Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

### *Abraham Justified by Faith*

4 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?[a] [2]For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. [3]For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*"[a] [4]Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

### *David Celebrates the Same Truth*

[5]But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, [6]just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

[7] "*Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,*
*And whose sins are covered;*
[8] *Blessed is the man to whom the* LORD *shall not impute sin.*"[a]

### *Abraham Justified Before Circumcision*

[9]*Does* this blessedness then *come* upon the circumcised *only,* or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. [10]How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. [11]And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had while still* uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be im-

**4:1** [a]Or *Abraham our (fore)father according to the flesh has found?* **4:3** [a]Genesis 15:6 **4:8** [a]Psalm 32:1, 2

***SALVATION: 2. OUR PROBLEM: SEPARATION FROM GOD** (continued)*

we are all guilty and we all deserve punishment. Our sin has separated us eternally from God.

Throughout history, we have attempted to recover our lost relationship with God and bridge the chasm of separation. We have looked to philosophy and religion and have counted on our good works and self-reliance. The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, / But its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). No human effort will ever compensate for our sin. Is God being unreasonable? No. He is a perfect and holy God, and holiness cannot tolerate sin. Our sin cannot be covered over; it needs to be cancelled so that our relationship with God can be restored. There is only one remedy for our separation from God: Jesus Christ.

► *Now turn to page 1130 for 1 Timothy 2:5, 6 and Point 3. God's Remedy: The Cross.*

**SIN** **1 SIN IS UNIVERSAL**

► *See* **ROMANS 3:23**

The Bible is clear: Everyone sins. Even the apostle Paul, someone who met Jesus face-to-face, proclaimed himself to be the "chief" of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

By weighing out your actions on the scale of good versus evil, you may try to say that you are not a sinner. But you only deceive yourself (1 John 1:8). We are all sinners. One writer of the Psalms says, "Every one of them has turned aside; / They have together become corrupt; / There is none who does good, / No, not one" (Psalm 53:3).

► *Now turn to page 1084 for 1 Corinthians 15:34 and Point 2. Sin Is Forbidden.*

puted to them also, [12]and the father of circumcision to those who not only *are* of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham *had while still* uncircumcised.

### *The Promise Granted Through Faith*

[13]For the promise that he would be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. [14]For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, [15]because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law *there is* no transgression.

[16]Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all [17](as it is written, *"I have made you a father of many nations"*[a]) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; [18]who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, *"So shall your descendants be."*[a] [19]And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. [20]He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, [21]and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. [22]And therefore *"it was accounted to him for righteousness."*[a]

[23]Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, [24]but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25]who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

### *Faith Triumphs in Trouble*

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have[a] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2]through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3]And not only *that,* but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; [4]and perseverance, character; and character, hope. [5]Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

### *Christ in Our Place*

[6]For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. [8]But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9]Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through

**4:17** [a]Genesis 17:5 **4:18** [a]Genesis 15:5 **4:22** [a]Genesis 15:6
**5:1** [a]Another ancient reading is, *let us have peace.*

**PEACE** **2 We Can Experience Peace with God**

► *See* **Romans 5:1**

Accepting Jesus Christ's sacrificial death on the cross is the only way to have peace *with* God, as well as the peace *of* God. The Good News is that you can know peace with God—peace of conscience, of mind, and of soul—if you enter into a relationship with Him through trusting Christ (see *Salvation*).

Peace with God means that we are no longer hostile toward God, but that our relationship has been reconciled. "And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight" (Colossians 1:21, 22).

When a sinner, or someone hostile toward God, submits to Christ through repentance and faith, the war with God is suddenly over. The new believer is welcomed by God because He now sees Christ's righteousness rather than human sinfulness. The reconciliation is complete and there is peace with God.

The peace of God brings a sense of well-being and confidence toward Him. This confidence is expressed by the apostle Paul when he questions: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Then he answers, "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:31, 32).

► *Now turn to page 1066 for Romans 15:13 and Point 3. Daily Peace from God.*

Him. [10]For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. [11]And not only *that,* but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

### *Death in Adam, Life in Christ*

[12]Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—
[13](For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. [14]Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. [15]But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. [16]And the gift *is* not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one *offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification. [17]For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

[18]Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. [19]For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

[20]Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, [21]so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Dead to Sin, Alive to God*

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? [2]Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? [3]Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? [4]Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

[5]For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, [6]knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him,* that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. [7]For he who has died has been freed from sin. [8]Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, [9]knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. [10]For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. [11]Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**DEATH** — **1 The Origin of Physical Death**

► *See* **Romans 5:12, 14**

The first humans, Adam and Eve, brought death into the world by disobeying God. After that, death became universal. The consequence of Adam's rebellion against God was that all were made sinners (Romans 5:19). As a result of Adam's disobedience, the condition known as *original sin* has been passed on to each of us. At the time of their disobedience, Adam and Eve did not immediately die physically. They died spiritually—became separated from God—and eventually suffered physical death.

► *Now turn to page 535 for Psalm 90:12, 14 and Point 2. Preparation for Physical Death.*

**REDEDICATION** — **3 Rededication to Be More Devoted to God**

► *See* **Romans 6:11–13**

When we are mindful of the everyday blessings of God's work in our lives, it's easy for our spirits to be grateful. In response, we commit deeper aspects of our lives to Him.

To be an "instrument of righteousness to God" is to submit totally to God in complete

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12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal
body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13And do
not present your members *as* instruments of un-
righteousness to sin, but present yourselves to
God as being alive from the dead, and your mem-
bers *as* instruments of righteousness to God.
14For sin shall not have dominion over you, for
you are not under law but under grace.

*From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God*

15What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? 17But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading* to *more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves *of* righteousness for holiness.

20For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. 22But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Freed from the Law*

7 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? 2For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of *her* husband. 3So then if, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. 4Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. 5For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members

### REDEDICATION: 3. REDEDICATION TO BE MORE DEVOTED TO GOD *(continued)*

obedience. We sacrifice our desires in favor of God's desires. As we do this, opportunities to serve Him present themselves. It's important to remember that we need to be transformed inwardly by God's miraculous power, or we will be distracted by the world.

God's Word urges us to be continually filled with the Spirit. This filling gives us power to live according to His commands. In addition to this, we are encouraged to:

- Read God's Word daily. Study and memorize it in a planned and disciplined way (Psalm 119:9, 11).
- Make prayer a daily exercise (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Tell others about God's transformation of your life, both through what you say and what you do (Ephesians 2:10; Romans 1:16).

If you desire to rededicate your life to God in a specific way, take time now to pray. Ask God to help you hear His voice so you can know specifically how to serve and obey Him daily. Share your desire and prayer with your pastor or another Christian.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**SIN** **4 SIN'S PENALTY IS DEATH**

► *See* **ROMANS 6:23**

Sin brings about eternal death—a death that cannot be escaped except by salvation through Christ. This death is filled with eternal pain and torment (Luke 16:22–26). Eternal death is not annihilation. A person does not cease to exist. Rather, he or she lives eternally, suffering and separated from God. Sin seems to leave us hopeless, but Christ provides a way of escape.

► *Now turn to page 1083 for 1 Corinthians 15:3 and Point 5. Sin Is Forgiven Through Jesus Christ.*

to bear fruit to death. [6]But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

### *Sin's Advantage in the Law*

[7]What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "*You shall not covet.*"[a] [8]But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all *manner of* evil desire. For apart from the law sin *was* dead. [9]I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. [10]And the commandment, which *was* to *bring* life, I found to *bring* death. [11]For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed *me.* [12]Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

### *Law Cannot Save from Sin*

[13]Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. [14]For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. [15]For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. [16]If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. [17]But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. [18]For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. [19]For the good that I will *to do,* I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do,* that I practice. [20]Now if I do what I will not *to do,* it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

[21]I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. [22]For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. [23]But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. [24]O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? [25]I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

**7:7** [a]Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21

**BAD HABITS** — **1 Bad Habits Are Often Sin**

► *See* **Romans 7:18–20**

Bad habits are frustrating. Though we try our best to stop them, we often feel trapped. Many people eventually give up, resigned to think that change is impossible. But change *is* possible.

God promises to bring about change in your life when you trust Him. The first step is to begin a relationship with God (see *Salvation*). Without that relationship, you do not have the power to bring about the change that God promises. When you invite Him into your life, you have forgiveness for past sin, as well as strength from the Holy Spirit to resist sin today. The Holy Spirit works to transform us into the people God created us to be—people pleasing to Him. (See *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*.)

► *Now turn to page 1117 for Philippians 4:13 and Point 2. Change Is Possible.*

**GUILT** — **1 The Problem of Sin and Guilt**

► *See* **Romans 7:18, 19**

The apostle Paul communicates a common experience—we try to do good, but fail; we try not to do evil, but fail. The result of this sinful condition is guilt. When we recognize our own sinful behavior, we experience guilt.

Some teach that we should never feel guilty and should dismiss any twinges of guilty feelings. Yet this passage illustrates the fact that we *are* guilty. Even Christians break God's law. The Holy Spirit is in you to point out this fact. Guilt is produced in your conscience when you break God's law. This is God's way to prompt you to take action through confession and repentance. You cannot alleviate your guilt on your own; you must depend on God's mercy through confession and repentance to help you.

► *Now turn to page 39 for Genesis 42:21 and Point 2. Human Attempts to Deal with Guilt.*

### *Free from Indwelling Sin*

8 *There* is therefore now no condemnation to
those who are in Christ Jesus,[a] who do not
walk according to the flesh, but according to
the Spirit. [2]For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and
death. [3]For what the law could not do in that it
was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending
His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on ac-
count of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, [4]that
the righteous requirement of the law might be
fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the
flesh but according to the Spirit. [5]For those who
live according to the flesh set their minds on the
things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to
the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. [6]For to be car-
nally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually
minded *is* life and peace. [7]Because the carnal
mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to
the law of God, nor indeed can be. [8]So then, those
who are in the flesh cannot please God.

[9]But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if
indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any-
one does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.
[10]And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because
of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteous-
ness. [11]But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus
from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ
from the dead will also give life to your mortal
bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

### *Sonship Through the Spirit*

[12]Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to
the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13]For if you
live according to the flesh you will die; but if by
the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. [14]For as many as are led by the Spirit
of God, these are sons of God. [15]For you did not
receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you
received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry
out, "Abba, Father." [16]The Spirit Himself bears wit-
ness with our spirit that we are children of God,
[17]and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and
joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with
*Him,* that we may also be glorified together.

### *From Suffering to Glory*

[18]For I consider that the sufferings of this pres-
ent time are not worthy *to be compared* with the
glory which shall be revealed in us. [19]For the
earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits
for the revealing of the sons of God. [20]For the cre-
ation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but
because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; [21]be-
cause the creation itself also will be delivered
from the bondage of corruption into the glorious
liberty of the children of God. [22]For we know that
the whole creation groans and labors with birth
pangs together until now. [23]Not only *that,* but we
also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we
ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting
for the adoption, the redemption of our body.
[24]For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is
seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for
what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not
see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

**8:1** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

**GUILT** — **3 God's Remedy for Guilt**

▶ *See* **Romans 8:1**

The first step in experiencing release from guilt is to begin a personal relationship with God by accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior. This gives true and permanent forgiveness for all your sin. Forgiveness from Christ is the only way to be declared "innocent" rather than "guilty." If you have never accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*.

Dealing with guilty feelings can be a daily battle; it is best fought with God's spiritual truth. Christians need to continue to confess their sin before God. As you pray, ask God to reveal to you any unconfessed sin. Once you confess that sin, you can stand firmly in God's presence and trust that He will do what He promised—He will forgive you. When you still encounter guilty feelings, you can renew your mind through God's Word and fellowship with other believers. Learn to refuse to accept any lies Satan tells you (through your own thoughts or the words of others) that continue to tell you that you are guilty. When you find you have not met your own expectations or the expectations of others, remember what the apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:9: "And [the Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

[26]Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us[a] with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27]Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is,* because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

[28]And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. [29]For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30]Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

### *God's Everlasting Love*

[31]What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? [32]He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? [33]Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. [34]Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. [35]Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36]As it is written:

*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;*
*We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*[a]

[37]Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. [38]For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, [39]nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### *Israel's Rejection of Christ*

9 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, [2]that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. [3]For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen[a] according to the flesh, [4]who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service *of God,* and the promises; [5]of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came,* who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.

### *Israel's Rejection and God's Purpose*

[6]But it is not that the word of God has taken no

**8:26** [a]NU-Text omits *for us.* **8:36** [a]Psalm 44:22
**9:3** [a]Or *relatives*

**SALVATION ASSURANCE**

**2 Rely on the Promises of God**

► *See* **Romans 8:35–39**

The better you know God, the more you can trust that His Word is true (Titus 1:2) and that He never changes (James 1:17). Your feelings can fluctuate and change, causing you to doubt, but regardless of your circumstances or your feelings, God's Word says that nothing can separate you from His love.

The apostle Paul encouraged the Philippian church by saying, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

► *Now turn to page 1119 for Colossians 2:6–10 and Point 3. Pursue a Consistent Daily Relationship with God.*

**PERSECUTION**

**4 God Is Always with Us**

► *See* **Romans 8:35**

The apostle Paul had learned through difficult experiences that he could completely rely on Jesus. Paul did not simply *hope* that nothing could separate him from the love of Christ; his was a conviction born of experience. Though Paul had suffered greatly, this conviction enabled him to face whatever came along with confidence in God's care. We can also experience God's presence, even through persecution. And the Bible promises that we will have ultimate triumph in our trials.

► *Now turn to page 1089 for 2 Corinthians 4:16, 17 and Point 5. There Is Ultimate Triumph Over Suffering.*

effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel,
7 nor *are they* all children because they are the
seed of Abraham; but, *"In Isaac your seed shall
be called."*[a] 8 That is, those who *are* the children of
the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but
the children of the promise are counted as the
seed. 9 For this *is* the word of promise: *"At this
time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."*[a]

10 And not only *this,* but when Rebecca also had
conceived by one man, *even* by our father Isaac
11 (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having
done any good or evil, that the purpose of God ac-
cording to election might stand, not of works but
of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, *"The older
shall serve the younger."*[a] 13 As it is written, *"Ja-
cob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."*[a]

### *Israel's Rejection and God's Justice*

14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteous-
ness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to
Moses, *"I will have mercy on whomever I will
have mercy, and I will have compassion on
whomever I will have compassion."*[a] 16 So then *it
is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but
of God who shows mercy. 17 For the Scripture says
to the Pharaoh, *"For this very purpose I have
raised you up, that I may show My power in you,
and that My name may be declared in all the
earth."*[a] 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He
wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find
fault? For who has resisted His will?" 20 But indeed,
O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the
thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have
you made me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have
power over the clay, from the same lump to make
one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

22 *What* if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and
to make His power known, endured with much
longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for
destruction, 23 and that He might make known the
riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which
He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us
whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of
the Gentiles?

25 As He says also in Hosea:

*"I will call them My people, who were not
My people,
And her beloved, who was not beloved."*[a]
26 *"And it shall come to pass in the place where
it was said to them,
'You are not My people,'
There they shall be called sons of the living
God."*[a]

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:[a]

*"Though the number of the children of
Israel be as the sand of the sea,
The remnant will be saved.*
28 *For He will finish the work and cut it short
in righteousness,
Because the LORD will make a short work
upon the earth."*[a]

29 And as Isaiah said before:

*"Unless the LORD of Sabaoth*[a] *had left us a seed,
We would have become like Sodom,
And we would have been made like
Gomorrah."*[b]

### *Present Condition of Israel*

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who
did not pursue righteousness, have attained to
righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;
31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness,
has not attained to the law of righteousness.[a]
32 Why? Because *they did* not *seek it* by faith, but as
it were, by the works of the law.[a] For they stum-
bled at that stumbling stone. 33 As it is written:

*"Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and
rock of offense,
And whoever believes on Him will not be
put to shame."*[a]

### *Israel Needs the Gospel*

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer
to God for Israel[a] is that they may be
saved. 2 For I bear them witness that
they have a zeal for God, but not according to
knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's
righteousness, and seeking to establish their own
righteousness, have not submitted to the right-
teousness of God. 4 For Christ *is* the end of the law
for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness
which is of the law, *"The man who does those
things shall live by them."*[a] 6 But the righteous-
ness of faith speaks in this way, *"Do not say in
your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"*[a]

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**9:7** [a]Genesis 21:12 **9:9** [a]Genesis 18:10, 14 **9:12** [a]Genesis 25:23
**9:13** [a]Malachi 1:2, 3 **9:15** [a]Exodus 33:19 **9:17** [a]Exodus 9:16
**9:25** [a]Hosea 2:23 **9:26** [a]Hosea 1:10 **9:27** [a]Isaiah 10:22, 23
**9:28** [a]NU-Text reads *For the LORD will finish the work and cut it short upon the earth.* **9:29** [a]Literally, in Hebrew, *Hosts*
[b]Isaiah 1:9 **9:31** [a]NU-Text omits *of righteousness.* **9:32** [a]NU-Text reads *by works.* **9:33** [a]Isaiah 8:14; 28:16 **10:1** [a]NU-Text reads *them.* **10:5** [a]Leviticus 18:5 **10:6** [a]Deuteronomy 30:12

(that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) [7]or, "'*Who will descend into the abyss?*'"[a] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8]But what does it say? "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*"[a] (that is, the word of faith which we preach): [9]that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. [11]For the Scripture says, "*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*"[a] [12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. [13]For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*"[a]

### *Israel Rejects the Gospel*

[14]How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? [15]And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"*How beautiful are the feet of those who*
*preach the gospel of peace,*[a]
*Who bring glad tidings of good things!*"[b]

[16]But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "*LORD, who has believed our report?*"[a]
[17]So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

[18]But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:

"*Their sound has gone out to all the earth,*
*And their words to the ends of the world.*"[a]

[19]But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says:

"*I will provoke you to jealousy by those who*
*are not a nation,*
*I will move you to anger by a foolish*
*nation.*"[a]

[20]But Isaiah is very bold and says:

"*I was found by those who did not*
*seek Me;*
*I was made manifest to those who did not*
*ask for Me.*"[a]

[21]But to Israel he says:

**10:7** [a]Deuteronomy 30:13 **10:8** [a]Deuteronomy 30:14
**10:11** [a]Isaiah 28:16 **10:13** [a]Joel 2:32 **10:15** [d]NU-Text omits *preach the gospel of peace, Who.* [b]Isaiah 52:7; Nahum 1:15
**10:16** [a]Isaiah 53:1 **10:18** [a]Psalm 19:4
**10:19** [a]Deuteronomy 32:21 **10:20** [a]Isaiah 65:1

**LORDSHIP** **1 LORDSHIP DEFINED**

► *See* **ROMANS 10:9**

Accepting salvation for your sins means that you release to the Lord the decision-making power for your life. Your desires change to become like God's desires, and you follow Christ's example and choose His path rather than your own. Submitting to the lordship of Christ means not striving for what you want or for what you think is best, but trusting your Lord and Savior to give you what is eternally good.

► *Now turn to page 485 for Psalm 16:11 and Point 2. Fullness of Life.*

**SALVATION** **5 GOD'S ASSURANCE: HIS WORD**

► *See* **ROMANS 10:13**

God wants you to be confident in your salvation. Have you asked Jesus Christ to come into your life? If you answered, "Yes," then He has given you eternal life and spiritually lives within you. How can you be sure? The Bible, God's perfect Word, promises that God will give you the strength to continually put your trust in Jesus. This will bring security and peace in your life each day.

The Bible says, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:12, 13).

When you trust in Christ, you *have* eternal life. While you may sometimes doubt what God has done for you, depend on the truth of what is written in His Word, and ask Him to continue to reveal to you who He is.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*"All day long I have stretched out My hands*
*To a disobedient and contrary people."*[a]

### *Israel's Rejection Not Total*

**11** I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. [2]God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, [3]*"LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"*?[a] [4]But what does the divine response say to him? *"I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."*[a] [5]Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. [6]And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.[a] But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

[7]What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. [8]Just as it is written:

*"God has given them a spirit of stupor,*
*Eyes that they should not see*
*And ears that they should not hear,*
*To this very day."*[a]

[9]And David says:

*"Let their table become a snare and a trap,*
*A stumbling block and a recompense to them.*
[10] *Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,*
*And bow down their back always."*[a]

### *Israel's Rejection Not Final*

[11]I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. [12]Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

[13]For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, [14]if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. [15]For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

[16]For if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy;* and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches. [17]And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, [18]do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.

[19]You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." [20]Well *said.* Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. [21]For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. [22]Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness,[a] if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. [23]And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. [24]For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches,* be grafted into their own olive tree?

[25]For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. [26]And so all Israel will be saved,[a] as it is written:

*"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,*
*And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*
[27] *For this is My covenant with them,*
*When I take away their sins."*[a]

[28]Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. [29]For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. [30]For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, [31]even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. [32]For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

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**10:21** [a]Isaiah 65:2 **11:3** [a]1 Kings 19:10, 14
**11:4** [a]1 Kings 19:18 **11:6** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.
**11:8** [a]Deuteronomy 29:4; Isaiah 29:10 **11:10** [a]Psalm 69:22, 23
**11:22** [a]NU-Text adds *of God.* **11:26** [a]Or *delivered*
**11:27** [a]Isaiah 59:20, 21

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable
*are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 *"For who has known the mind of the LORD?*
*Or who has become His counselor?"*[a]
35 *"Or who has first given to Him*
*And it shall be repaid to him?"*[a]

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

### *Living Sacrifices to God*

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### *Serve God with Spiritual Gifts*

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

### *Behave Like a Christian*

9 *Let* love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 re-

**11:34** [a]Isaiah 40:13; Jeremiah 23:18 **11:35** [a]Job 41:11

## ASSISTED SUICIDE

### 2 Trusting God in Suffering

▶ *See* **Romans 11:33**

If you are faced with the difficult decision of assisting in the death of a loved one, pray and ask God to enable you to trust Him with that person's life. Ask God to work in the spiritual realm in ways you cannot see and accomplish His work. What God does may be "unsearchable" to our human minds. He can see the past and future as clearly as the present and why certain events belong to a higher wisdom and purpose. He can fully understand suffering. The events of our lives are not just random, senseless acts of nature or of human failure. God, who is far wiser and more powerful than we are, is in control and is carrying out His wise plans. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, / And lean not on your own understanding; / In all your ways acknowledge Him, / And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6). (See *Suffering; Terminal Illness; Trusting God.*)

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## SELF-DENIAL

### 1 Appropriate Self-Image

▶ *See* **Romans 12:3**

The biblical view of a proper self-image is encapsulated in this verse. As a follower of Christ, you are to make a sensible appraisal of your own worth according to your strengths and weaknesses, understanding that you are a sinner saved by God's grace. Self-love, as taught in the Bible, teaches acceptance of yourself without yielding to self-satisfaction. As you do this, you can be content with who you are and yet have a desire to grow. The ultimate goal is to see yourself as God sees you.

As a Christian, you have two natures: an old sinful nature and a new nature from God. There is a significant difference between hating your old nature and hating yourself. Hating the old nature demonstrates that you understand your sinfulness. God's Word teaches you to love your neighbor as you love yourself (Galatians 5:14). In order for you to obey this command, you must indeed love yourself. The part you love is your new nature that is a gift from God.

▶ *Now turn to page 941 for Mark 14:36 and Point 2. Self-Denial Was Demonstrated by Jesus.*

joicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; [13]distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

[14]Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15]Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. [16]Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

[17]Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. [18]If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. [19]Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*"[a] says the Lord. [20]Therefore

> "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him;*
> *If he is thirsty, give him a drink;*
> *For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*"[a]

[21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### *Submit to Government*

**13** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. [2]Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. [3]For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. [4]For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. [5]Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. [6]For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. [7]Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due,* customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

### *Love Your Neighbor*

[8]Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9]For the commandments, "*You shall not commit adultery,*" "*You shall not murder,*" "*You shall not steal,*" "*You shall not bear false*

**12:19** [a]Deuteronomy 32:35 **12:20** [a]Proverbs 25:21, 22

**ENEMIES** — **1 Are You at Fault?**

▶ *See* **Romans 12:18**

Sometimes you cannot control the fact that someone is your enemy. For example, some people may be hostile toward you because of your relationship with Jesus Christ. Other times, however, the fault may be yours for not pursuing peaceful relationships with others. Your own attitudes and actions can create enemies or widen existing differences. If you are facing an antagonistic relationship, begin by looking at your own behavior and follow God's Word for how to treat others.

The Bible says to think of others more highly than yourself (Philippians 2:3). Selfishness and insensitivity toward others contributes to contrary relationships. And gossip destroys relationships (Proverbs 16:28). Address the flaws in yourself rather than focusing on the flaws of others (Luke 6:42), and treat others as you would like to be treated (Luke 6:31, 37). Address difficult situations, rather than ignoring them (Matthew 18:15–17). Relate humbly to others with an attitude of forgiveness rather than criticizing and gossiping (Proverbs 17:9). Love your enemies, bless them, do good to them, and pray for them (Matthew 5:44).

▶ *Now turn to page 886 for Matthew 5:43–46 and Point 2. Christ's Standard for Responding to Enemies.*

**WILL OF GOD** — **1 God's Will for Nations and Individuals**

▶ *See* **Romans 13:1, 2**

God has established earthly governmental systems and stands behind them with His authority. Because of this, Christians have an obligation to recognize the authority of civil government, unless it conflicts with God's law (Acts 5:28, 29).

Even Jesus submitted to His Father's will. On

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*witness,"*[a] *"You shall not covet,"*[b] and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*[c] [10]Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

### *Put on Christ*

[11]And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. [12]The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. [13]Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. [14]But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

### *The Law of Liberty*

14 Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things. [2]For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables. [3]Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. [4]Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

[5]One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike.* Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. [6]He who observes the

**13:9** [a]NU-Text omits *"You shall not bear false witness."* [b]Exodus 20:13–15, 17; Deuteronomy 5:17–19, 21 [c]Leviticus 19:18

***WILL OF GOD: 1. GOD'S WILL FOR NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS** (continued)*

the Mount of Olives before His death on the cross, He said: "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). In agony over His impending crucifixion, Jesus asked God if there was another way to provide salvation from sin. Jesus did not demand His own way; and, in spite of the pain He would suffer, He was ready to submit.

God's plan, born out of His mercy and love, will be accomplished for you personally. His purpose for your life is good (Philippians 1:6).

► *Now turn to page 556 for Psalm 119:105 and Point 2. God's Will Is Revealed Through His Word.*

**ABUSIVE PERSON**

## ❸ DELIVERANCE FROM BEING AN ABUSER

► *See* **ROMANS 13:10–14**

God wants to deliver you from your destructive behaviors. The only way to "cast off the works of darkness" and "put on the armor of light" is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. He can change you through "renewing of your mind." Allow God to change your thinking and your perceptions (Romans 12:1, 2). Immerse yourself in the principles of God by reading and studying the Bible every day and by praying and confessing your sin to God every day. Become involved in a good Bible-teaching church that preaches the gospel and teaches about God's grace. It may be helpful to keep a close relationship with your pastor and ask him to hold you accountable in your behavior as you pursue healing in this area of your life.

Ask your pastor for a referral to a professional Christian counselor. This is a serious, deep-rooted problem that requires counseling from a biblical perspective. Your pastor or counselor can also help you come to the point of genuinely repenting and seeking forgiveness from those you have harmed.

If you earnestly seek God's help, His Holy Spirit will shine a light on the darkest parts of your life, revealing what needs to change. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; / Try me, and know my anxieties; / And see if there is any wicked way in me, / And lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24).

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day, observes *it* to the Lord;[a] and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it.* He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. [7]For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. [8]For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. [9]For to this end Christ died and rose[a] and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. [10]But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.[a] [11]For it is written:

> *"As I live, says the* LORD,
> *Every knee shall bow to Me,*
> *And every tongue shall confess to God."*[a]

[12]So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. [13]Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

### *The Law of Love*

[14]I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. [15]Yet if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. [16]Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; [17]for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. [18]For he who serves Christ in these things[a] *is* acceptable to God and approved by men.

[19]Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another. [20]Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for the man who eats with offense. [21]*It is* good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.[a] [22]Do you have faith?[a] Have *it* to yourself before God. Happy *is* he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. [23]But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin.[a]

### *Bearing Others' Burdens*

**15** We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. [2]Let each of us please

**14:6** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this sentence. **14:9** [a]NU-Text omits *and rose.* **14:10** [a]NU-Text reads *of God.* **14:11** [a]Isaiah 45:23 **14:18** [a]NU-Text reads *this.* **14:21** [a]NU-Text omits *or is offended or is made weak.* **14:22** [a]NU-Text reads *The faith which you have—have.* **14:23** [a]M-Text puts Romans 16:25–27 here.

**JUDGMENT** — **2 Believers Are Judged for Their Works**

▸ *See* **Romans 14:10**

The judgment seat of Christ, which is for believers, is not to be confused with the final judgment of *unbelievers*. Christians will be judged by Christ according to their works and performance while alive on the earth.

This judgment will bring rewards to some but loss to others. Some will have no profitable works to lay at the Master's feet, while others will be asked to enter into the joy of their Lord as "good and faithful servants" (see Matthew 25:14–30). This judgment follows immediately after the Rapture (or resurrection) of believers, both alive and dead (1 Thessalonians 4:15–17).

Our desire as believers is to live a life pleasing to God in both attitude and deed. Christian maturity does not happen instantaneously; it is a process of growth and obedience. When we walk in obedience, we will not need to experience the correcting hand of God (1 Corinthians 11:31).

▸ *Now turn to page 1198 for Revelation 20:11–15 and Point 3. Judgment for the Nonbeliever.*

**FAITH** — **7 Lack of Faith**

▸ *See* **Romans 14:23**

Faith is a total commitment to everything God is, does, and says. It is staking our lives on the reality of His trustworthiness. (See *Trusting God.*) Faith pleases God and He rewards it: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those

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*his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. [3]For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, *"The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."*[a] [4]For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. [5]Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, [6]that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Glorify God Together*

[7]Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us,[a] to the glory of God. [8]Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, [9]and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written:

*"For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,*
*And sing to Your name."*[a]

[10]And again he says:

*"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"*[a]

[11]And again:

*"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!*
*Laud Him, all you peoples!"*[a]

[12]And again, Isaiah says:

*"There shall be a root of Jesse;*
*And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles,*
*In Him the Gentiles shall hope."*[a]

[13]Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**15:3** [a]Psalm 69:9 **15:7** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *you.* **15:9** [a]2 Samuel 22:50; Psalm 18:49 **15:10** [a]Deuteronomy 32:43 **15:11** [a]Psalm 117:1 **15:12** [a]Isaiah 11:10

***FAITH: 7. LACK OF FAITH** (continued)*

who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Only by faith can we know God, entering into a right relationship with Him through Jesus Christ (see *Salvation; Salvation Assurance*). A life of faith doesn't develop instantaneously through a mysterious process. Spiritual disciplines, such as confession, prayer, Bible study, serving others, and worship, leads to deeper faith.

Confess your lack of faith to God as sin. Read and study the Bible—the sourcebook on faith. Exercise your faith through a life of prayer. (See Matthew 17:20; James 5:15.) Your faith will grow as you experience victories in prayer.

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## ANGER — ③ HOPE AND POWER TO OVERCOME

► *See* **ROMANS 15:13**

God wants to replace your anger with His joy and peace. "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).Walking in the Spirit includes confession and repentance. Study the Bible on your own and with others. As you study, meditate on verses that help you understand God's instructions for dealing with anger or other sinful habits (see *Bad Habits*). Friendships with other mature Christians will also provide encouragement, prayer support, and accountability. It is impossible to control anger only through your own human efforts. When you desire to please God and seek to grow spiritually, He will renew your mind to produce the fruit of the Spirit and control your anger.

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## PEACE — ③ DAILY PEACE FROM GOD

► *See* **ROMANS 15:13**

Though we may be tempted to be anxious about life, as Christians we can know the peace of God as a daily reality. Peace is God's gift to all believers and is part of the abundant life that Jesus promised in John 10:10. You can experience God's peace, even in the middle of difficult circumstances, when you trust that

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*From Jerusalem to Illyricum*

[14]Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.[a] [15]Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on *some* points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, [16]that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. [17]Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things *which pertain* to God. [18]For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— [19]in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. [20]And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, [21]but as it is written:

> *"To whom He was not announced, they shall see;*
> *And those who have not heard shall understand."*[a]

*Plan to Visit Rome*

[22]For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you. [23]But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, [24]whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you.[a] For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your *company* for a while. [25]But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. [26]For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. [27]It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. [28]Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. [29]But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel[a] of Christ.

[30]Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, [31]that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, [32]that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. [33]Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

*Sister Phoebe Commended*

**16** I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, [2]that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

*Greeting Roman Saints*

[3]Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, [4]who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also

**15:14** [a]M-Text reads *others.* **15:21** [a]Isaiah 52:15
**15:24** [a]NU-Text omits *I shall come to you* (and joins *Spain* with the next sentence). **15:29** [a]NU-Text omits *of the gospel.*

***PEACE: 3. DAILY PEACE FROM GOD** (continued)*

God will care for you no matter how things look.

In the Old Testament Book of Daniel, we meet Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. These three Israelites were about to be thrown into a fiery furnace because of their faith in God. When asked whether or not they thought God would rescue them, the three answered that God would. They added, however, "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up" (Daniel 3:18). These three were at peace about their circumstances because they trusted God—regardless of the outcome. When you offer your anxieties to Him through prayer and are simultaneously thankful for your circumstances, you experience God's complete peace. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7).

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all the churches of the Gentiles. [5]Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia[a] to Christ. [6]Greet Mary, who labored much for us. [7]Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

[8]Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. [9]Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. [10]Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus. [11]Greet Herodion, my countryman.[a] Greet those who are of the *household* of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

[12]Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. [13]Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. [14]Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. [15]Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

[16]Greet one another with a holy kiss. The[a] churches of Christ greet you.

### *Avoid Divisive Persons*

[17]Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. [18]For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus[a] Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. [19]For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. [20]And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

### *Greetings from Paul's Friends*

[21]Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.

[22]I, Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, greet you in the Lord.

[23]Gaius, my host and *the host* of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. [24]The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.[a]

### *Benediction*

[25]Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began [26]but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— [27]to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.[a]

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**16:5** [a]NU-Text reads *Asia.* **16:11** [a]Or *relative* **16:16** [a]NU-Text reads *All the churches.* **16:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Jesus.* **16:24** [a]NU-Text omits this verse. **16:27** [a]M-Text puts Romans 16:25–27 after Romans 14:23.

# The First Epistle of Paul to the
# CORINTHIANS

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ
through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our*
brother,

2To the church of God which is at Corinth, to
those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to*
*be* saints, with all who in every place call on the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and
ours:

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Spiritual Gifts at Corinth*

4I thank my God always concerning you for
the grace of God which was given to you by
Christ Jesus, 5that you were enriched in every-
thing by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,
6even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed
in you, 7so that you come short in no gift, eagerly
waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus
Christ, 8who will also confirm you to the end,
*that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. 9God *is* faithful, by whom you were
called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

### *Sectarianism Is Sin*

10Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the
same thing, and *that* there be no divisions
among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined to-
gether in the same mind and in the same judg-
ment. 11For it has been declared to me
concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's
*household,* that there are contentions among you.
12Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of
Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or
"I am of Christ." 13Is Christ divided? Was Paul
crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the
name of Paul?

14I thank God that I baptized none of you ex-
cept Crispus and Gaius, 15lest anyone should say
that I had baptized in my own name. 16Yes, I also
baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I
do not know whether I baptized any other. 17For
Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach
the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the
cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

### *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God*

18For the message of the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written:

> *"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,*
> *And bring to nothing the understanding of*
> *the prudent."*[a]

20Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where
*is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of this world? 21For since, in
the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom
did not know God, it pleased God through the
foolishness of the message preached to save those
who believe. 22For Jews request a sign, and Greeks
seek after wisdom; 23but we preach Christ cruci-
fied, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the
Greeks[a] foolishness, 24but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. 25Because the foolishness
of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of
God is stronger than men.

### *Glory Only in the Lord*

26For you see your calling, brethren, that not
many wise according to the flesh, not many
mighty, not many noble, *are called.* 27But God has
chosen the foolish things of the world to put to
shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak
things of the world to put to shame the things
which are mighty; 28and the base things of the
world and the things which are despised God has
chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to
nothing the things that are, 29that no flesh should
glory in His presence. 30But of Him you are in
Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from
God—and righteousness and sanctification and
redemption— 31that, as it is written, *"He who*
*glories, let him glory in the* Lord."[a]

### *Christ Crucified*

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not
come with excellence of speech or of wisdom
declaring to you the testimony[a] of God. 2For I
determined not to know anything among you ex-
cept Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3I was with

**1:19** [a]Isaiah 29:14 **1:23** [a]NU-Text reads *Gentiles.*
**1:31** [a]Jeremiah 9:24 **2:1** [a]NU-Text reads *mystery.*

you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. [4]And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human[a] wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5]that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

### *Spiritual Wisdom*

[6]However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. [7]But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, [8]which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

[9]But as it is written:

> *"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,*
> *Nor have entered into the heart of man*
> *The things which God has prepared for*
> *those who love Him."*[a]

[10]But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. [11]For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. [12]Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

[13]These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy[a] Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. [14]But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned. [15]But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. [16]For *"who has known the mind of the* LORD *that he may instruct Him?"*[a] But we have the mind of Christ.

### *Sectarianism Is Carnal*

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. [2]I fed you with milk and not with

**2:4** [a]NU-Text omits *human.* **2:9** [a]Isaiah 64:4 **2:13** [a]NU-Text omits *Holy.* **2:16** [a]Isaiah 40:13

**HOLY SPIRIT, FRUIT** — **2 Surrendering to the Holy Spirit**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 2:9–16**

God provides the tools to renew your mind—to have "the mind of Christ." When you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives within you to give you guidance, direction, and conviction (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*). God gives His Word, the Bible, so you can know His will and direction for your life. He also communicates with you through prayer and desires that you spend time each day with Him. God also gives the fellowship of other Christians to encourage you and help you to be more like Christ.

The apostle Paul said in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." You are dead to sin in the sense that it no longer has control over you (Romans 6:11–13).

► *Now turn to page 1140 for Titus 3:4–7 and Point 3. Producing Fruit.*

**THE BIBLE** — **2 The Bible Is Reliable and Consistent**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 2:14**

The apostle Paul explains why non-Christians may have difficulty understanding the Bible. We must trust God for what we do not easily understand (see *Faith*). Some people might suggest that the Bible is inconsistent or contains inaccurate information. This is not true. Though there are some portions of the Bible that cannot be readily explained in human terms (the creation of the world, Noah's ark, Joshua's long day, Jonah's fish, and the Virgin Birth, to name a few), this does not mean that they are inaccurate or impossible (Psalm 119:160).

► *Now turn to page 883 for Matthew 4:4 and Point 3. The Bible Is Confirmed in the Life of Christ and the Early Church.*

solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it,* and even now you are still not able; [3]for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? [4]For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I *am* of Apollos," are you not carnal?

### *Watering, Working, Warning*

[5]Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? [6]I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. [7]So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. [8]Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

[9]For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. [10]According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. [11]For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12]Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, [13]each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. [14]If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. [15]If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

[16]Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? [17]If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

### *Avoid Worldly Wisdom*

[18]Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. [19]For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, *"He catches the wise in their own craftiness"*;[a] [20]and again, *"The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."*[a] [21]Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: [22]whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or

**3:19** [a]Job 5:13 **3:20** [a]Psalm 94:11

HOLY SPIRIT, INDWELLING

## 3 The Indwelling Holy Spirit

▶ *See* **1 Corinthians 3:16**

The Holy Spirit's presence in a believer's life is revealed by the appearance of Christlike character qualities or "fruit" (Galatians 5:22, 23). The indwelling Holy Spirit illuminates our minds (1 Corinthians 2:10–12); He comforts us (Acts 9:31); He guides us (John 16:13); He sanctifies us (Romans 15:16); He empowers us for witnessing (Acts 1:8); and He helps us in our weaknesses (Romans 8:26).

▶ *Now turn to page 1031 for Acts 13:52 and Point 4. Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

SEXUALITY

## 2 Sexual Sin Has Devastating Consequences

▶ *See* **1 Corinthians 3:16, 17**

God cannot tolerate any sin—including sexual immorality. But God sent His Son Jesus Christ to take the punishment for your sin Himself, so that you could be in relationship with God.

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10). These verses state that a person who is sexually immoral will not go to heaven. But you can find forgiveness for sexual sin if you confess it to God, repent, and believe that Jesus Christ bought your freedom by His death on the cross. If you have never trusted Christ for salvation, see *Salvation*.

Sexual sin blockades your spiritual growth. Many Christians face the temptations of sexual sin—thankfully, the Bible offers help in dealing with them. Begin by looking at the root of sexual immorality.

▶ *Now turn to page 930 for Mark 7:21–23 and Point 3. Sexual Sin Begins in the Mind.*

things to come—all are yours. [23]And you *are* Christ's, and Christ *is* God's.

### *Stewards of the Mysteries of God*

4 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. [2]Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. [3]But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court.[a] In fact, I do not even judge myself. [4]For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. [5]Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

### *Fools for Christ's Sake*

[6]Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. [7]For who makes you differ *from another?* And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it,* why do you boast as if you had not received *it?*

[8]You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us—and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you! [9]For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. [10]We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but you *are* wise in Christ! We *are* weak, but you *are* strong! You *are* distinguished, but we *are* dishonored! [11]To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. [12]And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; [13]being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

### *Paul's Paternal Care*

[14]I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you.* [15]For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do* not *have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. [16]Therefore I urge you, imitate me. [17]For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

[18]Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. [19]But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. [20]For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power. [21]What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

### *Immorality Defiles the Church*

5 It is actually reported *that there is* sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named[a] among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! [2]And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. [3]For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. [4]In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the

**4:3** [a]Literally *day* **5:1** [a]NU-Text omits *named.*

**INCEST** **3 Incest in the New Testament**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 5:1**

The city of Corinth had a well-known reputation for sexual promiscuity, and the sins of the society began to enter the church. So the apostle Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, is dealing with incest within the Christian fellowship. Paul is direct in saying they must deal firmly with the offender (verse 5). If the church tolerated one case of incest, then a precedent would be created that could permeate the entire body of believers (verses 6–8). Paul's insistence that the Corinthian believers deal with the case in the church emphasizes that the issue cannot be ignored, but must be addressed firmly and wisely. The perpetrators of incest must be confronted to face the consequences of their actions.

► *Now turn to page 895 for Matthew 11:28, 29 and Point 4. Help for an Abused Person.*

power of our Lord Jesus Christ, [5]deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.[a]

[6]Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? [7]Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.[a] [8]Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

### *Immorality Must Be Judged*

[9]I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. [10]Yet *I* certainly *did* not *mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. [11]But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

[12]For what *have* I *to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? [13]But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "*put away from yourselves the evil person.*"[a]

### *Do Not Sue the Brethren*

**6** Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? [2]Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? [3]Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? [4]If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? [5]I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? [6]But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

[7]Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather *let yourselves* be cheated? [8]No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and *you do* these things *to your* brethren! [9]Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals,[a] nor sodomites, [10]nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. [11]And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

### *Glorify God in Body and Spirit*

[12]All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will

**5:5** [a]NU-Text omits *Jesus.* **5:7** [a]NU-Text omits *for us.*
**5:13** [a]Deuteronomy 17:7; 19:19; 22:21, 24; 24:7 **6:9** [a]That is, catamites

## HOMOSEXUALITY — 2 The Power of the Gospel to Deliver

► *See* **1 Corinthians 6:9–11**

God deals with our rebellious, proud, and guilt-laden hearts when we are willing to confess and abandon sin. Many homosexuals have been transformed through the power of the gospel, though some may never be completely free from homosexual tendencies or temptation.

The apostle Paul's words give hope for those who struggle with homosexuality. He was writing to people who had been involved in homosexual behavior and other sin and said, "Such *were* some of you" [emphasis added], indicating that they were no longer homosexuals or thieves or drunkards, and so on. God's grace saved them; and by His grace they were sanctified, set apart for God. The Holy Spirit had taken possession of their lives. They were indeed "new creations" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The only cure for homosexuality, or any type of sinful behavior, is a personal, intimate, and continuous relationship with Jesus Christ (see *Salvation* or *Salvation Assurance*). This relationship is an ongoing process of growth and change. Sometimes it can be a painful process, punctuated by relapses and discouragement. Such need not lead to despair. Fellowship with Christ is maintained through confession of sin resulting in immediate renewal of your ongoing relationship with Him (1 John 1:9).

► *Now turn to page 1145 for Hebrews 2:18 and Point 3. Temptation Can Be Overcome.*

not be brought under the power of any. [13]Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. [14]And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

[15]Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! [16]Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her?* For "*the two,*" He says, "*shall become one flesh*."[a] [17]But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him.*

[18]Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. [19]Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? [20]For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body[a] and in your spirit, which are God's.

### *Principles of Marriage*

7 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me:

*It is* good for a man not to touch a woman. [2]Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. [3]Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. [4]The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does.* And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does.* [5]Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. [6]But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. [7]For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

[8]But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; [9]but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn *with passion.*

### *Keep Your Marriage Vows*

[10]Now to the married I command, *yet* not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from *her* hus-

**6:16** [a]Genesis 2:24 **6:20** [a]NU-Text ends the verse at *body.*

**SEXUALITY** **1 What Is Appropriate Sexuality?**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 6:18–20**

God designed your sexuality to be expressed in a heterosexual relationship within the bonds of marriage. All premarital sexual relationships and extramarital sexual relationships are against God's design and His loving intentions for you as a sexual being. Behaviors, such as incest, bestiality, and homosexuality, are clearly condemned in the Bible. God's parameters for your sexuality and for all other arenas of life, as well, are for your good. And the consequences of departing from God's design are devastating.

► *Now turn to page 1071 for 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17 and Point 2. Sexual Sin Has Devastating Consequences.*

**REMARRIAGE** **1 Remaining Unmarried**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 7:10, 11**

Paul indicates that if a believer does leave his or her spouse, he or she is to remain unmarried. In Luke 16:18, Jesus states it even more strongly: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery."

The first matter of concern for you as a divorced person is not remarriage but rather putting yourself within the circle of the will of God (see *Will of God*). God pursues a relationship with you out of His deep love for you. While marriage is intended by Him to be the most intimate relationship humans experience with each other, there is a deeper relationship available for each of us—single or married. You were created for an intimate love relationship with God Himself. Jesus said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

► *Now turn to page 572 for Proverbs 2:3–20 and Point 2. Considering Remarriage.*

band. [11]But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband. And a husband is not to divorce *his* wife.

[12]But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. [13]And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. [14]For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. [15]But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases.* But God has called us to peace. [16]For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save *your* husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save *your* wife?

### *Live as You Are Called*

[17]But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. [18]Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. [19]Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God *is what matters.* [20]Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. [21]Were you called *while* a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use *it.* [22]For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called *while* free is Christ's slave. [23]You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. [24]Brethren, let each one remain with God in that *state* in which he was called.

### *To the Unmarried and Widows*

[25]Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. [26]I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that *it is* good for a man to remain as he is: [27]Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. [28]But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

[29]But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, [30]those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, [31]and those who use this world as not misusing *it.* For the form of this world is passing away.

[32]But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. [33]But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please *his* wife. [34]There is[a] a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please *her* husband. [35]And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

[36]But if any man thinks he is behaving improp-

**7:34** [a]M-Text adds *also.*

**DIVORCE** — **2 Allowances for Divorce**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 7:12–15**

The Bible makes allowance for divorce when an unbelieving spouse deserts the other willfully and permanently. In addition, Matthew 19:9 says, "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." Many interpret this to mean that a spouse may ask for a divorce when his or her partner is guilty of sexual immorality.

Many people divorce for other reasons, and God continues to love and care for you even when you make choices that go against His plan. If you have divorced for other reasons, it probably indicates that there are attitudes and behaviors you need to confess before God—ask for His forgiveness, and then follow His direction for moving forward with your life.

► *Now turn to page 1113 for Philippians 2:3, 4 and Point 3. The Cure for Divorce.*

erly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry. [37]Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin,[a] does well. [38]So then he who gives *her*[a] in marriage does well, but he who does not give *her* in marriage does better.

[39]A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. [40]But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment—and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

### *Be Sensitive to Conscience*

8 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. [2]And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. [3]But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

[4]Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one. [5]For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), [6]yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live.*

[7]However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. [8]But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

[9]But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. [10]For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? [11]And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? [12]But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. [13]Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

### *A Pattern of Self-Denial*

9 Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? [2]If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

[3]My defense to those who examine me is this: [4]Do we have no right to eat and drink? [5]Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as *do* also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? [6]Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no right to refrain from working? [7]Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

[8]Do I say these things as a *mere* man? Or does not the law say the same also? [9]For it is written in the law of Moses, *"You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain."*[a] Is it oxen God is concerned about? [10]Or does He say *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. [11]If we have sown spiritual things for you, *is it* a great thing if we reap your material things? [12]If others are partakers of *this* right over you, *are* we not even more?

Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. [13]Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat *of the things* of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of *the offerings of* the altar? [14]Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

[15]But I have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me; for it *would be* better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void. [16]For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! [17]For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. [18]What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ[a] without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.

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**7:37** [a]Or *virgin daughter* **7:38** [a]NU-Text reads *his own virgin.*
**9:9** [a]Deuteronomy 25:4 **9:18** [a]NU-Text omits *of Christ.*

### *Serving All Men*

19For though I am free from all *men,* I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law,[a] that I might win those *who are* under the law; 21to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God,[a] but under law toward Christ[b]), that I might win those *who are* without law; 22to the weak I became as[a] weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men,* that I might by all means save some. 23Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with *you.*

### *Striving for a Crown*

24Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it.* 25And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown.* 26Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. 27But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

### *Old Testament Examples*

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

6Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, *"The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."*[a] 8Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11Now all[a] these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it.*

### *Flee from Idolatry*

14Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. 16The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body

**9:20** [a]NU-Text adds *though not being myself under the law.* **9:21** [a]NU-Text reads *God's law.* [b]NU-Text reads *Christ's law.* **9:22** [a]NU-Text omits *as.* **10:7** [a]Exodus 32:6 **10:11** [a]NU-Text omits *all.*

**TEMPTATION** **1 Temptation Is Common to All Christians**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 10:13**

"Temptation," in the original language for this verse, can refer to the temptation to sin or it can refer to testing and trials. Christians are not free from temptations and testing, but we are not alone in them either. You do not experience anything that hasn't been experienced by others, which is one reason fellowship with other Christians can be so helpful.

God is with you when you are tempted. He allows temptation to strengthen your faith and help you grow, but the temptation is never beyond His control. Not only does God offer unwavering encouragement and assurance, but He also provides a way out of the temptation.

You can be encouraged because Christ Himself experienced temptation and gives you the perfect example of how to deal with it. Jesus understands temptation (Hebrews 4:15). He is not merely a compassionate bystander, but He actually knows our difficulties firsthand. It is not a sin to be tempted—Jesus was tempted, yet He never sinned. Sin occurs when you submit to the temptation rather than to the will of God. When you depend on the resources of God, you can resist any temptation.

► *Now turn to page 883 for Matthew 4:1 and Point 2. Temptation Is of the Devil.*

of Christ? [17]For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

[18]Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? [19]What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? [20]Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. [21]You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. [22]Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

### *All to the Glory of God*

[23]All things are lawful for me,[a] but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me,[b] but not all things edify. [24]Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's *well-being.*

[25]Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; [26]for *"the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."*[a]

[27]If any of those who do not believe invites you *to dinner,* and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. [28]But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake;[a] for *"the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."*[b] [29]"Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another *man's* conscience? [30]But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for *the food* over which I give thanks?

[31]Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. [32]Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, [33]just as I also please all *men* in all *things,* not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

**11** Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

### *Head Coverings*

[2]Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered *them* to you. [3]But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God. [4]Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonors his head. [5]But every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. [6]For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. [7]For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. [8]For man is not from woman, but woman from man. [9]Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. [10]For this reason the woman ought to have *a symbol of* authority on *her* head, because of the angels. [11]Nevertheless, neither *is* man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. [12]For as woman *came* from man, even so man also *comes* through woman; but all things are from God.

[13]Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? [14]Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? [15]But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for *her* hair is given to her[a] for a covering. [16]But if anyone

**10:23** [a]NU-Text omits *for me.* [b]NU-Text omits *for me.*
**10:26** [a]Psalm 24:1 **10:28** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. [b]Psalm 24:1 **11:15** [a]M-Text omits *to her.*

**FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY**

## ② The First Step Toward Financial Freedom

► *See* **1 Corinthians 10:26**

The first step toward financial freedom is to recognize who really owns what you have, what you want, and everything in the world. God is the owner of it all, and how you handle your finances is a reflection of how you view God's ownership. For the Christian, God is not just the owner; He is also your Lord and Master (see *Lordship*). The proper use of your finances is a spiritual matter which requires the perspective that comes from an eternal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (see *Salvation*). When you have this perspective, you can make better financial decisions based on God's principles.

► *Now turn to page 974 for Luke 19:12–26 and Point 3. Biblical Principles for Handling Money.*

seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor *do* the churches of God.

### *Conduct at the Lord's Supper*

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not
praise *you,* since you come together not for the
better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you
come together as a church, I hear that there are
divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For
there must also be factions among you, that those
who are approved may be recognized among you.
20 Therefore when you come together in one place,
it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. 21 For in eating,
each one takes his own supper ahead of *others;*
and one is hungry and another is drunk. 22 What!
Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do
you despise the church of God and shame those
who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I
praise you in this? I do not praise *you.*

### *Institution of the Lord's Supper*

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also
delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same*
night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and
when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said,
"Take, eat;[a] this is My body which is broken[b] for
you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same
manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This
do, as often as you drink *it,* in remembrance of Me."
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink
this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He
comes.

### *Examine Yourself*

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks
*this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will
be guilty of the body and blood[a] of the Lord. 28 But
let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of
the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats
and drinks in an unworthy manner[a] eats and
drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the
Lord's[b] body. 30 For this reason many *are* weak and
sick among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would
judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But
when we are judged, we are chastened by the
Lord, that we may not be condemned with the
world.

33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come to-
gether to eat, wait for one another. 34 But if anyone
is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come to-
gether for judgment. And the rest I will set in
order when I come.

### *Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity*

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts,*
brethren, I do not want you to be igno-
rant: 2 You know that[a] you were Gentiles,
carried away to these dumb idols, however you
were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no
one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus ac-
cursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord ex-
cept by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same
Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the
same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities,
but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But
the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one
for the profit *of all:* 8 for to one is given the word of
wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of
knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another
faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of heal-
ings by the same[a] Spirit, 10 to another the working
of miracles, to another prophecy, to another dis-
cerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of
tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
11 But one and the same Spirit works all these
things, distributing to each one individually as He
wills.

**11:24** [a]NU-Text omits *Take, eat.* [b]NU-Text omits *broken.*
**11:27** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the blood.* **11:29** [a]NU-Text omits *in an unworthy manner.* [b]NU-Text omits *Lord's.*
**12:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *when.* **12:9** [a]NU-Text reads *one.*

**HOLY SPIRIT, GIFTS**

**2 What Are the Gifts?**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28**

These gifts, with some variations, are mentioned also in Romans 12:6–8 and Ephesians 4:11, 12. Some of the gifts include:

*Apostle.* This gift refers to a special group of people who knew the Lord personally, or who followed Him immediately after His death and Resurrection, such as Paul and Barnabas. In this sense, there was an Apostolic Age, which will never be repeated. Any servant of Christ, how-

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*Unity and Diversity in One Body*

12For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. 13For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into[a] one Spirit. 14For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 16And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 17If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? 18But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be?*

20But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. 21And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, 24but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, 25that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. 26And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it;* or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it.*

27Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28And God has appointed these in

**12:13** [a]NU-Text omits *into.*

***Holy Spirit, Gifts: 2. What Are the Gifts?*** *(continued)*

ever, who is especially called for a specific mission may be considered an apostle.

*Prophet.* This gift encompasses both the foretelling of future events and the bold proclamation of the Word of God for the instruction and encouragement of the church (see *Prophecy*).

*Evangelist.* The evangelist has a special anointing to preach the gospel and to draw the hearers to personal commitment, whether speaking to individuals or large audiences (see Acts 8:6; 2 Timothy 4:5).

*Pastor and Teacher.* The work of a pastor or teacher is "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

*Working of Miracles and Healing.* Both Jesus and His disciples worked many miracles (see Matthew 11:5; Mark 5:6–13; 6:33–44; John 2:1–10). These gifts are meant to glorify God, spread the gospel, and encourage the church.

*Tongues.* There are two types of expression of tongues: in public assembly (1 Corinthians 14:27) and in private devotion (1 Corinthians 14:15). Paul points out that it is the least important of the gifts and that we should not allow tongues to take precedence over other gifts and ministry (1 Corinthians 14:1–25). Three references in the Bible deal with the actual experience of speaking in tongues: Acts 2; Acts 10:44–48; 19:1–6.

A Christian who exercises the quiet gift of faith is just as important to God and to the building up of the church as a Christian with a more "public" gift. All spiritual gifts have the same goal: to unite and build up the church (Ephesians 4:12–16).

► *Now turn to page 1082 for 1 Corinthians 14:12 and Point 3. The Purpose of the Gifts.*

THE CHURCH

**4 Spiritual Gifts for the Church**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 12:27–31**

The apostle Paul uses this image to demonstrate that all members of the church have different functions and must work harmoniously together in order for the body to be healthy. Just as our physical bodies become ill when one part is not functioning as it was designed, the body of Christ also suffers in the same way. In a healthy church, all parts work smoothly under the direction of the Holy Spirit, utilizing His gifts and demonstrating His fruit (see *Holy Spirit, Gifts*; *Holy Spirit, Fruit*).

► *Now turn to page 1109 for Ephesians 5:25–27 and Point 5. Destiny of the Church.*

the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. [29]*Are* all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? *Are* all workers of miracles? [30]Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? [31]But earnestly desire the best[a] gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

### *The Greatest Gift*

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. [2]And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3]And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor,* and though I give my body to be burned,[a] but have not love, it profits me nothing.

[4]Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; [5]does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; [6]does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; [7]bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

[8]Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. [9]For we know in part and we prophesy in part. [10]But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

[11]When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. [12]For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

[13]And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

### *Prophecy and Tongues*

14 Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts,* but especially that you may prophesy. [2]For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands

**12:31** [a]NU-Text reads *greater.* **13:3** [a]NU-Text reads *so I may boast.*

**LOVE** — **3 The Challenging Essentials of Love**

▸ *See* **1 Corinthians 13:4–8**

Christians are consistently challenged to demonstrate God's love to others. When you follow Jesus as the perfect example, the love you give others will show: *I respect you*, *I care for you*, *I am responsible for you.*

The apostle Paul encouraged the Philippians to show this same kind of love: "Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:2–4).

▸ *Now turn to page 1175 for 1 John 3:16–18 and Point 4. The Required Evidence of Love.*

**MARRIAGE PROBLEMS** — **1 Love and Respect**

▸ *See* **1 Corinthians 13:4–8**

Love is much more than warm feelings. Regardless of how you may *feel* toward your spouse at a given moment, God calls you to practice the godly love described in these verses. Even if just one partner in a marriage chooses to model this kind of love, that marriage would be transformed.

A good marriage requires mutual respect. Respect means that each partner accepts the other as he or she is, not trying to manipulate but unselfishly nurturing the partner in such a way that he or she may become the person God intended. Respect distinguishes between the ideal and the real and does not demand too much: "Let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband" (Ephesians 5:33).

▸ *Now turn to page 905 for Matthew 19:4–6 and Point 2. Genuine Commitment.*

*him;* however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. [3]But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. [4]He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. [5]I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for[a] he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

### *Tongues Must Be Interpreted*

[6]But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? [7]Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? [8]For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? [9]So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. [10]There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them *is* without significance. [11]Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks *will be* a foreigner to me. [12]Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts, let it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.

[13]Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. [14]For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. [15]What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. [16]Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? [17]For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

[18]I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; [19]yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

### *Tongues a Sign to Unbelievers*

[20]Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

[21]In the law it is written:

> *"With men of other tongues and other lips*
> *I will speak to this people;*
> *And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,"*[a]

says the Lord.

[22]Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. [23]Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those who are* uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? [24]But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. [25]And thus[a] the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

### *Order in Church Meetings*

[26]How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpreta-

**14:5** [a]NU-Text reads *and.* **14:21** [a]Isaiah 28:11, 12
**14:25** [a]NU-Text omits *And thus.*

**HOLY SPIRIT, GIFTS**

## ❸ The Purpose of the Gifts

► *See* **1 Corinthians 14:12**

The gifts of the Spirit are for the common good of individual Christians, the church, and unbelievers. They aid in the effective presentation of the gospel (prophesying) so that the unbeliever may come to Christ (1 Corinthians 14:24, 25). Timothy fulfilled his individual ministry as an evangelist and also encouraged the body of Christ through that ministry (2 Timothy 4:5). The gifts are to be exercised in an orderly way to produce unity, knowledge, and maturity in the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12, 13).

God's love is the greatest gift of all. Without love, our gifts have no eternal value (1 Corinthians 13:8–10).

► *Now turn to page 1107 for Ephesians 4:22–32 and Point 4. The Application of the Gifts.*

tion. Let all things be done for edification. [27]If anyone speaks in a tongue, *let there be* two or at the most three, *each* in turn, and let one interpret. [28]But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. [29]Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. [30]But if *anything* is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. [31]For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. [32]And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. [33]For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

[34]Let your[a] women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the law also says. [35]And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

[36]Or did the word of God come *originally* from you? Or *was it* you only that it reached? [37]If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. [38]But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. [a]

[39]Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. [40]Let all things be done decently and in order.

### *The Risen Christ, Faith's Reality*

**15** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, [2]by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

[3]For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4]and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, [5]and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. [6]After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. [7]After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. [8]Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

[9]For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. [10]But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. [11]Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### *The Risen Christ, Our Hope*

[12]Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13]But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. [14]And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. [15]Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. [16]For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. [17]And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! [18]Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19]If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

### *The Last Enemy Destroyed*

[20]But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. [23]But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. [24]Then *comes* the end,

**14:34** [a]NU-Text omits *your.* **14:38** [a]NU-Text reads *if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.*

**SIN** **5 Sin Is Forgiven Through Jesus Christ**

► *See* **1 Corinthians 15:3**

All have sinned. Not one person except Christ has lived a sin-free life, but Christ became your substitute and took upon Himself your penalty. Because of this ultimate act of love, God granted you freedom from the penalty of sin and made a way for you to be forgiven. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. [25]For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. [26]The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. [27]For "*He has put all things under His feet.*"[a] But when He says "all things are put under *Him,*" *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. [28]Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

### *Effects of Denying the Resurrection*

[29]Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead? [30]And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? [31]I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. [32]If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage *is it* to me? If *the* dead do not rise, "*Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!*"[a]

[33]Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." [34]Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

### *A Glorious Body*

[35]But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" [36]Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. [37]And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other *grain.* [38]But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

[39]All flesh *is* not the same flesh, but *there is* one *kind of* flesh[a] of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds.

[40]*There are* also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. [41]*There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

[42]So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. [43]It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. [44]It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. [45]And so it is written, "*The first man Adam became a living being.*"[a] The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

[46]However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. [47]The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord[a] from heaven. [48]As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man,* so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. [49]And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear[a] the image of the heavenly *Man.*

### *Our Final Victory*

[50]Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. [51]Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— [52]in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53]For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. [54]So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*"[a]

[55] "*O Death, where is your sting?*[a]
*O Hades, where is your victory?*"[b]

**15:27** [a]Psalm 8:6 **15:32** [a]Isaiah 22:13 **15:39** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *of flesh.* **15:45** [a]Genesis 2:7 **15:47** [a]NU-Text omits *the Lord.* **15:49** [a]M-Text reads *let us also bear.* **15:54** [a]Isaiah 25:8 **15:55** [a]Hosea 13:14 [b]NU-Text reads *O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?*

**SIN** **2 SIN IS FORBIDDEN**

► *See* **1 CORINTHIANS 15:34**

God's command is to be attentive to righteousness (conforming to the law) and not sin. Sin, when it is allowed to grow in your life, makes you more resistant to God. God desires that you have a humble heart so He can shape you into His perfect image. This attitude pleases God (Psalm 51:17). The apostle Paul wrote that we should not let sin rule our lives (Romans 6:12). But this is difficult—we are still on earth and subject to temptation, and sin is deceptive.

► *Now turn to page 1146 for Hebrews 3:13 and Point 3. Sin Is Deceptive.*

56The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin
*is* the law. 57But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast,
immovable, always abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the
Lord.

### *Collection for the Saints*

16 Now concerning the collection for the
saints, as I have given orders to the
churches of Galatia, so you must do
also: 2On the first *day* of the week let each one of
you lay something aside, storing up as he may
prosper, that there be no collections when I come.
3And when I come, whomever you approve by
*your* letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusa-
lem. 4But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go
with me.

### *Personal Plans*

5Now I will come to you when I pass through
Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedo-
nia). 6And it may be that I will remain, or even
spend the winter with you, that you may send me
on my journey, wherever I go. 7For I do not wish
to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a
while with you, if the Lord permits.

8But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. 9For
a great and effective door has opened to me, and
*there are* many adversaries.

10And if Timothy comes, see that he may be
with you without fear; for he does the work of the
Lord, as I also *do.* 11Therefore let no one despise
him. But send him on his journey in peace, that
he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with
the brethren.

12Now concerning *our* brother Apollos, I
strongly urged him to come to you with the
brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at
this time; however, he will come when he has a
convenient time.

### *Final Exhortations*

13Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be
strong. 14Let all *that* you *do* be done with love.

15I urge you, brethren—you know the house-
hold of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of
Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to
the ministry of the saints— 16that you also sub-
mit to such, and to everyone who works and la-
bors with *us.*

17I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, For-
tunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on
your part they supplied. 18For they refreshed my
spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

### *Greetings and a Solemn Farewell*

19The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and
Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the
church that is in their house. 20All the brethren
greet you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

21The salutation with my own hand—Paul's.

22If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ,
let him be accursed.[a] O Lord, come![b]

23The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.
24My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**16:22** [a]Greek *anathema* [b]Aramaic *Maranatha*

## TITHING — 3 God Expects Christians to Support His Work

► *See* **1 Corinthians 16:2**

In this passage, the apostle Paul teaches the following principles that should characterize your giving. Give:

- Individually: "each one of you"
- Regularly: "On the first day of the week"
- Methodically: "lay something aside"
- Proportionately: "as he may prosper"

God has a purpose in everything. Tithing frees you from self-centeredness and is God's way of equitably financing His work, spreading the Good News, and caring for those with needs. That includes the church's responsibility to provide for the physical needs of those who work in ministry. Those who preach the gospel should be able to earn a living from that work, and those of us who benefit from the minister's work are responsible for financial support (1 Corinthians 9:11, 12, 14).

Many believe that the initial tithe, or ten percent, should go to the local church, while offerings, or those gifts beyond ten percent, could also go to the church or to another ministry. Many worthy organizations focus on evangelism, missions, or helping the poor. People working in those organizations need financial support, just like a local pastor. In any case, pray for wisdom in giving and give generously as God leads you.

► *Now turn to page 876 for Malachi 3:10 and Point 4. God Promises to Meet Our Needs.*

# THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

*Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother,

To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Comfort in Suffering*

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

*Delivered from Suffering*

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does[a] deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us,* 11 you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our[a] behalf for the gift *granted* to us through many.

*Paul's Sincerity*

12 For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you. 13 For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end 14 (as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also *are* ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

*Sparing the Church*

15 And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit— 16 to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my way to Judea. 17 Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No? 18 But *as* God *is* faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes,

**1:10** [a]NU-Text reads *shall.* **1:11** [a]M-Text reads *your behalf.*

**GRIEF** — **3 COMFORT IN GRIEF**

► *See* **2 CORINTHIANS 1:3, 4**

God offers His comfort directly, and He also uses us to comfort each other. We are given the privilege of being in one body—the body of Christ—caring for each other during difficult times. When someone is grieving, you may fear not having the right words to say. Often this can lead to isolation for a grieving person, since people fear saying something wrong. Simply be present for someone who is grieving. There are often no words that can remedy such situations. Instead, you can focus your attention on meeting the immediate needs of a grieving person. This can include simple physical needs, such as providing a meal or making phone calls. It can also mean helping with an emotional need by being a compassionate listener or by simply sitting with someone. You can ask God for direction in what to do and say and depend on Him to guide you. Consistent love and kindness will help a person grieve according to his or her own time frame.

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and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
21Now He who establishes us with you in Christ
and has anointed us *is* God, 22who also has sealed
us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

23Moreover I call God as witness against my
soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.
24Not that we have dominion over your faith, but
are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you
stand.

2 But I determined this within myself, that I
would not come again to you in sorrow. 2For
if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who
makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

### *Forgive the Offender*

3And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I
came, I should have sorrow over those from
whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in
you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all. 4For out of
much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to
you, with many tears, not that you should be
grieved, but that you might know the love which I
have so abundantly for you.

5But if anyone has caused grief, he has not
grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to
be too severe. 6This punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority *is* sufficient for such a man,
7so that, on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort *him,* lest perhaps such a one be
swallowed up with too much sorrow. 8Therefore I
urge you to reaffirm *your* love to him. 9For to this
end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test,
whether you are obedient in all things. 10Now
whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive.* For if
indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven
that one[a] for your sakes in the presence of Christ,
11lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we
are not ignorant of his devices.

### *Triumph in Christ*

12Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach*
Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by
the Lord, 13I had no rest in my spirit, because I did
not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of
them, I departed for Macedonia.

14Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in
triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the
fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15For
we are to God the fragrance of Christ among
those who are being saved and among those who
are perishing. 16To the one *we are* the aroma of
death *leading* to death, and to the other the
aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient
for these things? 17For we are not, as so many,[a]
peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but
as from God, we speak in the sight of God in
Christ.

### *Christ's Epistle*

3 Do we begin again to commend ourselves?
Or do we need, as some *others,* epistles of
commendation to you or *letters* of commendation from you? 2You are our epistle written in
our hearts, known and read by all men; 3clearly
you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us,
written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living
God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh,
*that is,* of the heart.

### *The Spirit, Not the Letter*

4And we have such trust through Christ toward
God. 5Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to
think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our
sufficiency *is* from God, 6who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the
letter but of the Spirit;[a] for the letter kills, but the
Spirit gives life.

### *Glory of the New Covenant*

7But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of
Moses because of the glory of his countenance,
which *glory* was passing away, 8how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9For if the
ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in
glory. 10For even what was made glorious had no
glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11For if what is passing away *was* glorious,
what remains *is* much more glorious.

12Therefore, since we have such hope, we use
great boldness of speech— 13unlike Moses, *who*
put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was
passing away. 14But their minds were blinded. For
until this day the same veil remains unlifted in
the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil*
is taken away in Christ. 15But even to this day,
when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

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**2:10** [a]NU-Text reads *For indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it.* **2:17** [a]M-Text reads *the rest.*
**3:6** [a]Or *spirit*

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the
veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and
where the Spirit of the Lord *is,* there *is* liberty.
18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a
mirror the glory of the Lord, are being trans-
formed into the same image from glory to glory,
just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

### *The Light of Christ's Gospel*

4 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we
have received mercy, we do not lose heart.
2 But we have renounced the hidden things of
shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the
word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of
the truth commending ourselves to every man's
conscience in the sight of God. 3 But even if our
gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are per-
ishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has
blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the
gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of
God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach
ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves
your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the
God who commanded light to shine out of dark-
ness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light
of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of
Jesus Christ.

### *Cast Down but Unconquered*

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellence of the power may be of God
and not of us. 8 *We are* hard-pressed on every side,
yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in de-
spair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down,
but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in
the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life
of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For
we who live are always delivered to death for Je-
sus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be mani-
fested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death is
working in us, but life in you.

13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, ac-
cording to what is written, "*I believed and there-
fore I spoke,*"[a] we also believe and therefore
speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord
Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will
present *us* with you. 15 For all things *are* for your
sakes, that grace, having spread through the
many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the
glory of God.

### *Seeing the Invisible*

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though
our outward man is perishing, yet the inward
*man* is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light
affliction, which is but for a moment, is working
for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of
glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which
are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For
the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the
things which are not seen *are* eternal.

**4:13** [a]Psalm 116:10

NEW AGE MOVEMENT

## 5 Become Like God or Become God?

► *See* **2 Corinthians 3:17, 18**

We are created in the *image* of God—but we will never *become* God as many New Age followers believe. The Bible repeatedly warns against this sin of pride that began in the Garden of Eden, where Satan tempted Eve with the words, "You will be like God" (Genesis 3:5).

God intervened in space and time to redeem you from sin—which is any thought or action that rebels against the character of God (Romans 3:9–18; 2 Timothy 3:2–5; 1 John 1:5, 6, 10). Because of sin, judgment and death are inevitable (Acts 17:31; Romans 5:18; Hebrews 9:27).

Only through the gospel of Jesus Christ can you find personal transformation; reconciliation with the one and only God—the Creator of the universe; and the fulfillment of all the noble goals that you fail to achieve because of your fallen nature (John 3:3). "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

So, when you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you do not *become* God, but you are given the awesome privilege of becoming part of the family of God: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13). To learn more about becoming a child of God, see *Salvation*.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*Assurance of the Resurrection*

5 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. [2]For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, [3]if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. [4]For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. [5]Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

[6]So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. [7]For we walk by faith, not by sight. [8]We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

*The Judgment Seat of Christ*

[9]Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. [10]For we

**PERSECUTION** — **5 There Is Ultimate Triumph Over Suffering**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 4:16, 17**

To whatever extent we face persecution, and whether or not we see deliverance from it in this life, we know we will be triumphant in the end. We have a great God and Savior. He is Lord, and no amount of persecution or suffering is beyond Him. Everything is in His hands (see *Suffering*).

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**AIDS/HIV** — **3 Will God Heal AIDS?**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 4:17**

God can always choose to cure any person of any illness, but history indicates that He often chooses to let human suffering do the greater work of making us long for the lasting "cure" of eternal life. (See *Healing.*) This assurance of eternal life also helps us endure whatever suffering we have in this present life. Our suffering in this life can make us more like Christ. (See *Suffering*.)

► *Now turn to page 673 for Isaiah 53:5, 6 and Point 4. Trusting God in Suffering.*

**PROPER PERSPECTIVE** — **1 What Is a Proper Perspective?**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 4:17, 18**

As a Christian, having a proper perspective means viewing life through God's eyes rather than your own. You can know God's perspective by studying the Bible, praying, and spending time with other Christians. For Christians, the world is not home. We are strangers living in a foreign land, waiting for Jesus to arrive and take us to our eternal home. In Philippians 3:20, the apostle Paul says, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul, who experienced extreme hardship during his ministry, understood that, while Christians are not exempt from trials or suffering, we can trust God's promise that even the worst pain will seem like nothing compared to the glory of heaven. Keeping God's perspective can help you through the difficulty in life and enables you to honor and obey Him in times of blessing, as well. If you belong to God, your decisions, desires, goals, and every aspect of your life should be from God's perspective rather than your own.

► *Now turn to page 1140 for Titus 2:11–13 and Point 2. The Benefits of a Proper Perspective.*

**HEAVEN** — **5 God's Assurances**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 5:6–8**

Death carries mystery, even for the child of God. How and when will I enter heaven? Our loving God has anticipated our apprehensions and reassures us that nothing is outside of His control. The apostle Paul says we can be confident that:

1) Access to heaven is assured for those who

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must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. [11]Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

### *Be Reconciled to God*

[12]For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. [13]For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if we are of sound mind, *it is* for you. [14]For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; [15]and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

[16]Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. [17]Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. [18]Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, [19]that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

[20]Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. [21]For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### *Marks of the Ministry*

6 We then, *as* workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. [2]For He says:

> *"In an acceptable time I have heard you,*
> *And in the day of salvation I have helped you."*[a]

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

[3]We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. [4]But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much

**6:2** [a]Isaiah 49:8

***Heaven: 5. God's Assurances** (continued)*

trust Christ for their salvation. Paul distinguishes between life and death in verses 6 and 8. When we are "absent from the body," our spirit has departed from the body. Thus, death becomes the threshold of heaven.

2) As the spirit leaves the body, it is transported by angels into the presence of God (Luke 16:22). The earthly body is left behind until the resurrection, when it will be transformed into a new body that will last for eternity. For the Christian, there is no intermediate state or place of waiting on the way to heaven.
3) To be with Christ is gain; it is far better (Philippians 1:21, 23). We enter Christ's presence for fellowship face-to-face. (See *Death.*)

► *Now turn to page 1116 for Philippians 3:20 and Point 6. Heaven's Access.*

**RESTORATION** **1 Restoration to God**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 5:19**

Being reconciled does not mean simply having good relationships. This word implies that a dispute or disagreement took place and has now been resolved. The two parties who need reconciliation were once at odds with each other. In human terms, we often think about two parties compromising to resolve conflict. Reconciliation with God, however, is not a compromise.

God's standard is absolute holiness. We can never achieve that high standard, and God in His perfect nature cannot lower it. He offers something better than compromise: reconciliation—or a complete healing of the broken relationship. God sent Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice and to take the penalty for our sin. This reconciled us to God, and He now sees those who trust Jesus for salvation as holy and blameless.

► *Now turn to page 496 for Psalm 32:5 and Point 2. The Process of Restoration.*

patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,
5in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; 6by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, 7by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; 9as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

### *Be Holy*

11O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. 12You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your *own* affections. 13Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

14Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you[a] are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

*"I will dwell in them*
*And walk among them.*
*I will be their God,*
*And they shall be My people."*[b]

17Therefore

*"Come out from among them*
*And be separate, says the Lord.*

**6:16** [a]NU-Text reads *we*. [b]Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 32:38; Ezekiel 37:27

## MARRIAGE, ANTICIPATING

### ③ Unequally Yoked

► *See* **2 Corinthians 6:14**

The most important factor in your selection of a spouse is that you both have close relationships with God. Obeying God and seeking His will should be of utmost importance to both you and your future spouse. (See *Marriage and Family*.)

Even among believers, love is a fragile commodity, which needs to be cultivated and nourished constantly. A good marriage is based on respect for yourself and your partner. Your relationship before you are married should reflect that respect. The way you treat each other while interacting with friends and family and how you conduct yourselves when you are alone together are both indicators of the respect in your relationship. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3, 4). One sign of this respect is maintaining sexual purity. Celibacy is God's will for all unmarried people (see *Sexuality*).

► *Now turn to page 595 for Proverbs 24:3, 4 and Point 4. A Christ-Centered Home.*

## WORLDLINESS

### ③ Relationships with Nonbelievers

► *See* **2 Corinthians 6:14–16**

We all want close relationships. However, we need to be careful when choosing who we are close to. The writer of this book, Paul, warned the Corinthian church about having close relationships with unbelievers. Paul appealed to the fundamental principle that in a very important aspect of life—spiritual truth—believers and unbelievers have very little in common. Yes, God tells us to love and care for those who are worldly minded, even those who are not Christians. However, if we are not careful about the extent of our relationships, we may be tempted to abandon God as our first priority. One of the great challenges for Christians is to influence the world without becoming entangled in it.

In order to pursue life in the Spirit, it is often necessary to change your lifestyle and circle of friends. While this may be painful, you need to seek out mature believers with whom you can build new interests and have fellowship. Your local church is an excellent place to do this.

► *Now turn to page 1169 for 2 Peter 1:2–4 and Point 4. Combating Worldliness.*

*Do not touch what is unclean,*
*And I will receive you."*[a]
18 *"I will be a Father to you,*
*And you shall be My sons and daughters,*
*Says the* LORD *Almighty."*[a]

7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

### *The Corinthians' Repentance*

2 Open *your hearts* to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one. 3 I do not say *this* to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. 4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside *were* conflicts, inside *were* fears. 6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what* clearing *of yourselves, what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. 12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, *I did* not *do it* for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.

### *The Joy of Titus*

13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true. 15 And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him. 16 Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.

### *Excel in Giving*

8 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive[a] the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. 7 But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—*see* that you abound in this grace also.

### *Christ Our Pattern*

8 I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

10 And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; 11 but now you also must complete the doing *of it;* that as *there was* a readiness to desire *it,* so *there* also *may be* a completion out of what *you* have. 12 For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.

13 For *I do* not *mean* that others should be eased and you burdened; 14 but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may supply* their lack, that their abundance also may *supply* your

**6:17** [a]Isaiah 52:11; Ezekiel 20:34, 41 **6:18** [a]2 Samuel 7:14
**8:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *that we would receive,* thus changing text to *urgency for the favor and fellowship. . . .*

lack—that there may be equality. 15As it is written, *"He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack."*[a]

### *Collection for the Judean Saints*

16But thanks *be* to God who puts[a] the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. 18And we have sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches, 19and not only *that,* but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and *to show* your ready mind, 20avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us— 21providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which *we have* in you. 23If *anyone inquires* about Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren *are inquired about, they are* messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. 24Therefore show to them, and[a] before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

### *Administering the Gift*

**9** Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; 2for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. 3Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; 4lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting.[a] 5Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of* generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

### *The Cheerful Giver*

6But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7*So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things,* may have an abundance for every good work. 9As it is written:

*"He has dispersed abroad,*
*He has given to the poor;*
*His righteousness endures forever."*[a]

10Now may[a] He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed

**8:15** [a]Exodus 16:18 **8:16** [a]NU-Text reads *has put.* **8:24** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *and.* **9:4** [a]NU-Text reads *this confidence.* **9:9** [a]Psalm 112:9 **9:10** [a]NU-Text reads *Now He who supplies . . . will supply. . . .*

**GENEROSITY** — **1 Jesus Is Our Example**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 8:9**

Jesus Christ is a supreme example of generosity. He did not withhold anything from us, including His own life. Jesus gave it freely for our salvation. While we probably will not be asked to die for someone else, Jesus' generous attitude is the standard for us to aim for and an example for us to follow.

► *Now turn to page 582 for Proverbs 11:24, 25 and Point 2. The Blessings of Generosity.*

**TITHING** — **2 Giving Should Be Prompted by Love and a Personal Commitment to Christ**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 9:6–8**

Your attitude is important. "God loves a cheerful giver" (verse 7). If you love God and want to obey Him, you give freely. Recognize that you owe Him your life and that everything you have is His. When you give, you also help to support His work here on earth so that others can hear about Christ. If you give from a sense of duty or obligation, like paying dues, rather than from a thankful heart, it is not cheerful giving. When you give with the right attitude, God is pleased and you yourself are blessed.

► *Now turn to page 1085 for 1 Corinthians 16:2 and Point 3. God Expects Christians to Support His Work.*

you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness, [11]while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. [12]For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, [13]while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men,* [14]and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. [15]Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

### *The Spiritual War*

10 Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. [2]But I beg *you* that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. [3]For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. [4]For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, [5]casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, [6]and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

### *Reality of Paul's Authority*

[7]Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he *is* Christ's, even so we *are* Christ's.[a] [8]For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us[a] for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed— [9]lest I seem to terrify you by letters. [10]"For *his* letters," they say, "*are* weighty and powerful, but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible." [11]Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *we will* also *be* in deed when we are present.

### *Limits of Paul's Authority*

[12]For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. [13]We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you. [14]For we are not overextending ourselves (as though *our authority* did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; [15]not boasting of things beyond measure, *that is,* in other men's labors, but having hope, *that* as your faith is increased, we shall be

**10:7** [a]NU-Text reads *even as we are.* **10:8** [a]NU-Text omits *us.*

**HOMOSEXUALITY** — **4 A Renewed Mind**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 10:4, 5**

A key to overcoming homosexual temptation is the renewing of your mind. As a believer in Christ, you must try to think according to the will of God, "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." This can only happen through studying the Bible and through prayer. Pray for deliverance and that God will help you see life from an eternal perspective (see *Proper Perspective*) as you daily renew your mind with His Word.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**OBEDIENCE** — **4 Obedience Requires Discipline**

► *See* **2 Corinthians 10:5**

The choice to obey or disobey God begins in your mind. If you allow yourself to think thoughts not pleasing to God, it will lead to disobedience. If you daily commit yourself to prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with other believers, God can transform your thoughts and help you obey. Daily circumstances may often distract you, but a diligent persistence toward God's will enables you to overcome. As you mature in Christ and in the knowledge of His Word, your obedience will also grow.

► *Now turn to page 477 for Psalm 1:1–3 and Point 5. God's Word Is Essential for Obedience.*

greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, [16]to preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

[17]But *"he who glories, let him glory in the LORD."*[a] [18]For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

### *Concern for Their Faithfulness*

11 Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. [2]For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. [3]But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity[a] that is in Christ. [4]For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

### *Paul and False Apostles*

[5]For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles. [6]Even though *I am* untrained in speech, yet *I am* not in knowledge. But we have been thoroughly manifested[a] among you in all things.

[7]Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge? [8]I robbed other churches, taking wages *from them* to minister to you. [9]And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep *myself.* [10]As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. [11]Why? Because I do not love you? God knows!

[12]But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. [13]For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. [14]And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. [15]Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

### *Reluctant Boasting*

[16]I say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little. [17]What I speak, I speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. [18]Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast. [19]For you put up with fools gladly, since you *yourselves* are wise! [20]For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours *you,* if one takes *from you,* if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. [21]To *our* shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.

### *Suffering for Christ*

[22]Are they Hebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I. [23]Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. [24]From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. [25]Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; [26]*in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; [27]in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—[28]besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. [29]Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn *with indignation?*

[30]If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. [31]The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. [32]In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; [33]but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

### *The Vision of Paradise*

12 It is doubtless[a] not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: [2]I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the

**10:17** [a]Jeremiah 9:24 **11:3** [a]NU-Text adds *and purity.* **11:6** [a]NU-Text omits *been.* **12:1** [a]NU-Text reads *necessary, though not profitable, to boast.*

body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. [3]And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— [4]how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. [5]Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. [6]For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

### *The Thorn in the Flesh*

[7]And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. [8]Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. [9]And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10]Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### *Signs of an Apostle*

[11]I have become a fool in boasting;[a] you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. [12]Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. [13]For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

### *Love for the Church*

[14]Now *for* the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do

**12:11** [a]NU-Text omits *in boasting.*

SUFFERING

## 3 God's Grace for Our Suffering

▶ *See* **2 Corinthians 12:9**

When faced with adversity, do not try to deny or avoid it. The real solution seems almost opposite from what you might naturally think of doing. At the time the apostle Paul wrote 2 Corinthians 12:9, he carried some sort of affliction—many thought it was a physical illness. Paul asked God many times for relief from this. God did not take away Paul's suffering. However, He did give Paul the key to comfort even while facing great adversity. God taught Paul to be thankful for his own weakness so that he could depend on God's perfect strength and provision.

You can depend on God's truth as you read the Bible. God will be with you in the middle of your suffering, and He will give you the grace you need to bear even the most unbearable circumstances. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

▶ *Now turn to page 454 for Job 13:15 and Point 4. Trusting God in Suffering.*

TERMINAL ILLNESS

## 4 Bringing Glory to God

▶ *See* **2 Corinthians 12:9, 10**

The apostle Paul had an unnamed affliction that he prayed for God to remove, but God did not. He told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (verse 9).

Billy Graham has written, "Bewildered Christians . . . staggering under the burden of anguish, cry out, 'Why must I bear this misery? How can God lay all this suffering on me?' The Word of God teaches that Christians suffer in order that they might glorify God in their lives." (See *Suffering*.)

Pray that God will use your life and your illness to glorify Himself and to reveal Himself to others through you (2 Corinthians 1:5, 6). Pray for courage and strength to be victorious in pain, committing yourself to Jesus Christ, who bore your grief and your sorrow on the cross (Isaiah 53:5).

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not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. [15]And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

[16]But be that *as it may,* I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning! [17]Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you? [18]I urged Titus, and sent our brother with *him.* Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did *we* not *walk* in the same steps?

[19]Again, do you think[a] that we excuse ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But *we do* all things, beloved, for your edification. [20]For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and *that* I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest *there be* contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; [21]lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

### *Coming with Authority*

13 This *will be* the third *time* I am coming to you. *"By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."*[a] [2]I have told you before, and foretell as if I were present the second time, and now being absent I write[a] to those who have sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare— [3]since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you. [4]For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

[5]Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. [6]But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

### *Paul Prefers Gentleness*

[7]Now I[a] pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem disqualified. [8]For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. [9]For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete. [10]Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction.

### *Greetings and Benediction*

[11]Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

[12]Greet one another with a holy kiss.

[13]All the saints greet you.

[14]The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

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**12:19** [a]NU-Text reads *You have been thinking for a long time. . . .*
**13:1** [a]Deuteronomy 19:15 **13:2** [a]NU-Text omits *I write.*
**13:7** [a]NU-Text reads *we.*

# THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

*Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), [2]and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

[3]Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, [4]who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, [5]to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Only One Gospel*

[6]I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, [7]which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. [8]But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. [9]As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

[10]For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

*Call to Apostleship*

[11]But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. [12]For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it,* but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

[13]For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God

**GOD THE FATHER**

**4 AUTHOR OF REDEMPTION AND LOVE**

► *See* **GALATIANS 1:3, 4**

God, being perfect, cannot tolerate evil; so our sin separates us from Him. He does not want that separation—He wants a close personal relationship with each of us because He loves us. So He created a plan of redemption—a way to pay for our sin and enable us to know Him and be in relationship with Him. "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)" (Ephesians 2:4, 5).

If you have never begun a personal relationship with God the Father, He offers it to you. He planned out the course of history so that you could have a relationship with Him and know Him. When you invite Jesus Christ into your life, the Holy Spirit comes to live within you and God becomes your heavenly Father. He knows you intimately, and He wants you to know Him. To learn how to begin this relationship with God, see *Salvation*.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**CULTS**

**1 TRAITS OF A CULT: EXTRABIBLICAL OR SPECIAL REVELATION**

► *See* **GALATIANS 1:9**

The Bible explicitly defends its own integrity and completeness. Leaders of many cults, however, will claim to have received special revelations from God. They typically add their own revelations to their doctrine, which take precedence over the Bible—the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. Or they may use Bible passages out of context, resulting in erroneous interpretations.

Revelation 22:18, 19 says, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

► *Now turn to page 1105 for Ephesians 2:8, 9 and Point 2. Traits of a Cult: Salvation by Works.*

beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. [14]And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

[15]But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, [16]to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, [17]nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

### *Contacts at Jerusalem*

[18]Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter,[a] and remained with him fifteen days. [19]But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. [20](Now *concerning* the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)

[21]Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. [22]And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which *were* in Christ. [23]But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once *tried to* destroy." [24]And they glorified God in me.

### *Defending the Gospel*

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with *me.* [2]And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain. [3]Yet not even Titus who *was* with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. [4]And *this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), [5]to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

[6]But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed *to be something* added nothing to me. [7]But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as *the gospel* for the circumcised *was* to Peter [8](for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), [9]and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. [10]*They desired* only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

### *No Return to the Law*

[11]Now when Peter[a] had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; [12]for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. [13]And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

[14]But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you[a] compel Gentiles to live as Jews?[b] [15]We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, [16]knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

[17]"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! [18]For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. [19]For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. [20]I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. [21]I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

### *Justification by Faith*

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth,[a] before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you[b] as crucified? [2]This only I

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**1:18** [a]NU-Text reads *Cephas.* **2:11** [a]NU-Text reads *Cephas.* **2:14** [a]NU-Text reads *how can you.* [b]Some interpreters stop the quotation here. **3:1** [a]NU-Text omits *that you should not obey the truth.* [b]NU-Text omits *among you.*

want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? [3]Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? [4]Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed *it was* in vain?

[5]Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—[6]just as Abraham *"believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."*[a] [7]Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. [8]And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."*[a] [9]So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

### *The Law Brings a Curse*

[10]For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, *"Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."*[a] [11]But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for *"the just shall live by faith."*[a] [12]Yet the law is not of faith, but *"the man who does them shall live by them."*[a]

[13]Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, *"Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"*[a]), [14]that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

### *The Changeless Promise*

[15]Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though *it is* only a man's covenant, yet *if it is* confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. [16]Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, *"And to your Seed,"*[a] who is Christ. [17]And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ,[a] that it should make the promise of no effect. [18]For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

### *Purpose of the Law*

[19]What purpose then *does* the law *serve?* It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. [20]Now a mediator does not *mediate* for one *only,* but God is one.

[21]*Is* the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. [22]But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. [23]But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. [24]Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25]But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

### *Sons and Heirs*

[26]For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. [27]For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28]There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all

**3:6** [a]Genesis 15:6 **3:8** [a]Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14 **3:10** [a]Deuteronomy 27:26 **3:11** [a]Habakkuk 2:4 **3:12** [a]Leviticus 18:5 **3:13** [a]Deuteronomy 21:23 **3:16** [a]Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 24:7 **3:17** [a]NU-Text omits *in Christ.*

**DOUBT** **1 Faith Produces a Right Relationship to God**

► *See* **Galatians 3:26**

The first step in combating spiritual doubt is to place your faith in Jesus Christ. This is the way you are justified before God and rescued from the sin that separates you from Him. God is perfect and cannot tolerate evil, yet He wants to have a relationship with you. So God provides a way that you can be made right before Him. He did this through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. When you accept Jesus' death and no longer put faith in your own ability to save yourself, you are saved and become a "son of God" (see *Salvation*).

Even those who have already trusted Christ are sometimes plagued by doubts. In many cases, this is because of disobedience or indifference to spiritual growth. God's Word promises that you can be forgiven from sin and restored in your relationship with God, just by asking for His help (see *Restoration*).

► *Now turn to page 1163 for 1 Peter 1:5–9 and Point 2. Faith Triumphs Over Life's Adversities.*

one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

4 Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born[a] of a woman, born under the law, 5to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of[a] God through Christ.

### *Fears for the Church*

8But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. 9But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? 10You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

12Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I *became* like you. You have not injured me at all. 13You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. 14And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus. 15What[a] then was the blessing you *enjoyed?* For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. 16Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

17They zealously court you, *but* for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them. 18But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. 19My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, 20I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.

### *Two Covenants*

21Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? 22For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. 23But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, 24which things are symbolic. For these are the[a] two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— 26but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27For it is written:

> *"Rejoice, O barren,*
> *You who do not bear!*
> *Break forth and shout,*
> *You who are not in labor!*
> *For the desolate has many more children*
> *Than she who has a husband."*[a]

28Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was,* are children of promise. 29But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now. 30Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? *"Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."*[a] 31So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

### *Christian Liberty*

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free,[a] and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

### *Love Fulfills the Law*

7You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. 9A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he

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**4:4** [a]Or *made* **4:7** [a]NU-Text reads *through God* and omits *through Christ.* **4:15** [a]NU-Text reads *Where.* **4:24** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *the.* **4:27** [a]Isaiah 54:1 **4:30** [a]Genesis 21:10 **5:1** [a]NU-Text reads *For freedom Christ has made us free; stand fast therefore.*

who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. 12 I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"[a] 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

### *Walking in the Spirit*

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery,[a] fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders,[a] drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

### *Bear and Share the Burdens*

6 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.

### *Be Generous and Do Good*

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

**5:14** [a]Leviticus 19:18 **5:19** [a]NU-Text omits *adultery.*
**5:21** [a]NU-Text omits *murders.*

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

**4 Live by the Spirit**

▶ *See* **Galatians 5:16**

The battle against your sinful nature is hard-fought. Learn to be Spirit-controlled and say "no" to the old nature and "yes" to Christ. Learn to be obedient to Christ; don't look to fulfill your own desires, but look for what God desires of you and do it. Consistency, power, and victory are clear indications of the Spirit-controlled life. Christians who consistently confess their sins, who are on guard against Satan, who submit to God, and who live by the Spirit are ready to prepare for battle against Satan.

▶ *Now turn to page 1110 for Ephesians 6:10–17 and Point 5. Put on Your Armor.*

**HOLY SPIRIT, FRUIT**

**1 What Is the Fruit of the Holy Spirit?**

▶ *See* **Galatians 5:22, 23**

The fruit of the Spirit consists of characteristics that make us more like Christ. To have this fruit in your life, you must consciously surrender yourself to the Holy Spirit. "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). Your body is the actual residence of the Holy Spirit.

▶ *Now turn to page 1070 for 1 Corinthians 2:9–16 and Point 2. Surrendering to the Holy Spirit.*

[7]Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. [8]For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. [9]And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. [10]Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### *Glory Only in the Cross*

[11]See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! [12]As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. [13]For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. [14]But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. [15]For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

### *Blessing and a Plea*

[16]And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

[17]From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

[18]Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

**6:14** [a]Or *by which* (the cross)

**RESTORATION** — **3 Restoring a Believer Who Has Sinned**

▶ *See* **Galatians 6:1**

Part of your responsibility as a Christian is to help other brothers and sisters when they give in to temptation. Note the attitude you are to have in this situation: one of gentleness and humility. Your responsibility is not to condemn. Remember that you are also a sinner trusting God's grace and mercy. Be humble when helping a brother or sister. Acknowledging God's grace toward you helps you remember your own frailty and increases your compassion for others. The goal is to help the person confess his or her sins and seek restoration from God. When we are restored to fellowship with God, then we can also be reconciled to each other.

▶ *Now turn to page 904 for Matthew 18:15–17 and Point 4. When a Brother Sins Against You.*

**CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY** — **2 Personal Responsibility**

▶ *See* **Galatians 6:7, 8**

The first step in the healing process is to admit your problem and be willing to accept help. Taking personal responsibility means admitting that you are responsible for your choices and that you are not capable on your own of dealing with the addiction or the issues that drove you there. As a Christian, confession and repentance are critical in taking personal responsibility for your problem. Confess your addiction to God and get counsel from other mature believers.

Those with chemical dependency issues often face the temptation of denial. It is hard to face addiction, the issues that created it, and the problems it now creates. You might be tempted to hide the addiction and blame family members, employers, friends, or the "bad luck" you've experienced. Pray for God's help to overcome the temptation of denial.

Be honest about your weaknesses. Admitting weakness often goes against how we're conditioned to behave, but it is exactly what God wants of you. His strength becomes evident in you when you acknowledge your weakness. The apostle Paul said, "And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10).

▶ *Now turn to page 600 for Proverbs 28:13 and Point 3. Recovery from Dependency.*

# The Epistle of Paul to the
# EPHESIANS

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Redemption in Christ*

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both[a] which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him you also *trusted,* after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who[a] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

### *Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom*

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding[a] being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His

**1:10** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *both.* **1:14** [a]NU-Text reads *which.* **1:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *hearts.*

**THE TRINITY** **2 Revealed in Redemption**

► *See* **Ephesians 1:3–14**

The three distinct personalities of God are further identified here in the New Testament. They worked together not only during Creation, but throughout history. All three are part of the process for the redemption of people through salvation. This is why Christians are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

The Apostles' Creed, a statement that encapsulates Christian doctrine, states it this way: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost . . ."

The Westminster Confession, another historical document that helps us understand the nature of God, gives an eloquent explanation of the Trinity: "There are three Persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory." (NOTE: The *Confession* has been reworded in modern language.)

There are other examples in the Bible where the three members of the Trinity are presented together. One is Matthew 3:16, 17, where Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit descends, and the Father speaks.

► *Now turn to page 1176 for 1 John 4:13–15 and Point 3. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

mighty power [20]which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places,* [21]far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

[22]And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, [23]which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

### *By Grace Through Faith*

**2** And you *He made alive,* who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2]in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, [3]among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

[4]But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [5]even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), [6]and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, [7]that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8]For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of

## JESUS CHRIST

### 4 Results of Jesus' Redemptive Work

► *See* **Ephesians 1:19–23**

Through His great power, God raised Jesus from the dead and, following His ascension, seated Him at His own right hand in glory. Jesus' position next to the Father signifies that the redemptive work is finished (Hebrews 10:12). Everything is now subject to Christ (1 Peter 3:22).

Jesus is fulfilling His own words to "draw all peoples" to Himself (John 12:32), exercising His exclusive right as Savior and mediator (Acts 4:12).

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy 2:5, 6).

As our great High Priest, Jesus actively intercedes for the redeemed (Hebrews 7:25).

It is the Father's ultimate purpose to "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him" (Ephesians 1:10), in order that "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).

► *Now turn to page 1014 for Acts 1:11 and Point 5. Consummation of Jesus' Work.*

## CULTS

### 2 Traits of a Cult: Salvation by Works

► *See* **Ephesians 2:8, 9**

Any teaching that encourages people to seek a right relationship with God apart from the Person and work of Jesus Christ is in error. This can take the form of a complete rejection of Christ and His work or a partial rejection that tries to add to His work.

► *Now turn to page 1174 for 1 John 2:22, 23 and Point 3. Traits of a Cult: Denial or Diminishing of Jesus Christ.*

## SALVATION ASSURANCE

### 1 You Can Be Certain of Your Relationship with Christ

► *See* **Ephesians 2:8, 9**

Being a good person does not earn you a place in heaven. While church membership, baptism, and helping others are positive activities, none of these result in salvation. Only God's grace, accepted through faith in Jesus Christ, can save you.

Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). He makes it clear that we must be born again. If you have made a commitment to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then you can be confident of your eternal place with God.

► *Now turn to page 1058 for Romans 8:35–39 and Point 2. Rely on the Promises of God.*

God, [9]not of works, lest anyone should boast. [10]For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### *Brought Near by His Blood*

[11]Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— [12]that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13]But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

### *Christ Our Peace*

[14]For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, [15]having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is,* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, [16]and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. [17]And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. [18]For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

### *Christ Our Cornerstone*

[19]Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20]having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner*stone,* [21]in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, [22]in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### *The Mystery Revealed*

**3** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— [2]if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, [3]how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, [4]by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), [5]which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: [6]that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, [7]of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

### *Purpose of the Mystery*

[8]To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9]and to make all see what *is* the fellowship[a] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;[b] [10]to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places,* [11]according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12]in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. [13]Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

### *Appreciation of the Mystery*

[14]For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,[a] [15]from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, [16]that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, [17]that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18]may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— [19]to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

[20]Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, [21]to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### *Walk in Unity*

**4** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, [2]with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, [3]endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4]*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; [5]one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

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**3:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *stewardship* (dispensation). [b]NU-Text omits *through Jesus Christ.* **3:14** [a]NU-Text omits *of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[6]one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you[a] all.

### *Spiritual Gifts*

[7]But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. [8]Therefore He says:

> *"When He ascended on high,*
> *He led captivity captive,*
> *And gave gifts to men."*[a]

[9](Now this, *"He ascended"*—what does it mean but that He also first[a] descended into the lower parts of the earth? [10]He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

[11]And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [12]for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, [13]till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [14]that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [15]but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—[16]from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

### *The New Man*

[17]This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of[a] the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, [18]having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; [19]who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

[20]But you have not so learned Christ, [21]if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: [22]that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, [23]and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, [24]and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

### *Do Not Grieve the Spirit*

[25]Therefore, putting away lying, *"Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,"*[a] for we are members of one another. [26]*"Be angry, and do not sin"*:[a] do not let the sun go down on your wrath, [27]nor give place to the devil. [28]Let him who stole

**4:6** [a]NU-Text omits *you;* M-Text reads *us.* **4:8** [a]Psalm 68:18
**4:9** [a]NU-Text omits *first.* **4:17** [a]NU-Text omits *the rest of.*
**4:25** [a]Zechariah 8:16 **4:26** [a]Psalm 4:4

**HOLY SPIRIT, GIFTS**

## 1 The Origin of the Gifts

▶ *See* **Ephesians 4:11–16**

After Christ's Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, God sent Christians the Holy Spirit to help us (John 15:26); to teach us (John 14:26); to give us power to witness to the world (Acts 1:8); and to distribute special abilities to us—the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4–10).

▶ *Now turn to page 1079 for 1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28, and Point 2. What Are the Gifts?*

**HOLY SPIRIT, GIFTS**

## 4 The Application of the Gifts

▶ *See* **Ephesians 4:22–32**

God gives gifts of the Spirit and also develops in us the fruit of the Spirit (see *Holy Spirit, Fruit*). Our behavior is to be consistent with God's character. We are to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for God's will and His purposes, not our own. Timothy, an early church leader, was admonished to closely watch his personal life and his Christian doctrine (1 Timothy 4:16) in order to use his spiritual gifts wisely. Not

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steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. [29]Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. [30]And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31]Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. [32]And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

### *Walk in Love*

5 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. [2]And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

[3]But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; [4]neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. [5]For this you know,[a] that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6]Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7]Therefore do not be partakers with them.

### *Walk in Light*

[8]For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9](for the fruit of the Spirit[a] *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), [10]finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. [11]And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them.* [12]For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. [13]But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. [14]Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."

### *Walk in Wisdom*

[15]See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, [16]redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

**5:5** [a]NU-Text reads *For know this.* **5:9** [a]NU-Text reads *light.*

***HOLY SPIRIT, GIFTS: 4. THE APPLICATION OF THE GIFTS*** *(continued)*

every believer has every gift of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit distributes to each person according to God's will (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Since each Christian is unique, God often gives gifts that fit our personalities. We must remember, however, that "to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift" (Ephesians 4:7). None of us should expect to receive all the gifts, nor should we covet the gift of a brother or sister (Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4; 1 Timothy 4:14, 15).

While we should not seek spiritual gifts for selfish reasons, we can still desire gifts and welcome what God wants to do through our lives and in ministry to others. Gifts are to be used—to encourage and build up other believers—not ignored or neglected. We are told to "stir up the gift of God" (2 Timothy 1:6).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**FORGIVING OTHERS**

**1 GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

► *See* **EPHESIANS 4:32**

We do not deserve God's forgiveness, and there is nothing we could do on our own to earn it. Yet God freely offers a way to be forgiven—through faith in Jesus Christ's death on the cross (see *Salvation*). And when God forgives us, He chooses to forget our sins: "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more" (Hebrews 10:17). God can enable you to forgive others as He has forgiven you—fully and completely. Even while suffering the excruciating pain and humiliation of dying on the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34).

► *Now turn to page 1121 for Colossians 3:12–14 and Point 2. How to Forgive.*

[17]Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is.* [18]And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, [19]speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, [20]giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, [21]submitting to one another in the fear of God.[a]

### *Marriage—Christ and the Church*

[22]Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23]For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. [24]Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

[25]Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, [26]that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, [27]that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. [28]So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. [29]For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. [30]For we are members of His body,[a] of His flesh and of His bones. [31]"*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*"[a] [32]This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. [33]Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

**5:21** [a]NU-Text reads *Christ.* **5:30** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **5:31** [a]Genesis 2:24

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

## ❷ The Roles of Husbands and Wives

▸ *See* **Ephesians 5:22–25**

The Christian husband is to love his wife the way Christ loves the church, as a servant-leader—through giving, serving, and sacrifice. Husbands are to provide spiritual leadership within their homes. First Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5–9 list characteristics of spiritual maturity and qualifications for church leadership. Several of these qualities are directly related to a man's relationship to his wife and children and to his spiritual leadership at home. Men and women sometimes misunderstand God's designation of the man as "head" of the wife. It is not a "lording over" or controlling relationship. Husbands are to love their wives "with understanding, giving honor to the wife" (1 Peter 3:7). Jesus' relationship with the church is the perfect example of this servant-leader role. Further, husbands are to provide for the physical and material needs of their families. Failure to do so demonstrates a lack of Christian faith (1 Timothy 5:8).

Wives are called to follow the leadership of their husbands and to treat them with respect. A godly wife and mother has tremendous influence in the home. The Bible is clear in saying that a woman who is virtuous, hardworking, strong, and who has a godly character—"with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God" (1 Peter 3:4)—is a source of great strength to her family and to others (Proverbs 31:10–31). Together, the husband and wife share responsibility for raising their children according to God's Word.

▸ *Now turn to page 593 for Proverbs 22:6 and Point 3. The Roles of Parents and Children.*

THE CHURCH

## ❺ Destiny of the Church

▸ *See* **Ephesians 5:25–27**

The destiny of the church is to become holy and perfect. We are to be fully committed to Christ in the same way a bride is committed to her husband on their wedding day. Our destiny as the church—made up of all people throughout history who accept Christ as Savior—is to stand with Jesus as His redeemed bride. He sacrificed His life in order to save us, and the benefits of this marriage relationship will last for eternity (see *Heaven*).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*Children and Parents*

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2"*Honor your father and mother,*" which is the first commandment with promise: 3"*that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*"[a]

4And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

*Bondservants and Masters*

5Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

9And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also[a] is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

*The Whole Armor of God*

10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.* 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16above all, taking the

**6:3** [a]Deuteronomy 5:16 **6:9** [a]NU-Text reads *He who is both their Master and yours.* **6:12** [a]NU-Text reads *rulers of this darkness.*

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

### 3 Time and Effort

▸ *See* **Ephesians 5:33**

Love must be given the opportunity to mature over time and be given intentional effort. The climate for this is set in God's Word. When the going gets rough, a couple doesn't just "fall out of love"; they stay together and work things out. They do not consider themselves as martyrs of a bad bargain, but "heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7).

▸ *Now turn to page 584 for Proverbs 13:10 and Point 4. The Problem of Pride.*

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### 5 Put on Your Armor

▸ *See* **Ephesians 6:10–17**

This is your armor from God to fight spiritual battles. In your own strength, Satan is a formidable enemy; but when you are properly armed for spiritual warfare, you can stand against the devil's schemes.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

SATAN

### 3 How Is Satan Overcome?

▸ *See* **Ephesians 6:11**

Even though Satan's ultimate defeat is guaranteed, Christians must not take his works lightly. He wages a daily war for our hearts and minds. Satan will have no power over the Christian who submits to Christ's authority and puts on "the whole armor of God."

As Christians, we are under God's constant protection and care. His unlimited resources are at our disposal. While aware of Satan's work, we must be even more aware of the real source of power: Jesus Christ. Satan is a defeated foe. Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

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shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. [17]And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; [18]praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— [19]and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, [20]for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

### *A Gracious Greeting*

[21]But that you also may know my affairs *and* how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; [22]whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and *that* he may comfort your hearts.

[23]Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [24]Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

# The Epistle of Paul to the
# PHILIPPIANS

### *Greeting*

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops[a] and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Thankfulness and Prayer*

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

### *Christ Is Preached*

12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, 13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; 14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: 16 The former[a] preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; 17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. 18 What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

### *To Live Is Christ*

19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. 22 But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For[a] I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. 25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, 26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

### *Striving and Suffering for Christ*

27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or

**1:1** [a]Literally *overseers* **1:16** [a]NU-Text reverses the contents of verses 16 and 17. **1:23** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *But.*

**WITNESSING TO SPOUSE** — **2 The Lifestyle of the Believing Mate**

► *See* **Philippians 1:27**

Whether consciously or not, an unbelieving spouse may compare the life of the believing spouse to a perception of what a Christian "should be." Consequently, it's important to live a life that is pleasing to God. Speak about God without being pushy or overbearing. Spend time in Bible study and prayer to continue to develop your own relationship with Christ. Listen to God's direction for when to speak and when to

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am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, [28]and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation,[a] and that from God. [29]For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, [30]having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

### *Unity Through Humility*

2 Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, [2]fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. [3]*Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better

**1:28** [a]NU-Text reads *of your salvation.*

***Witnessing to Spouse: 2. The Lifestyle of the Believing Mate*** *(continued)*

be quiet. Ask God to show you how to demonstrate His love for your spouse. Avoid nagging or lecturing. Be sensitive about spending too much time at church functions without your spouse.

Many unbelievers use the term *hypocrisy* to describe discrepancies between what a believer says and does (see *Hypocrisy*). Within a marriage relationship, this can be especially challenging since personal failures can be evident daily. The Christian is not perfect, but having a sincere and humble attitude about your own shortcomings and being willing to ask forgiveness will demonstrate Christ's love. Also, being quick to forgive is a reflection of God's love and mercy.

In spite of your best intentions, you may still receive some ridicule or even mistreatment because you are a Christian. If this is the case, you are becoming acquainted with the suffering of Christ (Philippians 3:10, 11). (See *Persecution*; *Suffering.*) Ask God to help you love your spouse with His love as you continue to pray for his or her salvation.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**PERSECUTION**

### 2 Persecution Is Not a Sign of God's Displeasure

► *See* **Philippians 1:29**

Persecution is to be expected. It is not punishment for our wrongdoing. Rather, it is because of Christ, and a privilege that helps us identify more closely with Him.

God does use adverse circumstances to purify our lives of attitudes and behaviors that displease Him. "We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3, 4).

When we realize our own helplessness, our faith and our reliance on Christ are strengthened. That is why the apostle Paul was able to say that he delighted in weakness and persecution. When he was weak, Christ's strength was more obvious in Paul's life (2 Corinthians 12:10). Through persecution, Paul learned more about God, deepened his relationship with God, was purified, refined, and learned to rely upon God. Persecution can also result in our spiritual growth. No matter what circumstance we endure, God is always with us (Romans 8:35).

► *Now turn to page 1021 for Acts 6:8–15 and Point 3. God Ensures that Good Comes from Suffering.*

**DIVORCE**

### 3 The Cure for Divorce

► *See* **Philippians 2:3, 4**

No marital problems are so great that God cannot solve them. The Lord can forgive and heal all hurts and restore our souls (Psalm 23:3). Knowing Christ is the foundation on which we can begin to rebuild torn relationships (see *Restoration*). With Christ in control of your life, you can have a new perspective to help you forgive others and reconcile with them.

The best way to avoid divorce is for both partners to desire a relationship built on God's love and forgiveness. Once this foundation is established, then individual behaviors and issues can be addressed with love, grace, and forgiveness. This is not an easy process, but it is possible with God. (See *Marriage and Family; Marriage Problems.*)

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than himself. [4]Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

### *The Humbled and Exalted Christ*

[5]Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, [6]who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, [7]but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. [8]And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. [9]Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, [10]that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11]and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### *Light Bearers*

[12]Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; [13]for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

[14]Do all things without complaining and disputing, [15]that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, [16]holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

[17]Yes, and if I am being poured out *as a drink offering* on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. [18]For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

### *Timothy Commended*

[19]But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. [20]For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. [21]For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. [22]But you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel. [23]Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. [24]But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

### *Epaphroditus Praised*

[25]Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; [26]since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. [27]For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. [28]Therefore I sent him the more

***DIVORCE: 3. THE CURE FOR DIVORCE** (continued)*

relationship, God will help with the rebuilding process. His Holy Spirit lives within you when you are His child. He will give you direction, convict you of sin, and comfort you (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*). Spend time daily in Bible study, confession and repentance, and prayer. Find a mature Christian for accountability and counsel.

When choosing a counselor, make sure that the person is a Christian with a biblical perspective on divorce and with training to deal with the deep emotional issues of a broken relationship.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**ABUNDANT LIFE** **2 THROUGH CHRIST'S LORDSHIP**

► *See* **PHILIPPIANS 2:10, 11**

Submitting daily to Christ demonstrates that we see Him as Lord of our lives. When we do this, He promises the blessing of abundant life. Submitting to Christ brings about obedience in our lives. Psalm 1 says those who are yielded to His Word, those who delight in it, will prosper in everything they do (verses 2, 3). This blessing applies to the abundant promises of God. We can trust Jesus to help us and to bring joy and peace regardless of our circumstances. Abundance through Christ's lordship will never run out.

► *Now turn to page 500 for Psalm 36:7–9 and Point 3. Fellowship with the Father.*

eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. [29]Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; [30]because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

### *All for Christ*

3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.

[2]Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! [3]For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,[a] rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, [4]though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: [5]circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; [6]concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

[7]But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. [8]Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; [10]that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, [11]if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

### *Pressing Toward the Goal*

[12]Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. [13]Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do,* forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14]I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

[15]Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. [16]Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule,[a] let us be of the same mind.

### *Our Citizenship in Heaven*

[17]Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. [18]For many walk, of whom I have told you

**3:3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *who worship in the Spirit of God.*
**3:16** [a]NU-Text omits *rule* and the rest of the verse.

**ABORTION** **2 Dealing with a Past Abortion**

▶ *See* **Philippians 3:13, 14**

Many who have gone through with an abortion suffer from guilt. Often feelings of guilt mean that God is speaking to you. God gives us His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who convicts us when our lives do not please Him. This conviction is meant to cause us to go to God and confess our sin and repent (see *Guilt*; *Repentance*).

The Bible tells us of King David's repentance after committing adultery and conceiving a child with Bathsheba: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, / And renew a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from Your presence, / And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. / Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, / And uphold me by Your generous Spirit" (Psalm 51:10–12).

God has an answer to every situation; you can trust Him to work for good in your life. He wants to offer you forgiveness and lift the burden of guilt from you when you are willing to repent (1 John 1:9).

When a crowd was ready to stone a woman caught in adultery, Jesus told them that the person who had not sinned should be the one to cast the first stone. No one cast a stone because each knew he or she, too, had sinned. Jesus told the woman, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more" (John 8:11).

Take your burden to God, confess your sin to Him; receive His forgiveness, and let Him set you free from your guilt.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: [19]whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. [20]For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21]who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

4 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

### *Be United, Joyful, and in Prayer*

[2]I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3]And[a] I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

[5]Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

[6]Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; [7]and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### *Meditate on These Things*

[8]Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. [9]The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

### *Philippian Generosity*

[10]But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. [11]Not that I speak in regard to need, for I

**4:3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Yes.*

**HEAVEN** **6 Heaven's Access**

► *See* **Philippians 3:20**

God considers those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to be citizens of heaven. One day Jesus will take us there: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). God wants us to cling to this hope. Jesus will return at a time that only God knows (see *Second Coming*). When Jesus returns (known as the Rapture), it will be through the clouds and the transformation of believers' bodies will take place instantaneously, "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:52).

Heaven is the inheritance set aside for all who become children of God through faith in Christ. He is the means to salvation and is "not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). When you accept Christ, the Holy Spirit holds you secure in your relationship with God—He is called the "guarantee" (Ephesians 1:14). The Holy Spirit will keep you until the day you enter heaven to claim your inheritance.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**DEPRESSION** **3 Overcoming Depression**

► *See* **Philippians 4:8**

Fill your mind with the things of God—read and study the Bible. This will teach you the will and ways of God and bring you inner peace (Isaiah 26:3; Romans 12:2).

Spend time with God in prayer every day. Acknowledge God's greatness and who He is; thank Him for what He has done in your life. Bring your concerns to Him. Confess your sin and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any sin you are not aware of. Pray for God's protection over your life, for deliverance from depression,

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have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:
[12]I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. [13]I can do all things through Christ[a] who strengthens me.

[14]Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. [15]Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. [16]For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities. [17]Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. [18]Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. [19]And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. [20]Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

### *Greeting and Blessing*

[21]Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. [22]All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

[23]The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.[a] Amen.

**4:13** [a]NU-Text reads *Him who.* **4:23** [a]NU-Text reads *your spirit.*

***Depression: 3. Overcoming Depression*** *(continued)*

and believe that He will answer your prayer. (See *Prayer*.) "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (Mark 11:24).

Talk to a pastor you trust or a Christian psychologist for counseling to deal with your depression in the light of God's Word. Cultivate friendships with people who will provide support and encouragement. Become involved in ministry and fellowship at a Bible-teaching church. Reach out in service to others. Often taking your mind off your own problems and focusing on others can help give you clearer perspective.

If the following issues are relevant to your depression, you may find additional help by reading these topics: *Abortion; Abuse Victim; Anxiety; Chemical Dependency; Divorce; Fear; Financial Difficulty; Grief; Guilt; Homosexuality; Loneliness; Sexuality; Terminal Illness*.

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**BAD HABITS** **2 Change Is Possible**

► *See* **Philippians 4:13**

No problem or struggle is too great for God. He wants to free you from the traps of this world, including the bad habits that can keep you from growing into who He created you to be. He wants to make you more like Himself and give you victory in your areas of weakness.

As you humbly admit your shortcomings to God, you open the way for His power to work in your life. The Bible gives clear, practical advice for exchanging your sinful habits for godly behavior: "Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and . . . put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:22–24).

Memorizing Bible verses can be a great help in practicing this principle. Bible study and prayer are also extremely valuable in exchanging bad habits for good ones. As God's thoughts invade your mind, your actions will begin to change.

► *Turn to page 1118 for Colossians 1:9–11 and Point 3. Support and Accountability from Other Christians.*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

# COLOSSIANS

*Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

[2]To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.[a]

*Their Faith in Christ*

[3]We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, [4]since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; [5]because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, [6]which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit,[a] as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; [7]as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, [8]who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

*Preeminence of Christ*

[9]For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; [10]that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him,* being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [11]strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; [12]giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. [13]He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, [14]in whom we have redemption through His blood,[a] the forgiveness of sins.

[15]He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16]For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or

**1:2** [a]NU-Text omits *and the Lord Jesus Christ.* **1:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *and growing.* **1:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *through His blood.*

**BAD HABITS** — **3 SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM OTHER CHRISTIANS**

► *See* **COLOSSIANS 1:9–11**

Paul, the author of this book, had established a close friendship with these Christians. One indication of Paul's love was that he constantly prayed for them. His goal was for these believers to become mature and wise in the Lord, bearing much spiritual fruit. This same kind of encouragement is available to you when you develop relationships with other believers in Christ, usually through a local church.

Friendship with other Christians allows opportunity for sharing problems, prayers, and victories. As you begin to share your experiences—the fruit of your Bible study and your personal victories—you gain strength to exchange bad habits for ones that please God and serve others. A Bible-teaching church is a good place to develop relationships that will help you "walk worthy of the Lord" (verse 10).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**THE CHURCH** — **1 WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

► *See* **COLOSSIANS 1:18**

God's church is not limited to a specific, local group of Christians. It is also not limited to a specific building or structure. God's church is composed of all Christians from everywhere in the world. Everyone who has accepted the salvation offered through faith in Jesus Christ, regardless of what denomination of Christianity they may belong to, is part of God's church. The body of Christ is a living organism with Christ as the head, or ultimate leader (see *Lordship*).

► *Now turn to page 898 for Matthew 13:24–26 and Point 2. The Enemy Wants to Hinder the Church.*

dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17]And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. [18]And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

*Reconciled in Christ*

[19]For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, [20]and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

[21]And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled [22]in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— [23]if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

*Sacrificial Service for Christ*

[24]I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, [25]of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, [26]the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. [27]To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which[a] is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [28]Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. [29]To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

*Not Philosophy but Christ*

2 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, [2]that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and[a] of Christ, [3]in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

[4]Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. [5]For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your *good* order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

[6]As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, [7]rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it[a] with thanksgiving.

[8]Beware lest anyone cheat you through

**1:27** [a]M-Text reads *who.* **2:2** [a]NU-Text omits *both of the Father and.* **2:7** [a]NU-Text omits *in it.*

**SALVATION ASSURANCE**

**3 Pursue a Consistent Daily Relationship with God**

► *See* **Colossians 2:6–10**

Sin separates you from God, so disobedience naturally leads to doubt. But as a Christian you can confess your sin daily to God and maintain a close relationship with Him that is unhindered by sin. Confess your sin as soon as you recognize it, and pray for God to reveal any sin of which you are not aware. Then, you can be confident before God and continue to grow spiritually.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Trust God's promise to forgive (see *God's Forgiveness*) and be secure in Him.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**FALSE TEACHING**

**2 Pray for Discernment**

► *See* **Colossians 2:8, 9**

The Bible tells us to beware of false teachers and to be discerning about what we believe. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus

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philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. [9]For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; [10]and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

### *Not Legalism but Christ*

[11]In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins[a] of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12]buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. [13]And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, [14]having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. [15]Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

[16]So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, [17]which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. [18]Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not[a] seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, [19]and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase *that is* from God.

[20]Therefore,[a] if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— [21]"Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," [22]which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? [23]These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, *false* humility, and neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

### *Not Carnality but Christ*

3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. [2]Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. [3]For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4]When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

[5]Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [6]Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, [7]in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

[8]But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. [9]Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, [10]and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, [11]where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

### *Character of the New Man*

[12]Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humil-

**2:11** [a]NU-Text omits *of the sins.* **2:18** [a]NU-Text omits *not.*
**2:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Therefore.*

***False Teaching: 2. Pray for Discernment*** *(continued)*

Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world" (1 John 4:1–3).

The standard for truth is the Word of God. Spend time reading and studying it. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you clear understanding of what you read (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*). "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. . . . But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. . . . For 'who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?' But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:12, 14, 16).

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ity, meekness, longsuffering; [13]bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do.* [14]But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. [15]And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. [16]Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. [17]And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

### *The Christian Home*

[18]Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

[19]Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

[20]Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

[21]Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

[22]Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. [23]And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, [24]knowing that from the

## PATIENCE

### 2 Patience Can Be Nurtured

▶ *See* **Colossians 3:9, 10**

Impatience can be unlearned, and patience can be nurtured. You must renounce (put off) your impatience, adopt (put on) more patience each day as you claim (put on) God's power, and then claim (put on) His victory, His love, and His patience as the fruit of the Spirit.

Think about what makes you impatient. Is it when you do not get your own way? Or, perhaps you are impatient when someone is responding too slowly. Maybe you feel like you've been patient long enough, and now you want to see action.

When you're impatient, you do not trust God's control and timing in your circumstances. You resist the truth that God knows best when something should happen, and you strive to force situations into your own timetable. When you are patient, however, it changes you and grows you to be a complete person (James 1:4).

▶ *Now turn to page 1129 for 1 Timothy 1:16 and Point 3. Patience Is a Fruit of the Spirit.*

## FORGIVING OTHERS

### 2 How to Forgive

▶ *See* **Colossians 3:12–14**

Since God has forgiven you, you can forgive others. Without God, the attitude of forgiveness is impossible, but God promises to develop a forgiving heart within you as you surrender daily to Him. If you have difficulty forgiving, confess this to God and ask Him to help you to forgive. When asked how often we should forgive each other, Jesus answered "seventy times seven." This response implies that there are no limits to how much a Christian should forgive (Matthew 18:21–35).

Though we are called to forgive others, we are also called to be wise and discerning about our personal safety. Jesus gave these instructions to His disciples as He sent them out: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. . . . When they persecute you in this city, flee to another" (Matthew 10:16, 17, 23). God asks us to love and forgive everyone—even those who abuse and mistreat us—but if you are in danger of personal harm or abuse, you should escape to a safe place.

Your willingness to forgive is one measure of your relationship with God, but do not forgive in order to seek a reward. You cannot earn God's love or approval. Forgive others willingly because you know how much God has forgiven you. If you understand the depths of your sin, you can offer mercy and grace to those who offend you. Just as God forgave you, even though you did not deserve it, you can also extend forgiveness to others.

Jesus says, "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for[a] you serve the Lord Christ. [25]But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

4 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

### *Christian Graces*

[2]Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; [3]meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, [4]that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

[5]Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. [6]*Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

### *Final Greetings*

[7]Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. [8]I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he[a] may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, [9]with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They will make known to you all things which *are happening* here.

[10]Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), [11]and Jesus who is called Justus. These *are my* only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

[12]Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete[a] in all the will of God. [13]For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal[a] for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. [14]Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. [15]Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that *is* in his[a] house.

### *Closing Exhortations and Blessing*

[16]Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea. [17]And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

[18]This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

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**3:24** [a]NU-Text omits *for.* **4:8** [a]NU-Text reads *you may know our circumstances and he may.* **4:12** [a]NU-Text reads *fully assured.* **4:13** [a]NU-Text reads *concern.* **4:15** [a]NU-Text reads *Nympha . . . her house.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

# THESSALONIANS

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.[a]

### *Their Good Example*

[2]We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, [3]remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, [4]knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. [5]For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

[6]And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, [7]so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. [8]For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. [9]For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, [10]and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

### *Paul's Conduct*

2 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2]But even[a] after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. [3]For our exhortation *did* not *come* from error or uncleanness, nor *was it* in deceit.

[4]But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. [5]For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God *is* witness. [6]Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. [7]But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. [8]So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. [9]For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

[10]You *are* witnesses, and God *also,* how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; [11]as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged[a] every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, [12]that

**1:1** [a]NU-Text omits *from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* **2:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *even.* **2:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *implored.*

**GENEROSITY** ❸ **A CALL TO ACTION**

► *See* **1 THESSALONIANS 2:7, 8**

God expects His people to be generous. You can rely on God to help you desire to be generous. As you depend on God and know Him better through Bible study, prayer, and friendship with other believers, you will become more like Christ, the supreme example of generosity.

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3, 4). You aren't to ignore your own needs, but to know that the welfare of others is equally important. To withhold from others who need help is sin (James 4:17).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

### *Their Conversion*

13For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. 14For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, 15who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, 16forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of* their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

### *Longing to See Them*

17But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. 18Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. 19For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 20For you are our glory and joy.

### *Concern for Their Faith*

3 Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, 2and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith, 3that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. 4For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. 5For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.

### *Encouraged by Timothy*

6But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also *to see* you—7therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. 8For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

9For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, 10night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

### *Prayer for the Church*

11Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. 12And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, 13so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

### *Plea for Purity*

4 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; 2for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given[a] us His Holy Spirit.

### *A Brotherly and Orderly Life*

9But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; 10and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 11that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, 12that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and *that* you may lack nothing.

### *The Comfort of Christ's Coming*

13But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen

**4:8** [a]NU-Text reads *who also gives.*

asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. [14]For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.[a]

[15]For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. [16]For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore comfort one another with these words.

### *The Day of the Lord*

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. [2]For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. [3]For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. [4]But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. [5]You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. [6]Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do,* but let us watch and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. [8]But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

[11]Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

**4:14** [a]Or *those who through Jesus sleep*

SEXUALITY

## 4 How to Deal with Sexual Sin

► *See* **1 Thessalonians 4:3–8**

God wants you to be holy (sanctified), which is impossible without His help. He gives you, as a believer, His Holy Spirit to change you from the inside out (see *Holy Spirit, Indwelling*). The first step is to confess your sins to God (1 John 1:9) and to believe that God is not only able, but also willing, to forgive even your most terrible offenses (see *Repentance*).

Spend time in Bible study and prayer, and the Holy Spirit will begin to change your thinking. Rather than working from your own strength to avoid temptation, let God exchange your sinful desires for desires of His own.

Also develop relationships within your church. Ask a mature Christian to help you be accountable. The New Testament writer James says, "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

Remember, too: "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits'" (1 Corinthians 15:33). God's boundaries for sexuality are for your good and are because of His love for you. Your sexuality is His design; He desires that you find joy and intimacy in expressing it appropriately.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

SECOND COMING

## 5 Jesus' Second Coming Will Be Glorious for Believers

► *See* **1 Thessalonians 4:17, 18**

When Jesus comes, we will receive a special reward, the "crown of righteousness" (2 Timothy 4:8). He will also complete the process of salvation He has begun in us. We will gain a new level of insight into the nature and glory of Christ—many things will become clear to us that we presently do not understand (1 Corinthians 13:9–12).

The only way you can be ready for Christ's return is to trust in Him alone by faith for your salvation, and strive to live a life that pleases Him. Only when you are ready and eager for His return will you be prepared to live your life with real joy and enthusiasm. (See *Salvation*.)

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*Various Exhortations*

12And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

14Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

16Rejoice always, 17pray without ceasing, 18in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

19Do not quench the Spirit. 20Do not despise prophecies. 21Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22Abstain from every form of evil.

*Blessing and Admonition*

23Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it.*

25Brethren, pray for us.

26Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy[a] brethren.

28The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

**5:27** [a]NU-Text omits *holy.*

## PATIENCE

### 1 We Are Commanded to Be Patient

▸ *See* **1 Thessalonians 5:14, 15**

Though we know we can expect trials as an inevitable part of life, God wants us to respond appropriately to them—with patience. In fact, it is during these trials that we can most glorify God as a witness to those around us. Showing patience in the middle of adversity can be the key that unlocks many opportunities to tell about Christ.

The apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that we are new creations in Christ. You might say, "I'm impatient. That's just the way I am." Though this may be true for today, it is not God's plan for your life. God wants to build patience into your character.

▸ *Now turn to page 1121 for Colossians 3:9, 10 and Point 2. Patience Can Be Nurtured.*

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

### 3 Obedience to God

▸ *See* **1 Thessalonians 5:16–18**

Praise and thanksgiving are important to your relationship with God. God's will is that you be joyful and thankful and prayerful. When you give thanks to God "in everything"—good or bad—you are telling God that you trust Him with your life and your circumstances, no matter how hopeless things may appear. The apostle Paul learned how to be thankful and joyful regardless of his circumstances: "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need" (Philippians 4:11, 12).

Though you can praise and thank God in private prayer to Him or in communal prayer with others, often praise and thanksgiving take place in song. Many of the psalms praising God were written as songs of worship. God loves to hear our praise and thanksgiving in any context. He also loves for us to proclaim our praise and glorify Him to others.

▸ *Now turn to page 367 for 1 Chronicles 16:8–13, 23, 24 and Point 4. A Witness to Others.*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

# THESSALONIANS

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

[2]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *God's Final Judgment and Glory*

[3]We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, [4]so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, [5]*which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; [6]since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, [7]and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, [8]in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, [10]when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe,[a] because our testimony among you was believed.

[11]Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, [12]that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *The Great Apostasy*

2 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, [2]not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ[a] had come. [3]Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin[a] is revealed, the son of perdition, [4]who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God[a] in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

[5]Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? [6]And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. [7]For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He[a] who now restrains *will do so* until He[b] is taken out of the way. [8]And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. [9]The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, [10]and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11]And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, [12]that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**1:10** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *have believed.* **2:2** [a]NU-Text reads *the Lord.* **2:3** [a]NU-Text reads *lawlessness.* **2:4** [a]NU-Text omits *as God.* **2:7** [a]Or *he* [b]Or *he*

SECOND COMING

## 4 Jesus' Second Coming Will Be Tragic for Unbelievers

► *See* **2 Thessalonians 1:6–10**

These verses provide a vivid description of what will happen to those who do not trust Jesus for their salvation. The penalty for not trusting in Christ will be eternal death outside the presence of the Lord.

► *Now turn to page 1125 for 1 Thessalonians 4:17, 18 and Point 5. Jesus' Second Coming Will Be Glorious for Believers.*

*Stand Fast*

13But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

16Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, 17comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

*Pray for Us*

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it is* with you, 2and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

3But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard *you* from the evil one. 4And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you.

5Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

*Warning Against Idleness*

6But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he[a] received from us. 7For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; 8nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, 9not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

10For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

13But *as for* you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good. 14And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15Yet do not count *him* as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

*Benediction*

16Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

17The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so I write.

18The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

**3:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *they.*

**GAMBLING** **1 Biblical Ways to Profit**

► *See* **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

The Bible indicates that there are three legitimate ways to accumulate material goods. The first is to work. "The laborer is worthy of his wages" (Luke 10:7). The second is to make wise investments. Jesus told a parable about a nobleman who left ten servants in charge of his wealth when he left the country. The servant who invested the money and had a tenfold increase was rewarded. The nobleman said, "Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities" (Luke 19:17). The servant with a fivefold increase was rewarded with authority over five cities. The servant who hid his portion in fear and did not invest it was rebuked and had it taken from him. "For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him" (Luke 19:26).

The third way to gain material possessions is through gifts or inheritance. "For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children" (2 Corinthians 12:14).

► *Now turn to page 954 for Luke 6:38 and Point 2. Generosity Is Rewarded.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

# TIMOTHY

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *No Other Doctrine*

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. 5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

8 But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, 9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

### *Glory to God for His Grace*

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the

**HOMOSEXUALITY** — **1 HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT GOD'S DESIGN**

► *See* **1 TIMOTHY 1:9–11**

In this passage, homosexuals (sodomites) are listed along with a variety of others who are acting contrary to sound doctrine. God's design is for a man and a woman to be joined through marriage (Genesis 2:24). This is the only circumstance in which a sexual relationship is permitted in the Bible (see *Sexuality*).

Most homosexuals feel that they have not chosen their sexual orientation. This belief is the basis of the discussion that "homosexuality can't be wrong." However, each of us has a "leaning toward" a particular sin. Whether that leaning is toward substance abuse, immorality, or pride, we are responsible for controlling it. The Bible gives clear perspective on God's love and mercy for those who sin, including those who are homosexual. It cannot be dismissed simply as an alternate lifestyle. If we behave in a way that goes against God's Word, we sin.

Jesus was clear about what is sin and displeases God and what pleases God. But while on this earth He also loved and cared for sinners without fear or reserve. If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, that is the first step (see *Salvation*). God offers you forgiveness and help to face temptation.

► *Now turn to page 1073 for 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 and Point 2. The Power of the Gospel to Deliver.*

**PATIENCE** — **3 PATIENCE IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

► *See* **1 TIMOTHY 1:16**

Patience (longsuffering) is a by-product of God's power working in your life, and impatience signals that you are not giving God's Spirit complete control. No one is perfect and patient in every situation. Yet your desire as a Christian should be to have a life characterized by patience. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,

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King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise,[a] *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

### *Fight the Good Fight*

[18]This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, [19]having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, [20]of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

### *Pray for All Men*

**2** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, [2]for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3]For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [4]who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [5]For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, [6]who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, [7]for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ[a] *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### *Men and Women in the Church*

[8]I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; [9]in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propri-

**1:17** [a]NU-Text reads *to the only God.* **2:7** [a]NU-Text omits *in Christ.*

***Patience: 3. Patience Is a Fruit of the Spirit*** *(continued)*

peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22, 23). As you come increasingly under the control of the Holy Spirit, you will experience more success in demonstrating this fruit. Patience is not optional. It is your responsibility before God to be patient with others, with circumstances, and even with yourself. No matter how hard you try on your own, you cannot develop patience. It will only grow supernaturally when you submit to the control of the Holy Spirit. God will use Christian brothers and sisters to help you develop patience. As you fellowship with each other and pray together, you can confess your struggles with patience to other mature believers. These Christians can pray for you and help hold you accountable in this area of your life.

▸ *Now turn to page 462 for Job 23:10 and Point 4. Patience Is Often the Result of Testing.*

**PRAYER** **4 Praying for Others**

▸ *See* **1 Timothy 2:1–4**

Praying for others helps release you from your own self-centeredness and gives you more opportunities to see God work. Note that we are to pray not only for people we know, but also for "kings and all who are in authority." When you pray for another person, it softens your heart toward that person, allowing God's love to work through you. When you pray, the Holy Spirit alerts you to the needs of others so that you can pray for them. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

▸ *Now turn to page 962 for Luke 11:5–9 and Point 5. Faithfulness in Prayer.*

**SALVATION** **3 God's Remedy: The Cross**

▸ *See* **1 Timothy 2:5, 6**

Jesus Christ is the only solution to your separation from God. By dying on the cross and coming back to life, He paid the penalty for your sin, canceling your debt and bridging the gap between God and you.

Having faith in Christ means believing that His death and resurrection is the only way you can be saved. Your part is to have complete faith, stop trying to achieve salvation by your own efforts, and choose to trust Him.

▸ *Now turn to page 983 for John 1:12 and Point 4. Our Response: Trust Christ.*

ety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, [10]but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. [11]Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. [12]And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. [13]For Adam was formed first, then Eve. [14]And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. [15]Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

### *Qualifications of Overseers*

3 This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop,[a] he desires a good work. [2]A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; [3]not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,[a] but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; [4]one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence [5](for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); [6]not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. [7]Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

### *Qualifications of Deacons*

[8]Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, [9]holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. [10]But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless. [11]Likewise, *their* wives *must be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. [12]Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well. [13]For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### *The Great Mystery*

[14]These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; [15]but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. [16]And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

> God[a] was manifested in the flesh,
> Justified in the Spirit,
> Seen by angels,
> Preached among the Gentiles,
> Believed on in the world,
> Received up in glory.

### *The Great Apostasy*

4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, [2]speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, [3]forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from

**3:1** [a]Literally *overseer* **3:3** [a]NU-Text omits *not greedy for money.*
**3:16** [a]NU-Text reads *Who.*

**HOSPITALITY** — **4 Hospitality Characterizes Christian Leadership**

► *See* **1 Timothy 3:2**

In this passage, and also in Titus 1:7, 8, the apostle Paul describes the necessary qualities for leaders in the church, and he includes hospitality. When we are hospitable, we provide service, as well as a loving example to other Christians. We can consider this outward expression of God's love a sign of maturity and a desirable, necessary quality for those in church leadership.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**DEMONS** — **1 Demons Are Real**

► *See* **1 Timothy 4:1**

The Bible tells us that demons are part of a whole spiritual hierarchy of evil headed by Satan (see *Satan*). Like Satan, demons are God-created beings that fell from heaven because of pride. They are now adversaries of both God and people. Demons, also referred to in the Bible as "unclean spirits" (Luke 4:36), are only interested in destroying us.

Though real and active, the devil and his demons are often blamed for many things for which they are not responsible. Some Christians

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foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

### *A Good Servant of Jesus Christ*

6If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10For to this *end* we both labor and suffer reproach,[a] because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11These things command and teach.

### *Take Heed to Your Ministry*

12Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit,[a] in faith, in purity. 13Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 16Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

### *Treatment of Church Members*

5 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort *him* as a father, younger men as brothers, 2older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

### *Honor True Widows*

3Honor widows who are really widows. 4But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and[a] acceptable before God. 5Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. 6But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. 7And these things command, that they may be blameless. 8But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

9Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, 10well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

11But refuse *the* younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, 12having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. 13And besides they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. 14Therefore I desire that *the* younger *widows* marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 15For some have already turned aside after Satan. 16If any believing man or[a] woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

### *Honor the Elders*

17Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in

**4:10** [a]NU-Text reads *we labor and strive.* **4:12** [a]NU-Text omits *in spirit.* **5:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *good and.* **5:16** [a]NU-Text omits *man or.*

**DEMONS: 1. DEMONS ARE REAL** *(continued)*

tend to blame all kinds of sinful behavior on evil spirits—"The devil made me do it!" In reality, however, much of it is the result of our own sinful nature.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:10–12).

► *Now turn to page 922 for Mark 1:32, 34 and Point 2. Demons Are Limited.*

the word and doctrine. [18]For the Scripture says, "*You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,*"[a] and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages."[b] [19]Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. [20]Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

[21]I charge *you* before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. [22]Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

[23]No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

[24]Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding *them* to judgment, but those of some *men* follow later. [25]Likewise, the good works *of some* are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

### *Honor Masters*

6 Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and *His* doctrine may not be blasphemed. [2]And those who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brethren, but rather serve *them* because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

### *Error and Greed*

[3]If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, [4]he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, [5]useless wranglings[a] of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself.[b]

[6]Now godliness with contentment is great gain. [7]For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain[a] we can carry nothing out. [8]And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. [9]But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. [10]For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**5:18** [a]Deuteronomy 25:4 [b]Luke 10:7 **6:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *constant friction.* [b]NU-Text omits this sentence.
**6:7** [a]NU-Text omits *and it is certain.*

## ENVY

### 2 Paul's Perspective: Being Content

► *See* **1 Timothy 6:6, 7**

God desires that you seek His eternal blessing rather than the blessings of earth, and He desires to enable you to be content whatever your circumstances.

The apostle Paul shares the key to dealing with envy: gratitude. "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11–13). We are to be thankful for our circumstances, our possessions, and the people we encounter. In fact, it is impossible to be both envious and thankful at the same time (see *Worship*). If you struggle with envy, God is ready to forgive if you confess your sin and repent (see *God's Forgiveness*).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

### 1 Causes of Financial Difficulty

► *See* **1 Timothy 6:10**

Money itself is not evil. Greed and the love of money, however, can lead to financial problems, as can other attitudes and behaviors that do not please God. Our attitudes toward money can lead us to make poor choices.

In Luke 14:28–30, Jesus says, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has

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### *The Good Confession*

[11]But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. [12]Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13]I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, [14]that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, [15]which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16]who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

### *Instructions to the Rich*

[17]Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. [18]*Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, [19]storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

### *Guard the Faith*

[20]O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— [21]by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith.

Grace *be* with you. Amen.

***Financial Difficulty: 1. Causes of Financial Difficulty** (continued)*

enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?" Like the person in Jesus' example, many people live beyond their income. Failure to "count the cost" may result in chronic overspending or overuse of credit cards or loans. These can quickly lead to serious problems and seemingly endless debt.

Part of our attitude about money is related to the things money can buy. "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15). We live in a world that encourages the accumulation of material possessions. If this is your motivation, you will often make poor choices and spend more than you can afford to, which leads to increased financial strain.

► *Now turn to page 1078 for 1 Corinthians 10:26 and Point 2. The First Step Toward Financial Freedom.*

# The Second Epistle of Paul to
# TIMOTHY

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ[a] by the will of
God, according to the promise of life which is
in Christ Jesus,

[2]To Timothy, a beloved son:

Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### *Timothy's Faith and Heritage*

[3]I thank God, whom I serve with a pure con-
science, as *my* forefathers *did,* as without ceasing
I remember you in my prayers night and day,
[4]greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your
tears, that I may be filled with joy, [5]when I call to
remembrance the genuine faith that is in you,
which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and
your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you
also. [6]Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of
God which is in you through the laying on of my
hands. [7]For God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

### *Not Ashamed of the Gospel*

[8]Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony
of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share
with me in the sufferings for the gospel according
to the power of God, [9]who has saved us and called
*us* with a holy calling, not according to our works,
but according to His own purpose and grace
which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time
began, [10]but has now been revealed by the ap-
pearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abol-
ished death and brought life and immortality to
light through the gospel, [11]to which I was ap-
pointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of
the Gentiles.[a] [12]For this reason I also suffer these
things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know
whom I have believed and am persuaded that He
is able to keep what I have committed to Him
until that Day.

### *Be Loyal to the Faith*

[13]Hold fast the pattern of sound words which
you have heard from me, in faith and love which
are in Christ Jesus. [14]That good thing which was
committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who
dwells in us.

[15]This you know, that all those in Asia have
turned away from me, among whom are Phygel-
lus and Hermogenes. [16]The Lord grant mercy to
the household of Onesiphorus, for he often re-
freshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;
[17]but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out
very zealously and found *me.* [18]The Lord grant to
him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that
Day—and you know very well how many ways he
ministered *to me*[a] at Ephesus.

### *Be Strong in Grace*

2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace
that is in Christ Jesus. [2]And the things that
you have heard from me among many wit-
nesses, commit these to faithful men who will be
able to teach others also. [3]You therefore must en-
dure[a] hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
[4]No one engaged in warfare entangles himself
with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him
who enlisted him as a soldier. [5]And also if anyone
competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he
competes according to the rules. [6]The hardwork-
ing farmer must be first to partake of the crops.
[7]Consider what I say, and may[a] the Lord give you
understanding in all things.

[8]Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of Da-
vid, was raised from the dead according to my
gospel, [9]for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer,
*even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is
not chained. [10]Therefore I endure all things for the
sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the
salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal
glory.

[11]*This is* a faithful saying:

For if we died with *Him,*
We shall also live with *Him.*
[12] If we endure,
We shall also reign with *Him.*
If we deny *Him,*
He also will deny us.
[13] If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.

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**1:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Christ Jesus.* **1:11** [a]NU-Text omits *of the Gentiles.* **1:18** [a]*To me* is from the Vulgate and a few Greek manuscripts. **2:3** [a]NU-Text reads *You must share.* **2:7** [a]NU-Text reads *the Lord will give you.*

### *Approved and Disapproved Workers*

14 Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ[a] depart from iniquity."

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. 24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

### *Perilous Times and Perilous Men*

3 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

### *The Man of God and the Word of God*

10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them,* 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2:19** [a] NU-Text and M-Text read *the Lord.*

**PORNOGRAPHY** **2 Sexual Addiction**

► *See* **2 Timothy 2:21, 22**

The apostle Paul instructed the young disciple Timothy to cleanse himself from dishonor and call on the Lord out of a pure heart. As with drugs or alcohol, prolonged and uncontrolled use of pornography has a degenerative and progressive effect on your mind and morals. Yet, escaping its clutches is possible with God's help through the power of His Holy Spirit. The only way to have access to this power is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. If you have never accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, see *Salvation*.

► *Now turn to page 719 for Jeremiah 29:13 and Point 3. Breaking Free from Pornography.*

*Preach the Word*

4 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at[a] His appearing and His kingdom: [2]Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. [3]For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; [4]and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. [5]But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

*Paul's Valedictory*

[6]For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. [7]I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8]Finally, there is laid up

**4:1** [a]NU-Text omits *therefore* and reads *and by* for *at*.

## PERSECUTION

### 1 Persecution Is Part of the Christian Life

► *See* **2 Timothy 3:12**

If you live in a way that honors God, persecution may follow. No one should seek suffering or persecution; however, just the way you live can reflect the love and purity of Jesus. This can cause those around you who don't know Jesus to feel uncomfortable, even without your overtly sharing your faith with them. Instead of accepting Christ, some people become angry or more resistant to God and may take their anger out on you.

Jesus was the most loving, caring, and selfless Person in the history of the world. However, He suffered and was crucified. Jesus said, "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also" (John 15:20).

► *Now turn to page 1113 for Philippians 1:29 and Point 2. Persecution Is Not a Sign of God's Displeasure.*

## THE BIBLE

### 1 The Bible Claims to Be the Word of God

► *See* **2 Timothy 3:16, 17**

The Bible is the complete Word of God. We cannot pick and choose passages that we agree with and ignore those passages that stretch our character, behavior, and beliefs. Since the Bible comes directly from God, we can trust the truth of what it says. God exists outside of time and knew us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). Because of that, God's Word is as completely applicable for our lives today as when it was originally written.

Writers of the Bible did not communicate merely their own thoughts or ideas (2 Peter 1:20, 21). This would have been inadequate, and we could not have trusted their words to have the same power and authority as God's words. God inspired the writers and told them what to say. He has protected the accuracy of His Word and has protected its ability to survive for more than 2,000 years (Matthew 5:18).

► *Now turn to page 1070 for 1 Corinthians 2:14 and Point 2. The Bible Is Reliable and Consistent.*

## PROPHECY

### 4 Christians Can Enthusiastically Prepare for Christ's Return

► *See* **2 Timothy 4:2–5**

Since we know the prophecy predicting Christ's return, we must not be idle. We must grasp every opportunity to share the gospel with others and to encourage other Christians to rely on the hope of Christ's return. Trusting the biblical prophecy of Christ's return, you can experience God's peace regardless of your circumstances. You can endure the suffering of this temporary world. By doing so, you give evidence to those around you that what God has promised is true, and you offer a message of hope.

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for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

### *The Abandoned Apostle*

[9]Be diligent to come to me quickly; [10]for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. [11]Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. [12]And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. [13]Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

[14]Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. [15]You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

[16]At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

### *The Lord Is Faithful*

[17]But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. [18]And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. To Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen!

### *Come Before Winter*

[19]Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. [20]Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

[21]Do your utmost to come before winter.

Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

### *Farewell*

[22]The Lord Jesus Christ[a] be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

**4:22** [a]NU-Text omits *Jesus Christ.*

REWARDS

## 4 Rewards After Life on Earth

► *See* **2 Timothy 4:8**

The final rewards for both Christians and non-Christians are determined by the person's relationship with Jesus Christ during this lifetime. God is merciful, but He is also just—He must reward each person according to what is deserved. For the Christian, He offers the reward of eternal life. Those who put their trust in Jesus and recognize His great sacrifice can humbly look forward to this reward. For those who, during this life on earth, do not trust Christ's death as the remedy for their sin, there will be a judgment—eternity spent in hell.

Jesus will judge believers according to our works (Revelation 22:12). Since we still sin, we must rely on God to help us serve while here on earth, so that our work will stand God's scrutiny in the judgment to come.

The greatest reward is that "we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17) and "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). Eternity with God Himself is the enduring reward for the Christian.

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# The Epistle of Paul to
# TITUS

### *Greeting*

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of
Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's
elect and the acknowledgment of the truth
which accords with godliness, [2]in hope of eternal
life which God, who cannot lie, promised before
time began, [3]but has in due time manifested His
word through preaching, which was committed to
me according to the commandment of God our
Savior;

[4]To Titus, a true son in *our* common faith:

Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ[a] our Savior.

### *Qualified Elders*

[5]For this reason I left you in Crete, that you
should set in order the things that are lacking, and
appoint elders in every city as I commanded
you— [6]if a man is blameless, the husband of one
wife, having faithful children not accused of dissi-
pation or insubordination. [7]For a bishop[a] must be
blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not
quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not
greedy for money, [8]but hospitable, a lover of what
is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled,
[9]holding fast the faithful word as he has been
taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine,
both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

### *The Elders' Task*

[10]For there are many insubordinate, both idle
talkers and deceivers, especially those of the cir-
cumcision, [11]whose mouths must be stopped,
who subvert whole households, teaching things
which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest
gain. [12]One of them, a prophet of their own, said,
"Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy glut-
tons." [13]This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke
them sharply, that they may be sound in the
faith, [14]not giving heed to Jewish fables and
commandments of men who turn from the
truth. [15]To the pure all things are pure, but to
those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing
is pure; but even their mind and conscience are
defiled. [16]They profess to know God, but in
works they deny *Him,* being abominable,
disobedient, and disqualified for every good
work.

### *Qualities of a Sound Church*

2 But as for you, speak the things which are
proper for sound doctrine: [2]that the older
men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in
faith, in love, in patience; [3]the older women like-
wise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slan-
derers, not given to much wine, teachers of good
things— [4]that they admonish the young women
to love their husbands, to love their children, [5]*to
be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient
to their own husbands, that the word of God may
not be blasphemed.

[6]Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-
minded, [7]in all things showing yourself *to be* a
pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* in-
tegrity, reverence, incorruptibility,[a] [8]sound speech
that cannot be condemned, that one who is an op-
ponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to
say of you.[a]

[9]*Exhort* bondservants to be obedient to their
own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things,* not
answering back, [10]not pilfering, but showing all
good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of
God our Savior in all things.

### *Trained by Saving Grace*

[11]For the grace of God that brings salvation has
appeared to all men, [12]teaching us that, denying
ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live
soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,
[13]looking for the blessed hope and glorious ap-
pearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
[14]who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem
us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself
*His* own special people, zealous for good works.

[15]Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with
all authority. Let no one despise you.

### *Graces of the Heirs of Grace*

3 Remind them to be subject to rulers and
authorities, to obey, to be ready for every
good work, [2]to speak evil of no one, to be
peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all
men. [3]For we ourselves were also once foolish,
disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and

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**1:4** [a]NU-Text reads *and Christ Jesus.* **1:7** [a]Literally *overseer*
**2:7** [a]NU-Text omits *incorruptibility.* **2:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *us.*

pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

## WORLDLINESS

### 1 Worldly Minded vs. Spiritually Minded

▸ *See* **Titus 2:11–14**

A spiritually minded person is someone who is willing to take a stand against the things of the world in order to establish his or her identity with the family of God; a person who seeks God first (Matthew 6:33). He or she is "zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14) and enjoys a clear perception and spiritual discernment that come from prayer and walking with God.

The apostle Paul summarizes worldly minded people as "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:2–4). To be worldly minded is to be devoted to or engrossed in temporal interests rather than spiritual matters. A worldly minded person is not concerned about things that "pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). This person is influenced by the world and rebellious toward God. He or she takes a halfhearted stand for the things of God and so becomes an easy mark for temptations or false doctrines. He or she gives "lip service" to a form of God's truth but ignores anything of real spiritual depth.

▸ *Now turn to page 925 for Mark 4:19 and Point 2. The Power of Worldly Attraction.*

## PROPER PERSPECTIVE

### 2 The Benefits of a Proper Perspective

▸ *See* **Titus 2:11–13**

There are benefits to seeing life from God's perspective. His view is always eternal, not temporary. When you view life from His eternal perspective, it influences your decisions and reminds you to be obedient to God's Word.

Living with an eternal perspective glorifies God. Your life becomes more like Christ and this honors Him. Another benefit is experiencing God's peace. Regardless of your circumstances, you can trust God's perfect plan for your life and have His peace—even during suffering. Having an eternal perspective also gives you compassion for others. You can be merciful to those who do not know Christ and offer God's salvation for those who know that the world's perspective is not right.

▸ *Now turn to page 501 for Psalm 37:4, 5 and Point 3. Living in God's Will Offers Proper Perspective.*

## HOLY SPIRIT, FRUIT

### 3 Producing Fruit

▸ *See* **Titus 3:4–7**

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us, "whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior." You cannot produce fruit of the Spirit. This fruit is a product of the Spirit dwelling in you and renewing you, of your surrender to the Spirit's influence, and of your close relationship with God. A tree bears fruit when it is firmly planted in good soil. You can increase the fruit in your life by remaining planted in the soil of God's Word and being watered through prayer and fellowship with other believers. As you submit to the Holy Spirit, creating favorable conditions for fruit to grow in your life, the fruit you bear will be delicious—pleasing to God, encouraging to other people, and fulfilling to you.

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*Avoid Dissension*

[9]But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. [10]Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, [11]knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

*Final Messages*

[12]When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. [13]Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. [14]And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

*Farewell*

[15]All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

**WITNESSING** **5 WITNESSING INCLUDES FOLLOW-UP**

► *See* **TITUS 3:8**

In the Book of Titus, the apostle Paul is encouraging his friend Titus to be a strong leader in his church, which was made up of people who still needed a lot of instruction in how to be Christians.

In addition to teaching the truth to these new Christians, Paul emphasizes to Titus the importance of setting a good example with his own life: "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you" (2:7, 8).

The goal in witnessing and winning people to faith in Christ is that they themselves may also become effective, reproducing witnesses. In order for this to happen, it will be necessary to continue to dedicate time, helping new believers grow. This will include encouraging them in Bible reading and study, helping them understand the value and practice of prayer, and introducing them to other committed Christians for friendship and encouragement.

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# The Epistle of Paul to
# PHILEMON

*Greeting*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother,

To Philemon our beloved *friend* and fellow laborer, [2]to the beloved[a] Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philemon's Love and Faith*

[4]I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, [5]hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, [6]that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you[a] in Christ Jesus. [7]For we have[a] great joy[b] and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

*The Plea for Onesimus*

[8]Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, [9]*yet* for love's sake I rather appeal *to you*—being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ— [10]I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten *while* in my chains, [11]who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.

[12]I am sending him back.[a] You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, [13]whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. [14]But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

[15]For perhaps he departed for a while for this *purpose,* that you might receive him forever, [16]no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

*Philemon's Obedience Encouraged*

[17]If then you count me as a partner, receive him as *you would* me. [18]But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. [19]I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. [20]Yes, brother, let me

**2** [a]NU-Text reads *to our sister Apphia.* **6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *us.* **7** [a]NU-Text reads *had.* [b]M-Text reads *thanksgiving.* **12** [a]NU-Text reads *back to you in person, that is, my own heart.*

**WITNESSING** **4 How to Witness to Others**

► *See* **Philemon 4–6**

These words that the apostle Paul wrote to Philemon explain that the "sharing of your faith" can be as simple as telling someone what a difference Jesus is making in your life. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you.

Begin to pray for individuals with whom you might share Christ. Trust God to provide the opportunities for you to talk with them and the wisdom to know what to say. Spend time with these friends; show them that you care about them.

Pray for opportunities to mention Christ in casual conversation. For instance, you might simply ask, "What do you think happens after death?" or "How do you think a person becomes a Christian?" Listen to their ideas and then say, "Here's what I believe."

Always give unbelievers an opportunity for a response. If you sense that an individual sees his or her need, you might ask, "Have you ever received Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? Would you like to do so, right now?"

Go through the Bible verses that tell of God's plan of salvation and offer to pray with him or her (see *Salvation*). If your friend makes this commitment, welcome him or her into God's family! "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

► *Now turn to page 1141 for Titus 3:8 and Point 5. Witnessing Includes Follow-Up.*

have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in
the Lord.
21Having confidence in your obedience, I write
to you, knowing that you will do even more than I
say. 22But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room
for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall
be granted to you.

*Farewell*

23Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus,
greets you, 24*as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas,
Luke, my fellow laborers.
25The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with
your spirit. Amen.

# The Epistle to the
# HEBREWS

### *God's Supreme Revelation*

**1** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2]has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; [3]who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself[a] purged our[b] sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4]having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

### *The Son Exalted Above Angels*

[5]For to which of the angels did He ever say:

*"You are My Son,*
*Today I have begotten You"*?[a]

And again:

*"I will be to Him a Father,*
*And He shall be to Me a Son"*?[b]

[6]But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:

*"Let all the angels of God worship Him."*[a]

[7]And of the angels He says:

*"Who makes His angels spirits*
*And His ministers a flame of fire."*[a]

[8]But to the Son *He says:*

*"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;*
*A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.*
[9] *You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;*
*Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You*
*With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."*[a]

[10]And:

*"You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,*
*And the heavens are the work of Your hands.*
[11] *They will perish, but You remain;*
*And they will all grow old like a garment;*
[12] *Like a cloak You will fold them up,*
*And they will be changed.*
*But You are the same,*
*And Your years will not fail."*[a]

[13]But to which of the angels has He ever said:

*"Sit at My right hand,*
*Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"*?[a]

[14]Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

### *Do Not Neglect Salvation*

**2** Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. [2]For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, [3]how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him,* [4]God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

### *The Son Made Lower than Angels*

[5]For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. [6]But one testified in a certain place, saying:

*"What is man that You are mindful of him,*
*Or the son of man that You take care of him?*
[7] *You have made him a little lower than the angels;*
*You have crowned him with glory and honor,*[a]
*And set him over the works of Your hands.*
[8] *You have put all things in subjection under his feet."*[a]

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. [9]But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with

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**1:3** [a]NU-Text omits *by Himself.* [b]NU-Text omits *our.* **1:5** [a]Psalm 2:7 [b]2 Samuel 7:14 **1:6** [a]Deuteronomy 32:43 (Septuagint, Dead Sea Scrolls); Psalm 97:7 **1:7** [a]Psalm 104:4 **1:9** [a]Psalm 45:6, 7 **1:12** [a]Psalm 102:25–27 **1:13** [a]Psalm 110:1 **2:7** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit the rest of verse 7. **2:8** [a]Psalm 8:4–6

glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

*Bringing Many Sons to Glory*

10For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12saying:

> *"I will declare Your name to My brethren;*
> *In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*[a]

13And again:

> *"I will put My trust in Him."*[a]

And again:

> *"Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."*[b]

14Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

*The Son Was Faithful*

3 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. 3For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. 5And Moses indeed *was* faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward,* 6but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.[a]

*Be Faithful*

7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

> *"Today, if you will hear His voice,*
> 8 *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,*
> *In the day of trial in the wilderness,*
> 9 *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,*
> *And saw My works forty years.*
> 10 *Therefore I was angry with that generation,*
> *And said, 'They always go astray in their heart,*
> *And they have not known My ways.'*
> 11 *So I swore in My wrath,*
> *'They shall not enter My rest.'"*[a]

12Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the

**2:12** [a]Psalm 22:22 **2:13** [a]2 Samuel 22:3; Isaiah 8:17 [b]Isaiah 8:18 **3:6** [a]NU-Text omits *firm to the end.* **3:11** [a]Psalm 95:7–11

**HOMOSEXUALITY** **3 TEMPTATION CAN BE OVERCOME**

► *See* **HEBREWS 2:18**

God's Word says that Jesus Himself was tempted in the same ways that you are. He understands every difficulty you experience and offers you power to overcome temptation. First Corinthians 10:13 says that others before you have experienced the same temptations. And each time you are tempted, God provides a way out so that you can resist it. God promises you will not face more temptation than you, with His help and power, can handle. Take comfort in knowing that God Himself knows your weakness and offers strength and encouragement to overcome (see *Temptation*).

If you struggle with homosexual temptations, you will need to break off former associations and establish new, healthy relationships. Become part of a Bible-teaching church and develop friendships with committed Christians. These new friends can offer support and encouragement. Look for relationships with mature Christians who can help you be accountable for this new way of life.

► *Now turn to page 1094 for 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5 and Point 4. A Renewed Mind.*

living God; [13]but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today*," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. [14]For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, [15]while it is said:

"*Today, if you will hear His voice,*
*Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.*"[a]

### *Failure of the Wilderness Wanderers*

[16]For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? [17]Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? [18]And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? [19]So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

### *The Promise of Rest*

4 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. [2]For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them,[a] not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. [3]For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

"*So I swore in My wrath,*
*'They shall not enter My rest,'*"[a]

Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. [4]For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: "*And God rested on the seventh day from all His works*";[a] [5]and again in this *place:* "*They shall not enter My rest.*"[a]

[6]Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, [7]again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "*Today,*" after such a long time, as it has been said:

"*Today, if you will hear His voice,*
*Do not harden your hearts.*"[a]

[8]For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. [9]There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. [10]For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

### *The Word Discovers Our Condition*

[11]Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. [12]For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. [13]And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

### *Our Compassionate High Priest*

[14]Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. [15]For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. [16]Let us there-

**3:15** [a]Psalm 95:7, 8 **4:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *profit them,* since they were not united by faith with those who heeded it. **4:3** [a]Psalm 95:11 **4:4** [a]Genesis 2:2 **4:5** [a]Psalm 95:11 **4:7** [a]Psalm 95:7, 8

**SIN** **3 Sin Is Deceptive**

► *See* **Hebrews 3:13**

Sin is Satan's tool to alienate you from God and to destroy your life. Satan delights in your sin and works to deceive you. He doesn't run around the earth looking scary and carrying a pitchfork; Satan deceives us in more subtle ways. You may rationalize behavior that doesn't seem especially "evil." Perhaps you use information gained through a prayer request to gossip about a person, or maybe you are bitter toward someone who has mistreated you. Do not deceive yourself, but confess your sin to God.

The deception of sin is very subtle, and you must be aware of Satan's presence (1 Peter 5:8). You can be grateful that Satan and sin are defeated and are no match for Christ (see *Satan*), but you must be diligent not to be deceived (Romans 7:11). Sin carries a serious penalty: death.

► *Now turn to page 1055 for Romans 6:23 and Point 4. Sin's Penalty Is Death.*

fore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### *Qualifications for High Priesthood*

5 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. 3Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. 4And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was.*

### *A Priest Forever*

5So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was* He who said to Him:

*"You are My Son,*
*Today I have begotten You."*[a]

6As *He* also says in another *place:*

*"You are a priest forever*
*According to the order of Melchizedek";*[a]

7who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10called by God as High Priest *"according to the order of Melchizedek,"* 11of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

### *Spiritual Immaturity*

12For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is,* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**5:5** [a]Psalm 2:7 **5:6** [a]Psalm 110:4

**THE BIBLE** **6 The Bible Is Effective for Change**

► *See* **Hebrews 4:12**

The truth of the Bible is confirmed by its power to transform lives: "How can a young man cleanse his way? / By taking heed according to Your word" (Psalm 119:9). The Bible is the only book that provides doctrine, correction, and teaching, preparing us to do the work of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). God promises that His Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11). Because of that promise, we know that as we study, meditate on, and memorize Bible verses, God will use them to bear fruit in our lives (see *Holy Spirit, Fruit*). The Bible is intended for more than just reading. God gave it to us to help transform our hearts and lives.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

**PRAYER** **3 Confidence in Prayer**

► *See* **Hebrews 4:16**

If you have been forgiven from sin through Jesus' death and resurrection, you can be confident in approaching God. This confidence is not because of your own ability. Your confidence is in Christ and in God's promise to help you in your time of need.

Jesus, your High Priest, sympathizes with you and prays to God on your behalf (Romans 8:34). He understands your deepest concerns.

When you pray, listen for God to remind you of unconfessed sin. Sin interferes with our ability to pray according to God's will. Take time to repent before God from that sin. He may also direct you to seek forgiveness from another person.

It is also important to have an attitude of humility in prayer (Matthew 6:5–8). Prayer is meant to be intimate communication with God. God is not impressed by the quantity or quality of our words, but by a sincere heart and a trusting attitude.

► *Now turn to page 1130 for 1 Timothy 2:1–4 and Point 4. Praying for Others.*

*The Peril of Not Progressing*

6 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, [2]of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. [3]And this we will[a] do if God permits.

[4]For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, [5]and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, [6]if they fall away,[a] to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

[7]For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; [8]but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

*A Better Estimate*

[9]But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. [10]For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of[a] love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. [11]And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until

**6:3** [a]M-Text reads *let us do.* **6:6** [a]Or *and have fallen away*
**6:10** [a]NU-Text omits *labor of.*

## SUFFERING — 2 Christ, Our Example in Suffering

▶ *See* **Hebrews 5:8**

Jesus is God's only Son, yet He suffered. He was perfectly obedient and yet God allowed Him to suffer not just an excruciating physical death, but also the wrath and punishment for the sins of the entire world. Jesus endured pain, shame, rejection by His friends, and abandonment by His Father. But His suffering and death are what paid for our sin and bought our freedom. Through His example, we learn the discipline of obedience in the Christian life, even if it means that we face suffering and adversity.

When you suffer, you are like Christ. First Peter 4:12, 13 says, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy." Just as you are like Jesus in your suffering, you will also rejoice with Him.

▶ *Now turn to page 1096 for 2 Corinthians 12:9 and Point 3. God's Grace for Our Suffering.*

## PROPHECY — 3 Those Who Trust Christ Have a Secure Future

▶ *See* **Hebrews 6:19, 20**

While God doesn't reveal specific details of what will happen in our everyday lives, we are assured that, as Christians, our future is in His hands. Once you've trusted Jesus for your salvation, you no longer need to fear the future. While nonbelievers may fear the end of the world, Christians can rejoice in knowing that the end of this world signals the beginning of life in heaven. This biblical prophecy is yet to be fulfilled, but Christians can be confident of its truth.

Some Christians fear the prophesied Second Coming of Christ because they fear God's judgment. But believers have no reason to fear. A Christian's punishment for sin was taken care of by Jesus Christ's death on the cross. Your sins are forgiven when you acknowledge that Christ died for you on the cross and you accept Him as your personal Savior. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. . . . For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:10, 21).

Those who do not trust Christ, however, should fear the final judgment of God. This prophecy will come true, as have all other previous biblical prophecies. When this judgment occurs, unbelievers will begin to suffer for eternity.

▶ *Now turn to page 1137 for 2 Timothy 4:2–5 and Point 4. Christians Can Enthusiastically Prepare for Christ's Return.*

the end, [12]that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

### *God's Infallible Purpose in Christ*

[13]For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, [14]saying, *"Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."*[a] [15]And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. [16]For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute. [17]Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, [18]that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might[a] have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us.*

[19]This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, [20]where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

### *The King of Righteousness*

**7** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, [2]to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," [3]without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

[4]Now consider how great this man *was,* to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. [5]And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; [6]but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. [7]Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. [8]Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them,* of whom it is witnessed that he lives. [9]Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, [10]for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

### *Need for a New Priesthood*

[11]Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need *was there* that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? [12]For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. [13]For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

[14]For *it is* evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.[a] [15]And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest [16]who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. [17]For He testifies:[a]

> *"You are a priest forever*
> *According to the order of Melchizedek."*[b]

[18]For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, [19]for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

### *Greatness of the New Priest*

[20]And inasmuch as *He was* not *made priest* without an oath [21](for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

> *"The LORD has sworn*
> *And will not relent,*
> *'You are a priest forever*[a]
> *According to the order of Melchizedek'"*),[b]

[22]by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

[23]Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. [24]But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. [25]Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God

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**6:14** [a]Genesis 22:17 **6:18** [a]M-Text omits *might.* **7:14** [a]NU-Text reads *priests.* **7:17** [a]NU-Text reads *it is testified.* [b]Psalm 110:4
**7:21** [a]NU-Text ends the quotation here. [b]Psalm 110:4

through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

[26]For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; [27]who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. [28]For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, *appoints* the Son who has been perfected forever.

### *The New Priestly Service*

8 Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, [2]a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

[3]For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer. [4]For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; [5]who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, *"See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."*[a] [6]But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

### *A New Covenant*

[7]For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. [8]Because finding fault with them, He says:
*"Behold, the days are coming, says the* LORD,
*when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—*
[9]*not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the* LORD.
[10]*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the* LORD:
*I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts;*
*and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*
[11]*None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the* LORD,'
*for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.*
[12]*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds*[a]
*I will remember no more."*[b]

[13]In that He says, *"A new covenant,"* He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

### *The Earthly Sanctuary*

9 Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. [2]For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part,* in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; [3]and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, [4]which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which *were* the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; [5]and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

### *Limitations of the Earthly Service*

[6]Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. [7]But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people's sins *committed* in ignorance; [8]the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. [9]It *was* symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— [10]*concerned* only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

### *The Heavenly Sanctuary*

[11]But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come,[a] with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. [12]Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained

**8:5** [a]Exodus 25:40 **8:12** [a]NU-Text omits *and their lawless deeds.* [b]Jeremiah 31:31–34 **9:11** [a]NU-Text reads *that have come*

eternal redemption. [13]For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, [14]how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [15]And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

### *The Mediator's Death Necessary*

[16]For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. [17]For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. [18]Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. [19]For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, [20]saying, "*This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.*"[a] [21]Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. [22]And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

### *Greatness of Christ's Sacrifice*

[23]Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. [24]For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; [25]not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— [26]He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. [27]And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, [28]so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

**9:20** [a]Exodus 24:8

REDEDICATION

## 2 Rededication Because of Unconfessed Sin

► *See* **Hebrews 9:14**

Unconfessed sin in our lives interferes with how we view God. Through confession and repentance, we reestablish open channels for our relationship with God. We can trust God for cleansing because He promises that He will forgive those who ask for it. As we are forgiven, we can again respond to His leading in loving, grateful service. Confessing our sin, we rededicate our lives to God.

If you have unconfessed sin in your life, take time now to pray and confess that sin to God. He promises that He is able to forgive your sin and to cleanse your heart. Commit your heart to obedience of God's Word. Take time to share your renewed commitment with another Christian who can pray for you and encourage you.

► *Now turn to page 1054 for Romans 6:11–13 and Point 3. Rededication to Be More Devoted to God.*

NEW AGE MOVEMENT

## 4 Eternal Life or Reincarnation?

► *See* **Hebrews 9:24–28**

The sacrificial death and subsequent bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. He rose physically never to die again. He ascended into God the Father's presence and is now the object of our faith. (See *Jesus Christ*.) And, as this passage clearly teaches, you will "die once" and then face judgment. This truth is in direct opposition to the New Age belief in reincarnation. Our spirits are eternal and those who accept Jesus Christ as Savior will experience eternal life in heaven, while those who reject Christ will suffer eternally in hell. (See *Heaven; Hell; Judgment*.)

► *Now turn to page 1088 for 2 Corinthians 3:17, 18 and Point 5. Become Like God or Become God?*

### *Animal Sacrifices Insufficient*

10 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. 4For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

### *Christ's Death Fulfills God's Will*

5Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

"*Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,*
*But a body You have prepared for Me.*
6 *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin*
*You had no pleasure.*
7 *Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—*
*In the volume of the book it is written of Me—*
*To do Your will, O God.'"*[a]

8Previously saying, "*Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them*" (which are offered according to the law), 9then He said, "*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*"[a] He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all.*

### *Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified*

11And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

15But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

16"*This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the* LORD*: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,*"[a] 17*then He adds,* "*Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*"[a]

18Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

### *Hold Fast Your Confession*

19Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, 22let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. 24And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### *The Just Live by Faith*

26For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. 29Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30For we know Him

**10:7** [a]Psalm 40:6–8 **10:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *O God.* **10:16** [a]Jeremiah 31:33 **10:17** [a]Jeremiah 31:34

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

### 6 Fellowship Offers Support

► *See* **Hebrews 10:24, 25**

A third resource is fellowship with other believers. No struggle or family issue is unique to any one person. There are others within the body of Christ who have already endured similar experiences. These fellow brothers and sisters can pray for you, encourage you, and give godly advice to help you overcome difficult circumstances.

► *Now turn to page 586 for Proverbs 15:16, 17 and Point 7. Great Rewards for a God-Ordered Family.*

who said, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*"[a] says the Lord.[b] And again, "*The LORD will judge His people.*"[c] [31]It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

[32]But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: [33]partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; [34]for you had compassion on me[a] in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.[b] [35]Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. [36]For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

[37] "*For yet a little while,*
*And He*[a] *who is coming will come and will not tarry.*
[38] *Now the*[a] *just shall live by faith;*
*But if anyone draws back,*
*My soul has no pleasure in him.*"[b]

[39]But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

### *By Faith We Understand*

**11** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. [2]For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

[3]By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

### *Faith at the Dawn of History*

[4]By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

[5]By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "*and was not found, because God had taken him*";[a] for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. [6]But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

[7]By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

### *Faithful Abraham*

[8]By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. [9]By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; [10]for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

[11]By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child[a] when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. [12]Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

### *The Heavenly Hope*

[13]These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were

**10:30** [a]Deuteronomy 32:35 [b]NU-Text omits *says the Lord.* [c]*Deuteronomy 32:36* **10:34** [a]NU-Text reads *the prisoners* instead of *me in my chains.* [b]NU-Text omits *in heaven.* **10:37** [a]Or *that which* **10:38** [a]NU-Text reads *My just one.* [b]Habakkuk 2:3, 4 **11:5** [a]Genesis 5:24 **11:11** [a]NU-Text omits *she bore a child.*

**FAITH** **1 FAITH DEFINED**

► *See* **HEBREWS 11:1**

The biblical definition given in Hebrews 11:1 is a practical one that tells us how faith operates. Faith is total belief; a complete trust or confidence. For example, "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (verse 3). Having faith means that you do not know or understand everything about a topic or an issue, yet you believe it anyway. All people have faith; the question is: In what do you place your faith? For the Christian, faith is placed in Jesus Christ and the knowledge that His death on the cross provides a way to have a relationship with God (see *Salvation*).

► *Now turn to page 898 for Matthew 13:31, 32 and Point 2. Faith Developed.*

assured of them,[a] embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. [14]For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. [15]And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. [16]But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country.* Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

### *The Faith of the Patriarchs*

[17]By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son,* [18]of whom it was said, "*In Isaac your seed shall be called,*"[a] [19]concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

[20]By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

[21]By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

[22]By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

### *The Faith of Moses*

[23]By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw *he was* a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

[24]By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, [25]choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, [26]esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in[a] Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

[27]By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. [28]By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

[29]By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land, whereas* the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

### *By Faith They Overcame*

[30]By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. [31]By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

[32]And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also *of* David and Samuel and the prophets: [33]who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, [34]quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. [35]Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. [36]Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. [37]They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted,[a] were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— [38]of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

[39]And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, [40]God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

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**11:13** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *were assured of them.*
**11:18** [a]Genesis 21:12 **11:26** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *of.*
**11:37** [a]NU-Text omits *were tempted.*

**HEAVEN** **2 Heaven Has Been Prepared by God**

► *See* **Hebrews 11:10**

Abraham had no permanent home during his earthly pilgrimage. He followed God by faith, wandering the earth, looking to the future when he would be united with God in his eternal home, specially designed and prepared for that purpose. The apostle Paul reassures us that even though the "earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).

► *Now turn to page 968 for Luke 15:10 and Point 3. Heaven's Inhabitants.*

### *The Race of Faith*

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### *The Discipline of God*

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.
5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

> *"My son, do not despise the chastening of the* LORD*,*
> *Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*
> 6 *For whom the* LORD *loves He chastens,*
> *And scourges every son whom He receives."*[a]

7 If[a] you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us,* and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

### *Renew Your Spiritual Vitality*

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with all *people,* and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

### *The Glorious Company*

18 For you have not come to the mountain that[a] may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness[b] and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard *it* begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: *"And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned*[a] *or shot with an arrow."*[b] 21 And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, *"I am exceedingly afraid* and trembling."[a])

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**12:6** [a]Proverbs 3:11, 12 **12:7** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *It is for discipline that you endure; God . . . .* **12:18** [a]NU-Text reads *to that which.* [b]NU-Text reads *gloom.* **12:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit the rest of this verse. [b]Exodus 19:12, 13
**12:21** [a]Deuteronomy 9:19

**BITTERNESS** ❷ **THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS**

▶ *See* **HEBREWS 12:14, 15**

Bitterness is referred to as a "root"; unless dealt with, it grows out of control like a weed. Christians can avoid bitterness and resentment by heeding the advice found in Romans 12:14–19: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."

Sometimes long-standing bitterness is hard to let go, especially if you are certain that you were the one who was right in the situation. God knows the truth of every situation. Even if you are the one who was wronged, His Word

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[22]But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, [23]to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, [24]to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

### *Hear the Heavenly Voice*

[25]See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven, [26]whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "*Yet once more I shake*[a] *not only the earth, but also heaven.*"[b] [27]Now this, "*Yet once more,*" indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

[28]Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may[a] serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. [29]For our God *is* a consuming fire.

### *Concluding Moral Directions*

**13** Let brotherly love continue. [2]Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. [3]Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

[4]Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

[5]*Let your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*"[a] [6]So we may boldly say:

*"The LORD is my helper;*
*I will not fear.*
*What can man do to me?*"[a]

### *Concluding Religious Directions*

[7]Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. [8]Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. [9]Do not be carried about[a] with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

[10]We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. [11]For the bod-

**12:26** [a]NU-Text reads *will shake.* [b]Haggai 2:6 **12:28** [a]M-Text omits *may.* **13:5** [a]Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5 **13:6** [a]Psalm 118:6 **13:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *away.*

***BITTERNESS: 2. THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS** (continued)*

says: "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31, 32). Reflect on this passage and pray for your enemy in the light of its truth.

God expects us to forgive those who have wronged us: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14, 15).

► *Now turn to page 656 for Isaiah 38:17 and Point 3. Letting Grudges Go.*

**ADULTERY** **1 HONORING MARRIAGE**

► *See* **HEBREWS 13:4**

God has established marriage as the proper context for a sexual relationship. When you have a sexual relationship with someone other than your spouse, you dishonor God and your marriage.

Even though some marriage relationships struggle (see *Marriage Problems*), adultery is never the answer. You honor God and your marriage when you live according to God's Word within your marriage relationship. That means that you love your spouse and put his or her needs above your own. Philippians 2:3 says, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." You honor your marriage when you are mutually respectful and base your relationship on the foundation of a relationship with Jesus Christ (see *Marriage and Family*).

► *Now turn to page 1164 for 1 Peter 2:11 and Point 2. Causes of Adultery.*

ies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. [12]Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. [13]Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. [14]For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. [15]Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. [16]But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

[17]Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

### *Prayer Requested*

[18]Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. [19]But I especially urge *you* to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

### *Benediction, Final Exhortation, Farewell*

[20]Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, [21]make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you[a] what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

[22]And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. [23]Know that *our* brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

[24]Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

[25]Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

**13:21** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *us.*

**AUTHORITY** **5 Authority Delegated to People**

► *See* **Hebrews 13:17**

God's plan for authority has been given in each of these situations: authority within the church (1 Peter 5:1, 2); authority within the home (Ephesians 5:24, 25; see also *Marriage and Family*); authority within the workplace (Ephesians 6:5–9; Colossians 3:22–25); and authority within the civil government (Romans 13:1–7).

Christians are called to exercise authority according to God's Word and to submit willingly to the authority God has placed in our lives.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

# The Epistle of
# JAMES

### *Greeting to the Twelve Tribes*

1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

Greetings.

### *Profiting from Trials*

[2]My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, [3]knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. [4]But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. [5]If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. [6]But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. [7]For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8]*he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

### *The Perspective of Rich and Poor*

[9]Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, [10]but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. [11]For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

### *Loving God Under Trials*

[12]Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. [13]Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. [14]But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. [15]Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

[16]Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. [17]Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. [18]Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

### *Qualities Needed in Trials*

[19]So then,[a] my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; [20]for

**1:19** [a]NU-Text reads *Know this* or *This you know.*

**TEMPTATION** — **3 God Does Not Tempt**

► *See* **James 1:13**

God is holy and has no inclination toward evil. He is not the author of sin, nor is He responsible for sin's entrance into the human race. God is permitting evil to run its course until His plan of redemption reaches its culmination. God cannot be tempted, nor does He tempt anyone. Though He allows us to be tempted, God has placed limits on Satan's activities and the extent of his power to tempt us. God is always in control. Though it might seem so, evil does not reign unbridled on the earth. In the true story of Job, Satan reports in to God and discusses Job in order to obtain permission to tempt him (Job 1:6–12). God permitted Satan to subject Job to a severe, though limited, temptation. God sustained Job through the trial, and gave him far more than Job had lost.

► *Now turn to page 1161 for James 4:7, 8 and Point 4. Confronting and Overcoming Temptation.*

**ANGER** — **1 Controlling Your Anger Pleases God**

► *See* **James 1:19, 20**

Uncontrolled anger does not lead to righteousness. When you allow your anger to control you, you are not submitting to the Holy Spirit. God desires that you demonstrate the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which includes

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the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

### *Doers—Not Hearers Only*

[21]Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

[22]But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23]For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; [24]for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. [25]But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it,* and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

[26]If anyone among you[a] thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. [27]Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

### *Beware of Personal Favoritism*

2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. [2]For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, [3]and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," [4]have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

[5]Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? [6]But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? [7]Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

[8]If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"*[a] you do well; [9]but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. [10]For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point,* he is guilty of all. [11]For He who said, *"Do not commit adultery,"*[a] also said, *"Do not murder."*[b] Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. [12]So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. [13]For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

### *Faith Without Works Is Dead*

[14]What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? [15]If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, [16]and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? [17]Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

[18]But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your[a] works, and I will show you my faith by my[b] works. [19]You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! [20]But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?[a] [21]Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? [22]Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? [23]And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, *"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."*[a] And he was called the friend of God. [24]You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

[25]Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

[26]For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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**1:26** [a]NU-Text omits *among you.* **2:8** [a]Leviticus 19:18 **2:11** [a]Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18 [b]Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17 **2:18** [a]NU-Text omits *your.* [b]NU-Text omits *my.* **2:20** [a]NU-Text reads *useless.* **2:23** [a]Genesis 15:6

***ANGER: 1. CONTROLLING YOUR ANGER PLEASES GOD** (continued)*

longsuffering (patience) and self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23). Anger is an outward sign that you still need inward transformation to be more like Christ. When you develop the fruit of the Spirit and control your anger, God is pleased (see *Holy Spirit, Fruit*).

► *Now turn to page 601 for Proverbs 29:22 and Point 2. Uncontrolled Anger Is Sin.*

### *The Untamable Tongue*

3 My brethren, let not many of you become
teachers, knowing that we shall receive a
stricter judgment. [2]For we all stumble in
many things. If anyone does not stumble in word,
he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole
body. [3]Indeed,[a] we put bits in horses' mouths that
they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.
[4]Look also at ships: although they are so large and
are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a
very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.
[5]Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts
great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! [6]And
the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The
tongue is so set among our members that it de-
files the whole body, and sets on fire the course of
nature; and it is set on fire by hell. [7]For every
kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of
the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by
mankind. [8]But no man can tame the tongue. *It is*
an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. [9]With it we
bless our God and Father, and with it we curse
men, who have been made in the similitude of
God. [10]Out of the same mouth proceed blessing
and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not
to be so. [11]Does a spring send forth fresh *water*
and bitter from the same opening? [12]Can a fig
tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear
figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and
fresh.[a]

### *Heavenly Versus Demonic Wisdom*

[13]Who *is* wise and understanding among you?
Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are*
*done* in the meekness of wisdom. [14]But if you have
bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not
boast and lie against the truth. [15]This wisdom
does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sen-
sual, demonic. [16]For where envy and self-seeking
*exist,* confusion and every evil thing *are* there.
[17]But the wisdom that is from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of
mercy and good fruits, without partiality and
without hypocrisy. [18]Now the fruit of righteous-
ness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

### *Pride Promotes Strife*

4 Where do wars and fights *come* from among
you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for*
pleasure that war in your members? [2]You lust
and do not have. You murder and covet and can-
not obtain. You fight and war. Yet[a] you do not have
because you do not ask. [3]You ask and do not re-
ceive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend
*it* on your pleasures. [4]Adulterers and[a] adulter-
esses! Do you not know that friendship with the
world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore
wants to be a friend of the world makes himself
an enemy of God. [5]Or do you think that the Scrip-

**3:3** [a]NU-Text reads *Now if.* **3:12** [a]NU-Text reads *Neither can a salty spring produce fresh water.* **4:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Yet.* **4:4** [a]NU-Text omits *Adulterers and.*

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

## 3 Submit to God

► *See* **James 4:7, 8**

The first way to submit to God is to resist the devil. Have your mind set against Satan. "Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Romans 13:14). As your awareness is heightened, take every precaution against circumstances that would lead you into temptation.

Put Satan in his place. When Satan spoke to Jesus Christ through Peter to try to divert Him from His eternal purpose, Jesus rebuked him: "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men" (Matthew 16:23). Satan is a defeated foe. You can exercise authority over him in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, He used the Word of God to thwart Satan's attempts against Him (Matthew 4:1–11). Fill your mind with God's Word; meditate on it and memorize it. You will have an arsenal of defense against Satan when you do (Psalm 119:11).

The second way to submit to God in this passage is to "draw near to God." An intimate daily devotional time with the Lord, studying the Bible, and seeking God's presence and strength through prayer will give you power to resist Satan and he will flee. As a Christian, you are in God's constant protection and care (Colossians 3:1–3).

► *Now turn to page 1102 for Galatians 5:16 and Point 4. Live by the Spirit.*

ture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

[6]But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

*"God resists the proud,*
*But gives grace to the humble."*[a]

### *Humility Cures Worldliness*

[7]Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. [8]Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. [9]Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. [10]Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

### *Do Not Judge a Brother*

[11]Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. [12]There is one Lawgiver,[a] who is able to save and to destroy. Who[b] are you to judge another?[c]

### *Do Not Boast About Tomorrow*

[13]Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will[a] go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; [14]whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. [15]Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." [16]But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

[17]Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it,* to him it is sin.

### *Rich Oppressors Will Be Judged*

**5** Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you!* [2]Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. [3]Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. [4]Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.[a] [5]You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as[a] in a day of slaughter. [6]You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

### *Be Patient and Persevering*

[7]Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. [8]You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

[9]Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned.[a] Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! [10]My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. [11]Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

[12]But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and *your* "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.[a]

### *Meeting Specific Needs*

[13]Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. [14]Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15]And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will

**4:6** [a]Proverbs 3:34 **4:12** [a]NU-Text adds *and Judge.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *But who.* [c]NU-Text reads *a neighbor.*
**4:13** [a]M-Text reads *let us.* **5:4** [a]Literally, in Hebrew, *Hosts*
**5:5** [a]NU-Text omits *as.* **5:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *judged.*
**5:12** [a]M-Text reads *hypocrisy.*

**TEMPTATION** **4 Confronting and Overcoming Temptation**

► *See* **James 4:7, 8**

The secret for overcoming evil is to submit to God. As you submit to God, you are resisting Satan. As you draw near to God, He draws near to you. You submit to God when you confess your sins, study the Bible, pray, fellowship with other Christians, and use the full armor of spiritual warfare found in Ephesians 6:13–17. (See *Spiritual Warfare*.) This submission will impact every area of your spiritual life; and, in the process, "the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. [16]Confess *your* trespasses[a] to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. [17]Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. [18]And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

### *Bring Back the Erring One*

[19]Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, [20]let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul[a] from death and cover a multitude of sins.

**5:16** [a]NU-Text reads *Therefore confess your sins.* **5:20** [a]NU-Text reads *his soul.*

**HEALING** — **2 Pray for Healing**

► *See* **James 5:14–16**

God wants you to take your every concern to Him in prayer. This includes your sicknesses and your desire to be healed. When you do so, you acknowledge that God is the One in ultimate control of your life. With a divine selectivity that reflects His eternal wisdom and will, God heals some and not others. We cannot always understand His plan; but since we know He is good and loving, we must trust His ways.

► *Now turn to page 674 for Isaiah 55:8, 9 and Point 3. God's Prerogative.*

**FELLOWSHIP** — **3 Unconfessed Sin Hinders Fellowship**

► *See* **James 5:16**

The confession of sins to other believers is an integral part of spiritual growth and fellowship. Refusal to appropriately confess sins to one another builds walls of division that hamper Christian fellowship.

When you sin as a Christian, God does not leave you; but your heart and spirit become increasingly insensitive to God's guidance. This blocks your fellowship with God. God desires that you confess and turn from your sin and be in right relationship with Him. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:6, 7).

► *Now turn to page 952 for Luke 5:30, 31 and Point 4. Proper Choices for Fellowship.*

*Greeting to the Elect Pilgrims*

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, [2]elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

*A Heavenly Inheritance*

[3]Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4]to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5]who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

[6]In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, [7]that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, [8]whom having not seen[a] you love. Though now you do not see *Him,* yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, [9]receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

[10]Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, [11]searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. [12]To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us[a] they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

*Living Before God Our Father*

[13]Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; [14]as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; [15]but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, [16]because it is written, *"Be holy, for I am holy."*[a]

[17]And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; [18]knowing that you were not

**1:8** [a]M-Text reads *known.* **1:12** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *you.*
**1:16** [a]Leviticus 11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:7

**DOUBT** **2 FAITH TRIUMPHS OVER LIFE'S ADVERSITIES**

► *See* **1 PETER 1:5–9**

No Christian is immune to adversity. Job observed, "Yet man is born to trouble, / As the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7). God will not shield you from all trouble, but He will guard and help you when you face problems. God will also work out His own purposes in you, which is ultimately for your own good (Romans 8:28).

When overwhelmed by the circumstances of your life, you can have faith that God cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). When you trust God during adversity, you find peace and confidence that only comes from Him. You can trust God to be gracious with you and help you, regardless of your circumstances.

Sometimes it's hard to have faith during difficult circumstances. When experiencing disappointment, it is important to look beyond your circumstances. While you often focus on your ability to "have faith in God," it is comforting to know that God Himself is always faithful. Second Timothy 2:13 says, "If we are faithless, / He remains faithful; / He cannot deny Himself." You can be confident that just as God has been faithful in the past, He will be faithful to care for you now and in the future. This is the character of God.

With your heart and mind willing to be taught by the Holy Spirit, your doubt will dissipate and your faith and commitment to God will be deepened. God's Word helps strengthen your faith and gives you hope for the future.

► *Now turn to page 1035 for Acts 17:11, 12 and Point 3. Faith Is Nurtured Through God's Word.*

redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, [19]but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. [20]He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you [21]who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

### *The Enduring Word*

[22]Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit[a] in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, [23]having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,[a] [24]because

> *"All flesh is as grass,*
> *And all the glory of man[a] as the flower of the grass.*
> *The grass withers,*
> *And its flower falls away,*
> [25] *But the word of the LORD endures forever."*[a]

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

**2** Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, [2]as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,[a] [3]if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

### *The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People*

[4]Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, [5]you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6]Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

> *"Behold, I lay in Zion*
> *A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,*
> *And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."*[a]

[7]Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient,[a]

> *"The stone which the builders rejected*
> *Has become the chief cornerstone,"*[b]

[8]and

> *"A stone of stumbling*
> *And a rock of offense."*[a]

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

[9]But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; [10]who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

### *Living Before the World*

[11]Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, [12]having your conduct honorable

**1:22** [a]NU-Text omits *through the Spirit.* **1:23** [a]NU-Text omits *forever.* **1:24** [a]NU-Text reads *all its glory.* **1:25** [a]Isaiah 40:6–8
**2:2** [a]NU-Text adds *up to salvation.* **2:6** [a]Isaiah 28:16
**2:7** [a]NU-Text reads *to those who disbelieve.* [b]Psalm 118:22
**2:8** [a]Isaiah 8:14

## ADULTERY — 2 CAUSES OF ADULTERY

▶ *See* **1 PETER 2:11**

One of the causes of adultery is simply your own sinful, selfish desires—fleshly lusts that war against your soul. The apostle James wrote, "Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed" (James 1:14).

You can be tempted by your own desires and that can lead to the choice to commit adultery. But unfaithfulness and adultery indicate deeper issues within a marriage. Relationship problems often occur because of unmet expectations and lives that are out of balance. Behind many marriage problems and the sin of adultery is a desire to have another person meet your needs rather than God. A relationship with Jesus Christ is the only thing that will truly satisfy the core needs of your soul—not a relationship with a spouse or a relationship outside of marriage. All human beings will fail you at some time, but you can trust God to be absolutely trustworthy and faithful. Your efforts to have other people fill that role reflect a distrust of God (see *Lordship; Trusting God*).

▶ *Now turn to page 576 for Proverbs 6:26–35 and Point 3. Consequences of Adultery.*

among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

### *Submission to Government*

13Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. 15For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— 16as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17Honor all *people.* Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

### *Submission to Masters*

18Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. 19For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.

21For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us,[a] leaving us[a] an example, that you should follow His steps:

22 *"Who committed no sin,*
*Nor was deceit found in His mouth";*[a]

23who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; 24who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 25For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer[a] of your souls.

### *Submission to Husbands*

3 Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. 3Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—

**2:21** [a]NU-Text reads *you.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *you.*
**2:22** [a]Isaiah 53:9 **2:25** [a]Greek *Episkopos*

## JUDGMENT

### 1 Believers Are Not Judged for Sin

► *See* **1 Peter 2:21–24**

All people are sinful, both by nature and by deeds. God is bound by His righteous character to demand punishment for sin. Christ came into the world to take each person's sin upon Himself, so that God's justice could be satisfied. Second Corinthians 5:21 says: "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." God, in His role as judge, said that "without shedding of blood there is no remission" of sin (Hebrews 9:22). Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, which included the shedding of His blood, made complete forgiveness of sin possible.

The believer accepts Christ as Sin-Bearer, meaning that he or she trusts fully in the redemption accomplished on the cross, and is freed from sin and guilt. That person will never again be judged for sins.

► *Now turn to page 1065 for Romans 14:10 and Point 2. Believers Are Judged for Their Works.*

## WITNESSING TO SPOUSE

### 1 The Responsibility of the Believing Mate

► *See* **1 Peter 3:1, 2**

While this example mentions a Christian wife of an unbelieving husband, the situation could also be reversed. Your role is to demonstrate the faith and grace of God. Even if your unbelieving spouse is hostile toward God, he or she will not be blind to your lifestyle and attitude. This love, God's love, can win over an unbeliever, because he or she sees the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23) within your marriage relationship. This "silent" preaching speaks loudly and clearly of God's lovingkindness.

► *Now turn to page 1112 for Philippians 1:27 and Point 2. The Lifestyle of the Believing Mate.*

arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel— 4rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

### *A Word to Husbands*

7Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

### *Called to Blessing*

8Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous;[a] 9not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10For

*"He who would love life*
*And see good days,*
*Let him refrain his tongue from evil,*
*And his lips from speaking deceit.*
11 *Let him turn away from evil and do good;*
*Let him seek peace and pursue it.*
12 *For the eyes of the* LORD *are on the*
*righteous,*
*And His ears are open to their prayers;*
*But the face of the* LORD *is against those*
*who do evil."*[a]

### *Suffering for Right and Wrong*

13And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? 14But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. *"And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."*[a] 15But sanctify the Lord God[a] in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

### *Christ's Suffering and Ours*

18For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us[a] to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited[a] in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us[a] in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetime[a] in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you.* 5They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

### *Serving for God's Glory*

7But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8And above all things have fervent love for one another, for *"love will cover a multitude of sins."*[a] 9*Be* hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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**3:8** [a]NU-Text reads *humble.* **3:12** [a]Psalm 34:12–16 **3:14** [a]Isaiah 8:12 **3:15** [a]NU-Text reads *Christ as Lord.* **3:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *you.* **3:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *when the longsuffering of God waited patiently.* **4:1** [a]NU-Text omits *for us.* **4:3** [a]NU-Text reads *time.* **4:8** [a]Proverbs 10:12

### *Suffering for God's Glory*

12Beloved, do not think it strange concerning
the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some
strange thing happened to you; 13but rejoice to the
extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that
when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad
with exceeding joy. 14If you are reproached for the
name of Christ, blessed *are you,* for the Spirit of
glory and of God rests upon you.[a] On their part
He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glori-
fied. 15But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a
thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other peo-
ple's matters. 16Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian,
let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in
this matter.[a]

17For the time *has come* for judgment to begin
at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first,
what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the
gospel of God? 18Now

> *"If the righteous one is scarcely saved,*
> *Where will the ungodly and the sinner*
> *appear?"*[a]

19Therefore let those who suffer according to the
will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing
good, as to a faithful Creator.

### *Shepherd the Flock*

5 The elders who are among you I exhort, I
who am a fellow elder and a witness of the
sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of
the glory that will be revealed: 2Shepherd the
flock of God which is among you, serving as over-
seers, not by compulsion but willingly,[a] not for
dishonest gain but eagerly; 3nor as being lords
over those entrusted to you, but being examples
to the flock; 4and when the Chief Shepherd ap-
pears, you will receive the crown of glory that
does not fade away.

### *Submit to God, Resist the Devil*

5Likewise you younger people, submit your-
selves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submis-
sive to one another, and be clothed with
humility, for

> *"God resists the proud,*
> *But gives grace to the humble."*[a]

6Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty
hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

**4:14** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse. **4:16** [a]NU-Text reads *name.* **4:18** [a]Proverbs 11:31 **5:2** [a]NU-Text adds *according to God.* **5:5** [a]Proverbs 3:34

## HOSPITALITY — 1 The Practice of Hospitality

► *See* **1 Peter 4:8, 9**

The apostle Peter wrote these words to the first-century Christians whose hospitality fulfilled a vital need in the church. Travel during those times was dangerous, and inns were expensive. As Christians entered a new town, they looked for other believers who would house them for the night and then send them on their way with enough provisions to last until their next stop. Many depended on the hospitality of other believers to help make ends meet.

Peter's concern was about attitude. Hospitality is a way to encourage others and demonstrate love. Our love should be fervent, not lukewarm or haphazard. Peter tells us that when we focus on meeting the needs of others, we lose sight of their other shortcomings. This transformed attitude makes our hospitality an act of worship to God.

Peter also said to do all this "without grumbling." These same principles are true today. The generous love of Christians can have an impact on the world. Hospitality is just one way to express that love.

► *Now turn to page 1180 for 3 John 5–8 and Point 2. Hospitality Is Part of Christian Fellowship.*

## SUFFERING — 5 Becoming Like Jesus

► *See* **1 Peter 4:16, 19**

As a Christian, you know this world is not your real home. You are like a foreigner in a strange country, and you don't fit in with the customs of the place in which you live (Hebrews 11:13–16). God tells you that He will take care of you. Through adversity, He makes you like His Son Jesus Christ.

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because[a] your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may[a] the God of all grace, who called us[b] to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you.* 11 To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### *Farewell and Peace*

12 By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

13 She who is in Babylon, elect together with *you,* greets you; and *so does* Mark my son. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**5:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *because.* **5:10** [a]NU-Text reads *But the God of all grace . . .* will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *you.*

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## 2 Be on Guard Against Satan

► *See* **1 Peter 5:8**

To resist Satan's attacks, you must also be aware of his ways and on guard against him. Alertness to Satan's designs and intentions will help you avoid encounters with him. Resisting Satan is much like overcoming a bad habit. Very often, we continue in a sin because we do it almost without thinking. In the same way, often we fail to take a stand against Satan because we are not consciously aware of his power and activity in the world. We do not take him seriously.

In spiritual warfare, it is important to know the enemy: his character, tactics, and weapons. When you do, you will be able to clearly identify his attempts to influence you and then take the necessary steps to resist.

► *Now turn to page 1160 for James 4:7, 8 and Point 3. Submit to God.*

# The Second Epistle of
# PETER

### *Greeting the Faithful*

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

### *Fruitful Growth in the Faith*

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### *Peter's Approaching Death*

12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you,* 14 knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

### *The Trustworthy Prophetic Word*

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,[a] which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,[a] 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God[a] spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

**1:19** [a]Or *We also have the more sure prophetic word.*
**1:20** [a]Or *origin* **1:21** [a]NU-Text reads *but men spoke from God.*

**WORLDLINESS** **4 Combating Worldliness**

► *See* **2 Peter 1:2–4**

The apostle Peter gives sound advice to help us live victoriously in this evil world. Along with developing healthy relationships with other believers, Bible study and prayer are also important in combating worldliness. Practicing these disciplines develops a hunger to know more about God and how He desires for us to live. This growing hunger will send us back, again and again, to His presence for confession, renewal, growth, and knowledge. The more we know God, the more we depend on Him; the more we depend on Him, the more we will win the battle against worldliness.

Finally, we must be prepared for adversities, temptations, and failures. We can take comfort, knowing God promises that we will not be tempted beyond what we are able to resist (1 Corinthians 10:13) and that He will never leave us alone (Hebrews 13:5).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

*Destructive Doctrines*

2 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. [2]And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. [3]By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does[a] not slumber.

*Doom of False Teachers*

[4]For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; [5]and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of* eight *people,* a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; [6]and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; [7]and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked [8](for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— [9]*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, [10]and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, [11]whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

*Depravity of False Teachers*

[12]But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, [13]*and* will receive the wages of unrighteousness, *as* those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, [14]having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children. [15]They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; [16]but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

[17]These are wells without water, clouds[a] carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.[b]

*Deceptions of False Teachers*

[18]For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped[a] from those who live in error. [19]While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. [20]For if, after they have escaped the pollutions

**2:3** [a]M-Text reads *will not.* **2:17** [a]NU-Text reads *and mists.* [b]NU-Text omits *forever.* **2:18** [a]NU-Text reads *are barely escaping.*


**ADDICTION** **1 Abounding in Self-Control**

► *See* **2 Peter 1:5–9**

God wants to enable you to "abound" in self-control, perseverance, godliness, and all of the qualities that make you more like His Son, Jesus. Addiction, and the way it has robbed you of your ability for self-control, is a problem of the whole person—spiritual, physical, emotional, and social. Your addiction probably began by seeking relief from the pressure, pain, or emptiness of daily life. But what you are relying on for comfort does not resolve your issues or help you face life and its trials. Your inadequacies, faults, and problems become intensified by your addiction; your personality may even change as a result.

You may find it difficult to admit your addiction and the problems it creates; you may be more inclined to blame others or blame circumstances for your problems. This denial, and the deviousness and dishonesty required to cover up your addiction, leads to a life of masquerade. Admitting your problem is the first step on the road to recovery.

► *Now turn to page 771 for Ezekiel 18:30–32 and Point 2. Taking Responsibility and Taking Action.*

of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. [21]For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it,* to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. [22]But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "*A dog returns to his own vomit,*"[a] and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

### *God's Promise Is Not Slack*

3 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), [2]that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us,[a] the apostles of the Lord and Savior, [3]knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, [4]and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation." [5]For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, [6]by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. [7]But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

[8]But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9]The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,[a] not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

### *The Day of the Lord*

[10]But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.[a] [11]Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, [12]looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? [13]Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### *Be Steadfast*

[14]Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; [15]and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, [16]as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

[17]You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; [18]but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

**2:22** [a]Proverbs 26:11 **3:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *commandment of the apostles of your Lord and Savior* or *commandment of your apostles of the Lord and Savior.* **3:9** [a]NU-Text reads *you.* **3:10** [a]NU-Text reads *laid bare* (literally *found*).

**HELL** **5 Hell Can Be Avoided**

► *See* **2 Peter 3:9**

There are two ultimate destinations for the human soul: heaven or hell. We are bound for hell because of our sinful nature unless we accept God's only provision for eternal life, which is salvation through Jesus Christ. Hell is a reality. We must trust Christ while we are living on earth. After death, or after Christ returns to this earth, will be too late. To read more about how to trust Jesus Christ for salvation, turn to *Salvation*.

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THE FIRST EPISTLE OF
# JOHN

### *What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched*

1 That which was from the beginning, which
we have heard, which we have seen with our
eyes, which we have looked upon, and our
hands have handled, concerning the Word of
life— [2]the life was manifested, and we have seen,
and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal
life which was with the Father and was mani-
fested to us— [3]that which we have seen and
heard we declare to you, that you also may have
fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is*
with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
[4]And these things we write to you that your[a] joy
may be full.

### *Fellowship with Him and One Another*

[5]This is the message which we have heard from
Him and declare to you, that God is light and in
Him is no darkness at all. [6]If we say that we have
fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie
and do not practice the truth. [7]But if we walk in
the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship
with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ
His Son cleanses us from all sin.

[8]If we say that we have no sin, we deceive our-
selves, and the truth is not in us. [9]If we confess
our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our*
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
[10]If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him
a liar, and His word is not in us.

2 My little children, these things I write to you,
so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins,
we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous. [2]And He Himself is the pro-
pitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but
also for the whole world.

### *The Test of Knowing Him*

[3]Now by this we know that we know Him, if we
keep His commandments. [4]He who says, "I know

**1:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *our.*

**REPENTANCE** — **1 OUR PATH TO GOD'S GRACE**

▶ *See* **1 JOHN 1:9**

Even when you have turned to God for salvation, there will still be times that you will yield to the temptation of sin. Although your relationship with God, obtained through Christ, cannot be broken, your closeness with Him is hindered by sin. Repentance will restore your relationship with God (see *Restoration*).

Whenever the Holy Spirit exposes sin in your life, you have the opportunity to repent and allow God to forgive you. The act of repentance—confessing that sin to God and turning from it—keeps your relationship with God strong. Repentance releases you from the bondage and guilt of sin. While you may attempt to "balance" sin with good deeds, only God's grace can restore you. You find that restoration through repentance. God's grace is always available when you humbly ask for it and allow God's Spirit to work in your life. God is compassionate and anxious to release you from the bondage of sin through repentance.

▶ *Now turn to page 511 for Psalm 51:17 and Point 2. Our Sacrifice to God.*

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE** — **1 CONFESS ALL KNOWN SIN**

▶ *See* **1 JOHN 1:9**

If you have sin in your life, it separates you from God and obstructs God's power in your life to defeat Satan. When you confess your sin, your confession must be with the attitude of repentance—to abandon that sin. (See *Repentance.*) If you are not willing to turn away from sin, Satan continues to have a foothold in your life in that area. When you do confess and repent, God forgives your sin and cleanses you. A "conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16) is the first step in confronting Satan.

▶ *Now turn to page 1168 for 1 Peter 5:8 and Point 2. Be on Guard Against Satan.*

Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5]But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. [6]He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

[7]Brethren,[a] I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.[b] [8]Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

[9]He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. [10]He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. [11]But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

### *Their Spiritual State*

[12] I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.
[13] I write to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.
I write to you, young men,
Because you have overcome the wicked one.
I write to you, little children,
Because you have known the Father.
[14] I have written to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.
I have written to you, young men,
Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,
And you have overcome the wicked one.

### *Do Not Love the World*

[15]Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16]For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. [17]And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

### *Deceptions of the Last Hour*

[18]Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the[a] Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. [19]They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

[20]But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.[a] [21]I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

[22]Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. [23]Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

### *Let Truth Abide in You*

[24]Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. [25]And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

[26]These things I have written to you concerning

**2:7** [a]NU-Text reads *Beloved.* [b]NU-Text omits *from the beginning.*
**2:18** [a]NU-Text omits *the.* **2:20** [a]NU-Text reads *you all know.*

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## 1 All Believers Need God's Forgiveness

▸ *See* **1 John 2:1**

Although God instructs us not to sin, He knows that there are times when we will yield to temptation. Nevertheless, we should take sin very seriously. If your desire is to please God, then you will seek to live a pure life and avoid sin. Psalm 5:4, 5 says, "For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, / Nor shall evil dwell with You. / The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; / You hate all workers of iniquity." To God, sin is offensive, but forgivable. In His graciousness, He has provided a way for you to be cleansed from sin.

▸ *Now turn to page 600 for Proverbs 28:13 and Point 2. Confession and Repentance.*

those who *try to* deceive you. [27]But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will[a] abide in Him.

### *The Children of God*

[28]And now, little children, abide in Him, that when[a] He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. [29]If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God![a] Therefore the world does not know us,[b] because it did not know Him. [2]Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. [3]And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

### *Sin and the Child of God*

[4]Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. [5]And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. [6]Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

[7]Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. [8]He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. [9]Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

### *The Imperative of Love*

[10]In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does

**2:27** [a]NU-Text reads *you abide.* **2:28** [a]NU-Text reads *if.*
**3:1** [a]NU-Text adds *And we are.* [b]M-Text reads *you.*

## CULTS — 3 Traits of a Cult: Denial or Diminishing of Jesus Christ

► *See* **1 John 2:22, 23**

Cults either totally deny Christ or relegate Him to a lesser place. The Bible is clear about the deity of Jesus Christ: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:15, 16). (See *Jesus Christ; Trinity.*) Any group who denies that Jesus Christ is God, claiming He was merely a "good teacher" or a "moral leader," is to be considered a cult and not of God.

► *Now turn to page 939 for Mark 13:21–23 and Point 4. If You Realize You Are in a Cult.*

## DEMONS — 3 Demons Are Defeated

► *See* **1 John 3:8**

Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead defeated Satan and his demonic forces. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us when we belong to God. In Him we also have the power to defeat any influence of demons in our lives. God has provided us with resources that we can use daily to fight against spiritual enemies. Those include:

- The name of Jesus (Luke 10:17)
- Watchfulness (1 Peter 5:8)
- Prayer (John 15:7)
- The armor of God (Ephesians 6:10–18)

If you are concerned about demonic activity, pray for wisdom and discernment and seek the counsel of a pastor or other mature Christians. Christians do not need to fear Satan or his demons: "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37–39).

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not love his brother. [11]For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, [12]not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

[13]Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. [14]We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother[a] abides in death. [15]Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

### *The Outworking of Love*

[16]By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. [17]But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

[18]My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. [19]And by this we know[a] that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. [20]For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. [21]Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. [22]And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. [23]And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us[a] commandment.

### *The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error*

[24]Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

**4** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2]By this you know the Spirit of God: Every

**3:14** [a]NU-Text omits *his brother.* **3:19** [a]NU-Text reads *we shall know.* **3:23** [a]M-Text omits *us.*

**LOVE** **4 The Required Evidence of Love**

► *See* **1 John 3:16–18**

The proof of your love is in how you treat others. Biblical love is more than a warm, fuzzy feeling; it is demonstrated through action regardless of your feelings. The apostle Paul commends the believers in Thessalonica for their "labor of love" (1 Thessalonians 1:3). Labor is hard, sustained, backbreaking effort. Paul also told the Corinthian church that the love of Christ compelled him to share the gospel. Christ died, not only so you could obtain eternal salvation, but "that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15).

God loves you even though you do not deserve His love, and He calls you to love: "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another" (Romans 12:10). With His power, you are able to love even when the object of your love does not seem worthy "because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5).

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**CULTS** **5 Leaving a Cult**

► *See* **1 John 4:1–3**

If you are involved in a cult, it is critical for you to take a definite stand for Christ by leaving the cult and your former associations. You must make a complete break with the past. Find a Bible-teaching church that preaches the gospel message, where you can begin to study the Bible for what it actually says. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Pray for complete deliverance and for complete commitment to Jesus Christ and to the Word of God, "that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:10, 11).

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spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, [3]and every spirit that does not confess that[a] Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

[4]You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. [5]They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. [6]We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

### *Knowing God Through Love*

[7]Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. [8]He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. [9]In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. [10]In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. [11]Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### *Seeing God Through Love*

[12]No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. [13]By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. [14]And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. [15]Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. [16]And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

### *The Consummation of Love*

[17]Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. [18]There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. [19]We love Him[a] because He first loved us.

### *Obedience by Faith*

[20]If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can[a] he love God whom he has not seen? [21]And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. [2]By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. [3]For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. [4]For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our[a] faith. [5]Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### *The Certainty of God's Witness*

[6]This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. [7]For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and

**4:3** [a]NU-Text omits *that* and *Christ has come in the flesh.*
**4:19** [a]NU-Text omits *Him.* **4:20** [a]NU-Text reads *he cannot.*
**5:4** [a]M-Text reads *your.*

**THE TRINITY** ❸ **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

► *See* **1 John 4:13–15**

John describes in this passage that we are not only "in God" but He is in us, referring to the Holy Spirit. Jesus also spoke of the threefold nature of God: "He who has seen Me has seen the Father. . . . And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:9, 16). The Holy Spirit acts as a counselor leading us to all truth and continuing Jesus' work of salvation by making us into His image. The Holy Spirit dwells inside each person who has trusted Jesus Christ for salvation.

It is impossible to understand God's plan of salvation for us without an acceptance of the Trinity. The Father offers salvation; the Son secures salvation; the Holy Spirit applies salvation.

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the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. [8]And there are three that bear witness on earth:[a] the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

[9]If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which[a] He has testified of His Son. [10]He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. [11]And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. [12]He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. [13]These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life,[a] and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

### *Confidence and Compassion in Prayer*

[14]Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will,

**5:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit the words from *in heaven* (verse 7) through *on earth* (verse 8). Only four or five very late manuscripts contain these words in Greek. **5:9** [a]NU-Text reads *God, that.* **5:13** [a]NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

## VICTORY

### 4 Victory Through Faith

► *See* **1 John 5:3, 4**

Obeying God's commands brings victory in life. You can rely on the power of God to help you obey Him. Through faith, you can be victorious.

As you experience victories in life, your faith will grow and you will trust God even more. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). The great heroes of the faith, who are identified in Hebrews 11, all believed God for things greater than they could accomplish by their own strength. When they were weak, God made them strong to accomplish His plan. You, too, have the promise of God's help when you seek to obey Him and trust Him in every circumstance in life.

You can trust that, as you exercise faith, you can overcome sin and be successful in obeying Christ.

Faith is a necessary weapon to battle trials and temptations. Ephesians 6:16 refers to "the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." Picture in your mind an actual battle where Satan is throwing flaming arrows at you. By using the shield (faith), the arrows are not only deflected, but extinguished. Our faith in Christ renders Satan powerless (see *Temptation*).

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:57, 58).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## HOLY SPIRIT, INDWELLING

### 1 The Holy Spirit Is a Person

► *See* **1 John 5:7**

As one of the three persons of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is equal in essence and power to God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Son, possessing all the essential aspects of deity. He shares all the attributes of God: He is eternal, having neither beginning nor end (Hebrews 9:14); omnipotent, having all power (Luke 1:35); omnipresent, present everywhere at the same time (Psalm 139:7); and omniscient, all-knowing (1 Corinthians 2:10, 11). Jesus Himself taught the disciples about the Holy Spirit, stressing His importance in a Christian's life.

The Holy Spirit has intellect, emotions, and will. He speaks (Acts 13:2), intercedes (Romans 8:26), testifies (John 15:26), guides (John 16:13), commands (Acts 16:6, 7), appoints (Acts 20:28), leads (Romans 8:14), and reproves and convicts of sin (John 16:8). He can be lied to and tested (Acts 5:3, 4, 9), resisted (Acts 7:51), grieved (Ephesians 4:30), and blasphemed (Matthew 12:31).

► *Now turn to page 1006 for John 16:7–11 and Point 2. The Work of the Holy Spirit.*

He hears us. [15]And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

[16]If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does* not *lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. [17]All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading* to death.

### *Knowing the True—Rejecting the False*

[18]We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself,[a] and the wicked one does not touch him.

[19]We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one.

[20]And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

[21]Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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**5:18** [a]NU-Text reads *him.*

# The Second Epistle of
# JOHN

### *Greeting the Elect Lady*

The Elder,

To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, [2]because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

[3]Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you[a] from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

### *Walk in Christ's Commandments*

[4]I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. [5]And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. [6]This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

### *Beware of Antichrist Deceivers*

[7]For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. [8]Look to yourselves, that we[a] do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we[b] may receive a full reward.

[9]Whoever transgresses[a] and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. [10]If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; [11]for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

### *John's Farewell Greeting*

[12]Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

[13]The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

**3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *us.* **8** [a]NU-Text reads *you.* [b]NU-Text reads *you.* **9** [a]NU-Text reads *goes ahead.*

**FALSE TEACHING** **1 Abide in the Doctrine of Christ**

► *See* **2 John 9**

A false teaching is any teaching contrary to God's Word and often deals with the Trinity, the Virgin Birth of Christ, His atoning death, His bodily Resurrection and Second Coming, salvation by grace through faith, the bodily resurrection of all believers, and the reality of heaven and hell.

The first step to discerning false teaching from the truth is knowing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. The apostle Paul told the Christians in Corinth, "The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). If you have never invited Christ into your life, see *Salvation*.

► *Now turn to page 1119 for Colossians 2:8, 9 and Point 2. Pray for Discernment.*

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF

# 3 JOHN

*Greeting to Gaius*

The Elder,

To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:

[2]Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. [3]For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth. [4]I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.[a]

*Gaius Commended for Generosity*

[5]Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and[a] for strangers, [6]who have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, [7]because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. [8]We therefore ought to receive[a] such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

*Diotrephes and Demetrius*

[9]I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. [10]Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting *them* out of the church.

[11]Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but[a] he who does evil has not seen God.

[12]Demetrius has a *good* testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

*Farewell Greeting*

[13]I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; [14]but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face.

Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

**4** [a]NU-Text reads *the truth.* **5** [a]NU-Text adds *especially.*
**8** [a]NU-Text reads *support.* **11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *but.*

## HOSPITALITY

### 2 Hospitality Is Part of Christian Fellowship

► *See* **3 John 5–8**

The Gospel writer, John, commends his faithful friend, Gaius, regarding the service he provided for other Christians who were traveling while serving God. Though Gaius did not always know these people prior to their visits, he was consistently gracious in serving them. Gaius did all he could to help them. A further principle illustrated here is that God's work should be supported by God's people (see *Tithing*). One means of support could be the practice of hospitality. When we share with ministry workers, we have a part in their outreach for Christ.

Romans 12:10, 13 says: "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another . . . distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality." In this passage, "saints" refers to all Christians. The apostle Paul describes the attitude he expects Christians to have toward the family of God. Paul stresses that we are to offer hospitality regularly and faithfully. Because of our relationship in Christ, we have a responsibility for meeting one another's needs, whether material or spiritual.

► *Now turn to page 967 for Luke 14:12–14 and Point 3. Hospitality Toward Strangers.*

# The Epistle of
# JUDE

### *Greeting to the Called*

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

To those who are called, sanctified[a] by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

[2]Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

### *Contend for the Faith*

[3]Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. [4]For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God[a] and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Old and New Apostates*

[5]But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. [6]And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; [7]as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

[8]Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. [9]Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" [10]But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. [11]Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

### *Apostates Depraved and Doomed*

[12]These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about[a] by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; [13]raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

[14]Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, [15]to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

### *Apostates Predicted*

[16]These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words,* flattering people to gain advantage. [17]But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: [18]how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. [19]These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

### *Maintain Your Life with God*

[20]But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, [21]keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

[22]And on some have compassion, making a distinction;[a] [23]but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire,[a] hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

### *Glory to God*

[24] Now to Him who is able to keep you[a] from stumbling,

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**1** [a]NU-Text reads *beloved.* **4** [a]NU-Text omits *God.* **12** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *along.* **22** [a]NU-Text reads *who are doubting* (or *making distinctions*). **23** [a]NU-Text adds *and on some have mercy with fear* and omits *with fear* in first clause. **24** [a]M-Text reads *them.*

And to present *you* faultless
Before the presence of His glory with
exceeding joy,
25 To God our Savior,[a]
Who alone is wise,[b]
*Be* glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,[c]
Both now and forever.
Amen.

**25** [a]NU-Text reads *To the only God our Savior.* [b]NU-Text omits *Who . . . is wise* and adds *Through Jesus Christ our Lord.* [c]NU-Text adds *Before all time*.

# THE REVELATION
## OF JESUS CHRIST

### *Introduction and Benediction*

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God
gave Him to show His servants—things
which must shortly take place. And He sent
and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John,
2who bore witness to the word of God, and to the
testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.
3Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the
words of this prophecy, and keep those things
which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

### *Greeting the Seven Churches*

4John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and
who was and who is to come, and from the seven
Spirits who are before His throne, 5and from Jesus
Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the
dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed[a] us from our
sins in His own blood, 6and has made us kings[a]
and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory
and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every
eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And
all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of
Him. Even so, Amen.

8"I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning
and *the* End,"[a] says the Lord,[b] "who is and who
was and who is to come, the Almighty."

### *Vision of the Son of Man*

9I, John, both[a] your brother and companion in
the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Je-
sus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos
for the word of God and for the testimony of Je-
sus Christ. 10I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day,
and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trum-
pet, 11saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
First and the Last,"[a] and, "What you see, write in a
book and send *it* to the seven churches which are
in Asia:[b] to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to
Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to
Laodicea."

12Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with
me. And having turned I saw seven golden lamp-
stands, 13and in the midst of the seven lamp-
stands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a
garment down to the feet and girded about the
chest with a golden band. 14His head and hair
*were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His
eyes like a flame of fire; 15His feet *were* like fine
brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as
the sound of many waters; 16He had in His right
hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp
two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like
the sun shining in its strength. 17And when I saw
Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right
hand on me, saying to me,[a] "Do not be afraid; I
am the First and the Last. 18I *am* He who lives, and
was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.
Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.
19Write[a] the things which you have seen, and the
things which are, and the things which will take
place after this. 20The mystery of the seven stars
which you saw in My right hand, and the seven
golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels
of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands
which you saw[a] are the seven churches.

### *The Loveless Church*

2 "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,
'These things says He who holds the seven
stars in His right hand, who walks in the
midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2"I know
your works, your labor, your patience, and that
you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have
tested those who say they are apostles and are
not, and have found them liars; 3and you have
persevered and have patience, and have labored
for My name's sake and have not become weary.
4Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you
have left your first love. 5Remember therefore
from where you have fallen; repent and do the
first works, or else I will come to you quickly and
remove your lampstand from its place—unless
you repent. 6But this you have, that you hate the
deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7"He who has an ear, let him hear what the
Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes

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**1:5** [a]NU-Text reads *loves us and freed;* M-Text reads *loves us and washed.* **1:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *a kingdom.*
**1:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *the Beginning and the End.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text add *God.* **1:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *both.*
**1:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *I am* through third *and.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *which are in Asia.* **1:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to me.* **1:19** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Therefore, write.*
**1:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *which you saw.*

I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."'

*The Persecuted Church*

8"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,

'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: 9"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. 10Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."'

*The Compromising Church*

12"And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write,

'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: 13"I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne *is.* And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.[a] 16Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it.*"'

*The Corrupt Church*

18"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,

'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: 19"I know your works, love, service, faith,[a] and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first. 20Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow[a] that woman[b] Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce[c] My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.[a] 22Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their[a] deeds. 23I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

24"Now to you I say, and[a] to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will[b] put on you no other burden. 25But hold fast what you have till I come. 26And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

27 *'He shall rule them with a rod of iron;*
*They shall be dashed to pieces like the*
*potter's vessels'*[a]—

as I also have received from My Father; 28and I will give him the morning star.

29"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

*The Dead Church*

3 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,

'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.[a] 3Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4You[a] have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall

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**2:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *likewise* for *which thing I hate.* **2:19** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *faith, service.* **2:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *I have against you that you tolerate.* [b]M-Text reads *your wife Jezebel.* [c]NU-Text and M-Text read *and teaches and seduces.* **2:21** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality.* **2:22** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *her.* **2:24** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *and.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *will.* **2:27** [a]Psalm 2:9 **3:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *My God.* **3:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis.*

walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

*The Faithful Church*

7"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,

'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, *"He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens"*:[a] 8"I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;[a] for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11Behold,[a] I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.

13"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

*The Lukewarm Church*

14"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans[a] write,

'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot,[a] I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'"

*The Throne Room of Heaven*

4 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

2Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. 3And He who sat there was[a] like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns[a] of gold on their heads. 5And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices.[a] Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the[b] seven Spirits of God.

6Before the throne *there was*[a] a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle. 8*The* four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy,[a]
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!"

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**3:7** [a]Isaiah 22:22 **3:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *which no one can shut.* **3:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Behold.* **3:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *in Laodicea.* **3:16** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *hot nor cold.* **4:3** [a]M-Text omits *And He who sat there was* (which makes the description in verse 3 modify the throne rather than God). **4:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *robes, with crowns.* **4:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *voices, and thunderings.* [b]M-Text omits *the.* **4:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *something like.* **4:8** [a]M-Text has *holy* nine times.

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and
honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne,
who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four el-
ders fall down before Him who sits on the throne
and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and
cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 "You are worthy, O Lord,[a]
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist[b] and were
created."

### *The Lamb Takes the Scroll*

5 And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat
on the throne a scroll written inside and on
the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw
a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
"Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its
seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or
under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to
look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found
worthy to open and read[a] the scroll, or to look at
it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep.
Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of
David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to
loose[a] its seven seals."

6 And I looked, and behold,[a] in the midst of the
throne and of the four living creatures, and in the
midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had
been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes,
which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all
the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out
of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

### *Worthy Is the Lamb*

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four liv-
ing creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down
before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden
bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the
saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people
and nation,
10 And have made us[a] kings[b] and priests to our
God;
And we[c] shall reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many
angels around the throne, the living creatures,
and the elders; and the number of them was ten
thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of
thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and
blessing!"

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on
the earth and under the earth and such as are in
the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

"Blessing and honor and glory and power
*Be* to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"[a]

14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!"
And the twenty-four[a] elders fell down and wor-
shiped Him who lives forever and ever.[b]

### *First Seal: The Conqueror*

6 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the
seals;[a] and I heard one of the four living crea-
tures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come
and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse.
He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was
given to him, and he went out conquering and to
conquer.

**4:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *our Lord and God.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *existed.* **5:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *and read.* **5:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to loose.* **5:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *I saw in the midst . . . a Lamb standing.* **5:10** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *them.* [b]NU-Text reads *a kingdom.* [c]NU-Text and M-Text read *they.* **5:13** [a]M-Text adds *Amen.* **5:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *twenty-four.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Him who lives forever and ever.* **6:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *seven seals.*

**ANGELS** **2 ANGELS GLORIFY GOD**

► *See* **REVELATION 5:11, 12**

Angels sing praises to God, and they will accompany Christ when He returns to earth to set up His kingdom. Matthew 25:31 says,

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory."

► *Now turn to page 625 for Isaiah 6:2, 6 and Point 3. Angels' Characteristics.*

*Second Seal: Conflict on Earth*

3When He opened the second seal, I heard the
second living creature saying, "Come and see."[a]
4Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was
granted to the one who sat on it to take peace
from the earth, and that *people* should kill one an-
other; and there was given to him a great sword.

*Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth*

5When He opened the third seal, I heard the
third living creature say, "Come and see." So I
looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat
on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6And I heard
a voice in the midst of the four living creatures
saying, "A quart[a] of wheat for a denarius,[b] and
three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not
harm the oil and the wine."

*Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth*

7When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the
voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come
and see." 8So I looked, and behold, a pale horse.
And the name of him who sat on it was Death,
and Hades followed with him. And power was
given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill
with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the
beasts of the earth.

*Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs*

9When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the
altar the souls of those who had been slain for the
word of God and for the testimony which they
held. 10And they cried with a loud voice, saying,
"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge
and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the
earth?" 11Then a white robe was given to each of
them; and it was said to them that they should
rest a little while longer, until both *the number of*
their fellow servants and their brethren, who
would be killed as they *were,* was completed.

*Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances*

12I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and
behold,[a] there was a great earthquake; and the
sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the
moon[b] became like blood. 13And the stars of
heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late
figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14Then
the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up,
and every mountain and island was moved out of
its place. 15And the kings of the earth, the great
men, the rich men, the commanders,[a] the mighty
men, every slave and every free man, hid them-
selves in the caves and in the rocks of the moun-
tains, 16and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall
on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits
on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!
17For the great day of His wrath has come, and
who is able to stand?"

*The Sealed of Israel*

7 After these things I saw four angels standing
at the four corners of the earth, holding the
four winds of the earth, that the wind should
not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.
2Then I saw another angel ascending from the
east, having the seal of the living God. And he
cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom
it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3say-
ing, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees
till we have sealed the servants of our God on
their foreheads." 4And I heard the number of
those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-
four thousand of all the tribes of the children of
Israel *were* sealed:

5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand *were*
sealed;[a]
of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand
*were* sealed;
7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand *were*
sealed;
of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand
*were* sealed.

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**6:3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *and see.* **6:6** [a]Greek *choinix;* that is, approximately one quart [b]This was approximately one day's wage for a worker. **6:12** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *behold.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *the whole moon.* **6:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the commanders, the rich men.* **7:5** [a]In NU-Text and M-Text *were sealed* is stated only in verses 5a and 8c; the words are understood in the remainder of the passage.

*A Multitude from the Great Tribulation*

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great
multitude which no one could number, of all na-
tions, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing be-
fore the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with
white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salva-
tion *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around
the throne and the elders and the four living crea-
tures, and fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honor and power and
might,
*Be* to our God forever and ever.
Amen."

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

14 And I said to him, "Sir,[a] you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.[a] And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets*

8 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. 3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

*First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck*

7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth.[a] And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

*Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck*

8 Then the second angel sounded: And *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was

**7:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *My lord.* **7:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *to fountains of the waters of life.* **8:7** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *and a third of the earth was burned up.*

**HEAVEN** **4 HEAVEN'S ACTIVITIES**

► *See* **REVELATION 7:9–12**

In heaven, there will be a sense of perfect joy, peace, and fulfillment because of being fully in God's presence. We will *worship* without distraction. All our energies will be focused on loving and praising God, our Creator and Sustainer, as we interact with Him on a personal level.

We will *serve* without exhaustion. God created us to experience great fulfillment through our work, but that was destroyed when sin entered the world. Our assignments in heaven, as we serve God, will give us great delight and a sense of accomplishment. "And His servants shall serve Him" (Revelation 22:3).

We will *govern* without failure. The administration of Christ's new order will involve ruling with Him over all that will be brought under His domain. "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15). "And they [His servants] shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

We will know perfect *fellowship* with God and other believers. Our fellowship will be like that experienced between the Father and the Son. "That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:21).

We will *rest.* In heaven, we are promised rest from our labors and trials (see Revelation 14:13).

► *Now turn to page 1089 for 2 Corinthians 5:6–8 and Point 5. God's Assurances.*

thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. [9]And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

### *Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck*

[10]Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. [11]The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

### *Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Struck*

[12]Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

[13]And I looked, and I heard an angel[a] flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

### *Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit*

**9** Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. [2]And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. [3]Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. [4]They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. [5]And they were not given *authority* to kill them, but to torment them *for* five months. Their torment *was* like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. [6]In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

[7]The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces *were* like the faces of men. [8]They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' *teeth.* [9]And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. [10]They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power *was* to hurt men five months. [11]And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

[12]One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

### *Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates*

[13]Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, [14]saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." [15]So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. [16]Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them. [17]And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. [18]By these three *plagues* a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. [19]For their power[a] is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

[20]But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. [21]And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries[a] or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

### *The Mighty Angel with the Little Book*

**10** I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. [2]He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left *foot* on the land, [3]and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion

**8:13** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *eagle.* **9:19** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the power of the horses.* **9:21** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *drugs.*

roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices,[a] I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me,[b] "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

5The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand[a] to heaven 6and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, 7but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

### *John Eats the Little Book*

8Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

9So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book."

And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11And he[a] said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

### *The Two Witnesses*

**11** Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood,[a] saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. 3And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God[a] of the earth. 5And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

### *The Witnesses Killed*

7When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our[a] Lord was crucified. 9Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow[a] their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

### *The Witnesses Resurrected*

11Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12And they[a] heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

### *Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed*

15Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms[a] of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17saying:

> "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
> The One who is and who was and who is to come,[a]
> Because You have taken Your great power
> and reigned.

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**10:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *sounded.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to me.* **10:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *right hand.* **10:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *they.* **11:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *And the angel stood.* **11:4** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *Lord.* **11:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *their.* **11:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *nations see . . . and will not allow.* **11:12** [a]M-Text reads *I.* **11:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *kingdom . . . has become.* **11:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *and who is to come.*

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has
come,
And the time of the dead, that they should
be judged,
And that You should reward Your servants
the prophets and the saints,
And those who fear Your name, small and
great,
And should destroy those who destroy the
earth."

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant[a] was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

### *The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon*

12 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

### *Satan Thrown Out of Heaven*

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them[a] in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,
"Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of
our God, and the power of His Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brethren, who accused
them before our God day and night, has been cast
down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of
the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and
they did not love their lives to the death. 12 There-
fore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in
them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the
sea! For the devil has come down to you, having
great wrath, because he knows that he has a short
time."

### *The Woman Persecuted*

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child.* 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of

**11:19** [a]M-Text reads *the covenant of the Lord.* **12:8** [a]M-Text reads *him.*

**VICTORY** **1 Victory Through Christ**

► *See* **Revelation 12:9–11**

We know that Jesus Christ has defeated Satan, our greatest spiritual foe. The battle has already been won. Christ, through His death and resurrection, destroyed the power of Satan so that those once trapped by him can now be free. It's important to remember this when you face hardships in life.

If Jesus has already defeated Satan, why do you still struggle? Your problem is that you rely on your own strength to do what God has promised to do for you. You grit your teeth and determine to "do better," rather than seeking God's guidance and grace to overcome sin. In your own strength, you cannot be victorious. Only through dependence on Christ's power will you have victory. Peace then comes in spite of your problems.

► *Now turn to page 190 for Joshua 1:7, 8 and Point 2. Victory Through God's Word.*

his mouth. 17And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.[a]

### *The Beast from the Sea*

13 Then I[a] stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns,[b] and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue[a] for forty-two months. 6Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 7It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe,[a] tongue, and nation. 8All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

### *The Beast from the Earth*

11Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14And he deceives those[a] who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or[a] the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.

### *The Lamb and the 144,000*

14 Then I looked, and behold, a[a] Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having[b] His Father's name written on their foreheads. 2And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. 4These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed[a] from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5And in their mouth was found no deceit,[a] for they are without fault before the throne of God.[b]

### *The Proclamations of Three Angels*

6Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

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**12:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *Christ.* **13:1** [a]NU-Text reads *he.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *ten horns and seven heads.* **13:5** [a]M-Text reads *make war.* **13:7** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *and people.* **13:14** [a]M-Text reads *my own people.* **13:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *or.* **14:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text add *His name and.* **14:4** [a]M-Text adds *by Jesus.* **14:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *falsehood.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *before the throne of God.*

[8]And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon[a] is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

[9]Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, [10]he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. [11]And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

[12]Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those[a] who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

[13]Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me,[a] "Write: 'Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

### *Reaping the Earth's Harvest*

[14]Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. [15]And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You[a] to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." [16]So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

### *Reaping the Grapes of Wrath*

[17]Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

[18]And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." [19]So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. [20]And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

### *Prelude to the Bowl Judgments*

15 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

[2]And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark[a] *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. [3]They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous *are* Your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true *are* Your ways,
O King of the saints![a]
[4] Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify
Your name?
For *You* alone *are* holy.
For all nations shall come and worship
before You,
For Your judgments have been manifested."

[5]After these things I looked, and behold,[a] the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. [6]And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. [7]Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. [8]The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls[a] of the wrath of God on the earth."

### *First Bowl: Loathsome Sores*

[2]So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

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**14:8** [a]NU-Text reads *Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, which has made;* M-Text reads *Babylon the great is fallen. She has made.* **14:12** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *here are those.* **14:13** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to me.* **14:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *for You.* **15:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *over his mark.* **15:3** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *nations.* **15:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *behold.* **16:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *seven bowls.*

*Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood*

3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on
the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man;*
and every living creature in the sea died.

*Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood*

4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on
the rivers and springs of water, and they became
blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say-
ing:

"You are righteous, O Lord,[a]
The One who is and who was and who is to
be,[b]
Because You have judged these things.
6 For they have shed the blood of saints and
prophets,
And You have given them blood to drink.
For[a] it is their just due."

7 And I heard another from[a] the altar saying,
"Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous
*are* Your judgments."

*Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched*

8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on
the sun, and power was given to him to scorch
men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great
heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who
has power over these plagues; and they did not re-
pent and give Him glory.

*Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain*

10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on
the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became
full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues
because of the pain. 11 They blasphemed the God
of heaven because of their pains and their sores,
and did not repent of their deeds.

*Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up*

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on
the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried
up, so that the way of the kings from the east
might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean
spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the
dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of
the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spir-
its of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to
the kings of the earth and[a] of the whole world, to
gather them to the battle of that great day of God
Almighty.

15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he
who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he
walk naked and they see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place
called in Hebrew, Armageddon.[a]

*Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken*

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl
into the air, and a loud voice came out of the tem-
ple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is
done!" 18 And there were noises and thunderings
and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake,
such a mighty and great earthquake as had not
occurred since men were on the earth. 19 Now the
great city was divided into three parts, and the
cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was
remembered before God, to give her the cup of
the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. 20 Then
every island fled away, and the mountains were
not found. 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon
men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent.
Men blasphemed God because of the plague of
the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

*The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast*

17 Then one of the seven angels who had
the seven bowls came and talked with
me, saying to me,[a] "Come, I will show
you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on
many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth
committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the
earth were made drunk with the wine of her for-
nication."

3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the
wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scar-
let beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy,
having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman
was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned
with gold and precious stones and pearls, having
in her hand a golden cup full of abominations
and the filthiness of her fornication.[a] 5 And on her
forehead a name *was* written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE
MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMI-
NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the
saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.
And when I saw her, I marveled with great
amazement.

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**16:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *O Lord.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *who was, the Holy One.* **16:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *For.* **16:7** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *another from.* **16:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *of the earth and.* **16:16** [a]M-Text reads *Megiddo.* **17:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to me.* **17:4** [a]M-Text reads *the filthiness of the fornication of the earth.*

*The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast*

7But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.[a]

9"Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. 10There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

12"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."

15Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16And the ten horns which you saw on[a] the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

*The Fall of Babylon the Great*

**18** After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2And he cried mightily[a] with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

4And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5For her sins have reached[a] to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6Render to her just as she rendered to you,[a] and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. 7In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit *as* queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' 8Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges[a] her.

*The World Mourns Babylon's Fall*

9"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

11"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. 14The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you,[a] and you shall find them no more at all. 15The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! 17For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as

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**17:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *and shall be present.*
**17:16** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *saw, and the beast.*
**18:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *mightily.* **18:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *have been heaped up.* **18:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to you.* **18:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *has judged.*
**18:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *been lost to you.*

trade on the sea, stood at a distance [18]and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *is* like this great city?'

[19]"They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

[20]"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles[a] and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

### *Finality of Babylon's Fall*

[21]Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. [22]The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. [23]The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. [24]And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

### *Heaven Exults over Babylon*

**19** After these things I heard[a] a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord[b] our God! [2]For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her." [3]Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" [4]And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" [5]Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both[a] small and great!"

[6]And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the[a] Lord God Omnipotent reigns! [7]Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." [8]And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

[9]Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." [10]And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See *that you do* not *do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

### *Christ on a White Horse*

[11]Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. [12]His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had[a] a name written that no one knew except Himself. [13]He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. [14]And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean,[a] followed Him on white horses. [15]Now out of His mouth goes a sharp[a] sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16]And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

### *The Beast and His Armies Defeated*

[17]Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,[a] [18]that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people,* free[a] and slave, both small and great."

[19]And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war

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**18:20** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *saints and apostles.*
**19:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *something like.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text omit *the Lord.* **19:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *both.*
**19:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *our.* **19:12** [a]M-Text adds *names written, and.* **19:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *pure white linen.*
**19:15** [a]M-Text adds *two-edged.* **19:17** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the great supper of God.* **19:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *both free.*

against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. [20]Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. [21]And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

### *Satan Bound 1000 Years*

**20** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2]He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; [3]and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

### *The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years*

[4]And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a[a] thousand years. [5]But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. [6]Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

### *Satanic Rebellion Crushed*

[7]Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison [8]and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. [9]They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. [10]The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where[a] the beast and the false prophet *are.* And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### *The Great White Throne Judgment*

[11]Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. [12]And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,[a] and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. [13]The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. [14]Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.[a] [15]And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**20:4** [a]M-Text reads *the.* **20:10** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *also.* **20:12** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the throne.* **20:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text add *the lake of fire.*

**HELL** **2 HELL'S INHABITANTS**

► *See* **REVELATION 20:10, 15**

There are basically two groups of inhabitants that will occupy hell. The first includes those spiritual powers now in conflict with God, namely the devil and the fallen angels (demons). The second will be those people who have not accepted forgiveness for their sins that God offers through Jesus' death on the cross.

God's judgment against the devil has already been pronounced, and in His perfect time it will be executed and fulfilled. At the proper time, God will also cast the fallen angels to their eternal doom (2 Peter 2:4).

Those people who have rejected salvation through Jesus Christ are not in the Lamb's Book of Life. When a person trusts Christ as personal Savior, however, his or her name is recorded in it, and he or she will spend eternity in heaven, rather than hell.

► *Now turn to page 890 for Matthew 8:12 and Point 3. Hell's Environment.*

*All Things Made New*

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. [2]Then I, John,[a] saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3]And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. [4]And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

[5]Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me,[a] "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

[6]And He said to me, "It is done![a] I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. [7]He who overcomes shall inherit all things,[a] and I will be his God and he shall be My son. [8]But the cowardly, unbelieving,[a] abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

*The New Jerusalem*

[9]Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me[a] and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."[b] [10]And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy[a] Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, [11]having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper

**21:2** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *John.* **21:5** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to me.* **21:6** [a]M-Text omits *It is done.* **21:7** [a]M-Text reads *overcomes, I shall give him these things.* **21:8** [a]M-Text adds *and sinners.* **21:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *to me.* [b]M-Text reads *I will show you the woman, the Lamb's bride.* **21:10** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *the great* and read *the holy city, Jerusalem.*

## JUDGMENT

### 3 Judgment for the Nonbeliever

► *See* **Revelation 20:11–15**

The Great White Throne judgment is for those who have not placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. God does not want anyone to suffer this judgment: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). All those who end up in hell will be there because they have rejected God's offer of salvation. If you have not yet accepted salvation for your sins through a relationship with Jesus Christ, see *Salvation*.

This judgment follows God's final judgment of the devil (Revelation 20:10) and the rebellious angels (Jude 6) and comes after the millennial reign of Christ. All those who rejected Christ will stand before God for this most terrible of all judgments (Matthew 12:36).

■ *For the Bible's guidance in other areas, return to the index, which begins on page xiii.*

## GRIEF

### 1 Grieving Is a Healthy Process

► *See* **Revelation 21:4**

In heaven, God promises that there will no longer be any death or pain, but in this life we are bound to experience grief and sorrow. Jesus promised that those who mourn will be comforted (Matthew 5:4), which implies that He knew grief would be part of life—even for a Christian. Mourning a loss is not sinful or something to be avoided. Rather, when you experience loss, you can know God will comfort you. Jesus Himself experienced grief and wept (John 11:35–38).

Expressing feelings of guilt, anger, confusion, or despair is the beginning of the grieving process. God knows that you experience these feelings, and He is more than able to help you heal from them. When you offer them to God, He will bring His comfort, hope, and encouragement. He knows every thought and feeling in the deepest parts of your heart. Because of that, He knows exactly how to help you grieve. God can help you move beyond those intense feelings, which, if harbored, can interfere with your spiritual growth. If you never acknowledge these feelings, however, you cannot move beyond them.

► *Now turn to page 999 for John 11:25, 26 and Point 2. For the Christian, Death Is Not the End of Life.*

stone, clear as crystal. [12]Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: [13]three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

[14]Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names[a] of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [15]And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. [16]The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. [17]Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. [18]The construction of its wall was *of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. [19]The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, [20]the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. [21]The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.

### *The Glory of the New Jerusalem*

[22]But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. [23]The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it,[a] for the glory[b] of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. [24]And the nations of those who are saved[a] shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.[b] [25]Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). [26]And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.[a] [27]But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes[a] an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

### *The River of Life*

**22** And he showed me a pure[a] river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. [2]In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. [3]And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. [4]They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. [5]There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

### *The Time Is Near*

[6]Then he said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy[a] prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

[7]"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

[8]Now I, John, saw and heard[a] these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

[9]Then he said to me, "See *that you do* not *do that.* For[a] I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." [10]And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. [11]He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous[a] still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

### *Jesus Testifies to the Churches*

[12]"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. [13]I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."[a]

[14]Blessed *are* those who do His commandments,[a] that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. [15]But[a] outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually

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**21:14** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *twelve names.* **21:23** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *in it.* [b]M-Text reads *the very glory.* **21:24** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *of those who are saved.* [b]M-Text reads *the glory and honor of the nations to Him.* **21:26** [a]M-Text adds *that they may enter in.* **21:27** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *anything profane, nor one who causes.* **22:1** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *pure.* **22:6** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *spirits of the prophets.* **22:8** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *am the one who heard and saw.* **22:9** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *For.* **22:11** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *do right.* **22:13** [a]NU-Text and M-Text read *the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.* **22:14** [a]NU-Text reads *wash their robes.* **22:15** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *But.*

immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

16"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

17And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

### *A Warning*

18For[a] I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add[b] to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away[a] his part from the Book[b] of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

### *I Am Coming Quickly*

20He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

21The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all.[a] Amen.

**22:18** [a]NU-Text and M-Text omit *For.* [b]M-Text reads *may God add.* **22:19** [a]M-Text reads *may God take away.* [b]NU-Text and M-Text read *tree of life.* **22:21** [a]NU-Text reads *with all;* M-Text reads *with all the saints.*

PROPHECY

## 2 The "Blessed Hope" Is Jesus Christ's Imminent Return

▶ *See* **Revelation 22:12**

The prophecies yet to be fulfilled largely concern the return of Jesus Christ. There are differing views concerning future prophecies. Instead of arguing about them, let us remember that "no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20).

Christ's return is a frequent topic in the New Testament; and it was also predicted by most of the Old Testament writers, including Job (Job 19:25); a psalmist (Psalm 102:16); Isaiah (Isaiah 59:20); Daniel (Daniel 7:13, 14); Zechariah (Zechariah 14:4); and many others. Since we have seen the evidence of prophecies fulfilled, we can be confident that the prophecy about Christ's return will also be fulfilled. While many people fear the future, Christians can joyfully anticipate Christ's return: "We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12, 13).

▶ *Now turn to page 1148 for Hebrews 6:19, 20 and Point 3. Those Who Trust Christ Have a Secure Future.*

## 1 Will we have the opportunity to accept Christ and get right with God after we die?

The Bible teaches that your decision for Christ must be made this side of the grave. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2); "Seek the LORD while He may be found" (Isaiah 55:6); and "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). The Bible also says: "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). We find no hope in the Bible for people who do not get right with God in this life.

The most important thing you have to settle in this life is your eternal salvation. God does not desire to send anyone to hell; instead, He gives us the opportunity to receive eternal life through a relationship with Jesus Christ. "Today, if you will hear His voice, /Do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7). He is patient with us, "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). If you would like to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ, see *Salvation.*

## 2 When a Christian dies, is it all right to cremate the body?

The Bible does not give specific directions for the disposal of the body following death. Several burials are described in the Bible: Sarah (Genesis 23:1–20), Rachel (Genesis 35:19, 20), and Rebekah's nurse (Genesis 35:8). The Israelites did not normally cremate bodies, except in unusual circumstances, as in the case of Saul and his sons (1 Samuel 31:11–13).

At the resurrection it will not make any difference whether a person's body has been buried or cremated. The new body of a Christian will be a radically changed and glorified body like the body of the risen Christ. It will be an eternal body that will never again experience weakness, disease, suffering, or death (1 Corinthians 15:35–54; Philippians 3:20, 21).

Even though the essential person or spirit has moved on to an eternal destiny, the body is the tangible reminder of what that person meant to us. It is important to show appropriate respect for that body, whether in burial or cremation. It is a very personal decision. The wishes of close family members and friends should also be considered in any decision because they are the ones who will live with the decision and with the memories.

## 3 Is it all right to try to talk with the spirits of dead loved ones?

Many people have lost loved ones and would desperately like to be able to talk with them again or receive messages from them. This desire is understandable, but contacting the dead is condemned by God. To attempt to do so is a sin against Him and results in either deception or involvement with demonic entities impersonating the dead.

Billy Graham said: "I urge you, as strongly as I know how, not to dabble or get involved in anything to do with occult practices, including this one. At best, they are deceptive and fraudulent; at worst, they can involve you in matters which are satanic in origin.

"The Bible is very clear that such things are false and will only lead you away from God and His truth . . . (Deuteronomy 18:10–12). The Bible urges us to turn in faith to Christ and to seek the truth He has given us in the Bible. God's Word alone gives us spiritual truth; any other path will lead us astray. Occult practices will never tell us with finality what is beyond the grave, but because of His resurrection we can know from Christ everything we need to know."

If you have been involved in this or any other occult practice, you must confess it to God as a sin, renounce the practice, and turn to Jesus Christ for His forgiveness, cleansing, and protection. You may find it helpful to consult with a gospel-preaching pastor.

## 4 Can people who have died and gone to heaven see what we are doing here on earth?

In Hebrews 12:1, the writer portrays the earthbound Christian as being in an amphitheater of life, surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." The setting seems like an athletic event. The word "witnesses" refers to the great heroes of the faith listed in the preceding chapter. Some Bible interpreters have suggested that these heroes of faith, plus all the apostles, martyrs,

missionaries of the church, in fact, all who have run the race successfully before us, are actually aware of our race and are observing us. Other interpreters, however, do not see these witnesses as actual spectators, but rather as examples of those who have successfully run the race. This seems to be the most likely interpretation. The Greek word translated "witnesses" is the root of the English word "martyr" and means testifiers or witnesses.

The great "cloud of witnesses" reminds us that we all have the same faith, and in Christ's name we may persevere in our faith in spite of all obstacles. So, "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1, 2).

## 5 Will there be animals in heaven?

The Bible does not indicate that there is life after death for animals. It may be that God's purpose for animals is fulfilled on this earth, or there may well be a place for them there. Some Bible interpreters have called attention to Isaiah's description of the peace of God's future kingdom where he says that "the wolf and the lamb shall feed together, / The lion shall eat straw like the ox" (Isaiah 65:25). Keep in mind that God has a special reason and place for each of His created beings. Animals, too, are a part of God's ordered creation. People, as the highest order of creation, have been given dominion over the animal kingdom (Genesis 1:26–28). Animals are intended for our enjoyment and stewardship.

## 6 What is the battle of Armageddon?

Regarding the battle of Armageddon, Billy Graham said: "The Bible plainly forecasts the coming of yet another great war. It will be a war to eclipse anything the world has ever seen. It will embrace most of the nations of the world; and its focal point will be in the Middle East, where the armies of the world will some day deploy themselves, centering at Mount Megiddo. This great war has been called the battle of Armageddon. In the midst of this terrifying war that could destroy civilization, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth in glory and power to judge the nations of the world and set up His own glorious kingdom.

"The Scripture describes this great battle in the sixteenth chapter of the book of Revelation. The sixth angel will pour out his vial upon the great river Euphrates. We are told that the waters of the Euphrates River will be 'dried up'. . . . The dry riverbed will permit unhindered passage of the great armies of the East to the scene of the battle. Unclean spirits, demons, will go out into the world to the kings of the earth 'to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty' (verses 12–14).

"The armies of the world will focalize on a point known as Armageddon, the Mount of Megiddo, and there the final world conflict will take place. The extent of this conflict is indicated in the ninth chapter of Revelation, where the army that is to cross the Euphrates River is described; and in that chapter the immensity of this final world war is carefully described. . . . We are aware of the shuffling of the stage in preparation for the greatest battle of all time that will certainly take place in the years ahead. The crisis of the present hour should shatter the optimism concerning human nature of every person. . . . The only reliable hope for the future must be bound up in a living faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."

## 7 Is there anything wrong with living with my boyfriend if we plan to be married someday?

Living together without being married is common in our culture, but this goes against God's will. God has given marriage to us for our happiness and security. When you follow His rules for sex and marriage, you can experience real joy in them. When you treat love and sex casually, you go against His perfect plan; and it will inevitably bring you unhappiness and pain.

When you have this kind of relationship outside of marriage, you do not have a lasting commitment to each other and thus cannot have a full measure of trust and security. Love becomes only an emotional feeling toward each other; and when the emotions fade, there is nothing to keep you together.

When you turn your back on God and His moral law, you cannot have true peace in your heart.

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). But the good news of the gospel is that God is willing to forgive all of our sin and transform our lives (see 1 Corinthians 6:11).

We urge you to surrender to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Trust Him to forgive and cleanse you from your sins. This is what it means to become a Christian. Then His Holy Spirit will live in your heart, guiding and empowering you to honor God in every area of life. The apostle Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). You will need to move out of your living situation, recognizing that you have no right to live as husband and wife outside of marriage. Seek the counsel of a gospel-preaching pastor in your community to help you take this step and give you further support and direction.

## 8 Is it a violation of the sanctity of human life to execute a murderer?

The sacredness of human life is at the very heart of the difficult question of capital punishment. Many feel that this sacredness is best protected by imposing capital punishment on those who commit murder—or at least particularly heinous acts of murder. More states are now adopting this position. On the other side are those who feel that this sacredness of human life would be violated by the exercise of capital punishment. They also cite cases where a person is later discovered to have been innocent of the crime for which he was executed. Some Christians oppose capital punishment because of the hope that, given enough time, a criminal may come to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and receive eternal life.

Biblical passages, such as Genesis 9:6, Numbers 35:16, and Romans 13:3, 4, have been used to support capital punishment. At the same time, other passages speak of the awesome responsibility of human judgment and the riches of God's "goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering" (Romans 2:4), intended to lead all people to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Some have used the commandment translated in the King James Version of the Bible "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13) as a prohibition of capital punishment. The commandment, however, refers to murder and is accurately translated "You shall not murder" in modern translations.

The basic problem underlying capital crimes is the sinful heart. Lives can be radically and permanently changed only through repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

## 9 Can a person be saved more than once?

Billy Graham has said, "Christian conversion is the transformation which we experience when we are born of God. Since one is not born over and over again, we must think of Christian development in two phases: birth and growth. A child, for example, is born once. True, he falls down many times, but when he falls he doesn't need to be born again. His falls, his bumps and bruises are all part of growing. So it is in the Christian life. Birth is sudden, once and for all, but development is the work of an entire lifetime. We can be converted in a moment: the precise moment that we accept Christ. But it takes a lot of prayer, Bible reading, churchgoing, and Christian service to make a mature Christian."

The Bible says, "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

## 10 Does God want all of His children to be financially wealthy?

The Bible does not indicate that God's will is for everyone to be wealthy or that there is something wrong with Christians who do not have many material possessions. In fact, James clearly warns that we must not treat those who are rich differently than we do those who are poor (James 2:1–9). The Bible does acknowledge that some believers are rich (1 Timothy 6:17). Those who are rich, however, are commanded not to put their hope in their wealth, but in God, and they are to be generous and willing to share (1 Timothy 6:17, 18). In fact, Paul warned against believing "that godliness is a means of gain"

(1 Timothy 6:5) and went on to say that we should be content with what we have (1 Timothy 6:8). He even warned, "Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:9, 10).

On the other hand, some make the opposite mistake of thinking that there is special merit in poverty and take pride in that. Your value is not in what you have or do not have on this earth. God can choose to prosper you with material wealth, or He can choose not to. Your focus needs to be on Him and His purposes for you—whether you are rich or poor. If you are His, all that you have is also His, to be used for His purposes. Jesus tells all of us, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19–21).

## 11 Does God reveal things through dreams and visions?

The Bible indicates that God revealed His will to certain people through dreams or visions (see Genesis 37:5–10; 1 Kings 3:5–15; Daniel 2 and 7; Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19; Acts 10:9–16; 16:9). God may communicate through dreams or visions even today, but we need to carefully compare any such guidance with the Bible to be sure it is from the Lord. Anything that contradicts God's Word is not from Him. Satan and even our own minds are capable of producing great deception in such subjective areas. Second Timothy 3:16, 17 shows that God reveals His will to us primarily through His Word. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

## 12 What do Christians mean when they say they heard the Lord speak to them about something?

Most Christians who say that the Lord "told" them something do not mean that they heard an audible voice. Instead, they mean that they "heard" God "speaking" to their innermost being, impressing something on them. When you believe in Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit dwells in your heart. The Holy Spirit is your Guide and your Teacher, directing you to do what God wants you to do—His will.

The Bible, God's love letter to us, is the primary instrument that God uses to "speak" to us. For example, you might read a verse in the Bible that seems like it was written just for you and your particular situation that day. Or the pastor's message from the Bible may suddenly grip you in a special way. This is often the prompting of the Holy Spirit in your heart. The Holy Spirit will "speak" to you at other times and in other situations, as well. He will let you know when you have done something wrong or bring to mind someone to pray for or give you peace (or lack of peace) about a certain decision.

When you pray, ask God to give you sensitivity to His Holy Spirit so that you will be alert to the many ways that He "speaks" to you throughout each day. Remember, however, that what you "hear" from the Lord must always agree with what the Bible teaches. Otherwise it is not a word from God.

## 13 Does God answer the prayers of those who don't believe in Jesus Christ?

The Bible teaches us that prayer is the privilege of those who have become righteous children of God. Psalm writer David tells us: "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, / And His ears are open to their cry" (Psalm 34:15).

In the New Testament, there are a few examples of prayers spoken by unbelievers, such as the thief on the cross, who prayed, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). There is the prayer of the tax collector, who prayed simply, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" (Luke 18:13). There are also the prayers of Cornelius, the Roman centurion, who had come to believe in the God of Israel. God

heard the prayers and sent the apostle Peter to Cornelius with the good news about Jesus in order that he might be saved (Acts 10).

From these instances, it appears that the prayers of those who were not followers of God took the form of humble calls upon God for mercy and acceptance. When you pray such a prayer, you can be confident that God will answer and receive you by His grace into the assurance of salvation and eternal life. Jesus once said, "The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out" (John 6:37). If an unbeliever prays simply to relieve guilt or stress or to try to gain something from God, however, it is doubtful that God regards such prayers. He hears those who come to Him in humility. The Bible says, "A broken and a contrite heart— / These, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

If you have received Christ as your Savior, you have the privilege to talk freely with God because He is your heavenly Father, and you are His child. If you have never received Christ, we urge you to make your commitment to God by turning from sin, trusting Christ to forgive you, and inviting Jesus to come into your life as your Savior and Lord. When you do this, you become a member of God's family. See *Salvation.*

## 14 How can I get to know God?

There is nothing more satisfying than knowing God in a personal way. He loves you and gave His Son to die on the cross for you; Jesus gave His life as a divine sacrifice so you could be forgiven of your sin and have eternal life. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have [eternal] life" (John 10:10). This is God's free gift to us. The Bible teaches that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23) and deserve the penalty of sin, which is separation from God. When we realize that our sins separate us from Him, it is our privilege and responsibility to turn from sin to Christ in true repentance, with faith in Him as Savior and Lord. Once you take this step, you become a part of God's family (see John 1:12).

To accept Christ as your Lord and Savior is a transforming experience. Not only will you gain a new dimension of joy, peace, and purity, but you will find that all things become new for you (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). Turn to *Salvation.*

If you have already invited Christ into your life and want to know God more, the best way to understand Him is to immerse yourself in His Word. Read and study the Bible; memorize passages that are significant to you. Find a gospel-preaching church to become involved in, and spend time with other Christians who also want to grow in their knowledge of God. See also the topics *Bible* and *God the Father* in the front section of this Bible.

## 15 What guidelines should I follow in finding a church?

Find a church that stresses the importance of teaching the Bible and adheres to these beliefs:

- The Bible is the infallible Word of God (see 2 Timothy 3:16).
- God is a Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (see John 14:26; Matthew 28:18, 19).
- Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone (see John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Your spiritual maturity will develop as you dedicate yourself to personal prayer, reading and studying God's Word, and obedience to what is learned (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Colossians 2:6, 7).

The decision you make about your church affiliation is a crucial one. Being active in a local church will provide much of what is needed for living a powerful and abundant Christian life.

## 16 How can we say that someone is sinning if Jesus said we are not supposed to judge others?

In Matthew 7:1, Jesus said, "Judge not, that you be not judged." He followed that command with, "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:5). Jesus was simply saying that you need to recognize and deal with your own sin before you can help someone else. Jesus did not say that His disciples should set aside all exercise of discernment or judgment.

Consider the spirit in which you seek to correct someone else. You need to correct another person in a spirit of love, compassion, and humility. "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens,

and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1, 2).

Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth, telling them not to keep company with immoral people. In 1 Corinthians 5:9–13, he clarifies for them that he was not referring to unbelievers but to immoral people *who claim to be Christians.* He instructs them not even to eat with such people. Paul says to judge those inside the church, and God will judge those outside the church. "For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore 'put away from yourselves the evil person.'"

## 17 Do we have both a soul and a spirit?

Use of the terms *soul* and *spirit* in the Bible is very complex. Often in the New Testament, they are used synonymously to refer to the immaterial part of a person; at other times, they are used with fine distinctions. In those cases, the term *soul* seems to refer to a person's more basic psychological functions as he or she interacts with the world, while *spirit* seems to focus on a person's relationship with God. In the Old Testament, *soul* is sometimes used to refer to a person in his totality.

Theologians struggle with the question of whether people are made up of two parts, namely, body and soul / spirit, or three parts—body, soul, and spirit. The latter position has been popularized through the teaching of many Christian psychologists and teachers.

In Genesis 2:7, the Hebrew word for *soul* (NKJV: "a living being") is used in reference to Adam in his totality as created by God. A situation in the New Testament where *soul* and *spirit* appear to be used synonymously is Luke 1:46, 47.

## 18 Is it all right for a Christian to believe in astrology and discover God's plan for his or her life through a horoscope?

The fascination with astrology and horoscopes reflects humanity's search for wisdom beyond itself and direction for the future. Astrology is the ancient belief that your destiny can be determined by the pattern of the stars and planets at the time of your birth. The horoscope is the chart that attempts to describe that destiny. The Bible mentions the astrologers in the royal court at Babylon and their inability to tell or interpret royal dreams (Daniel 2:10, 11; 4:7). Isaiah the prophet spoke of astrologers with derision: "Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, / And the monthly prognosticators / Stand up and save you / From what shall come upon you" (Isaiah 47:13).

Astrology is offensive to God because it attributes to planets and stars the power that belongs to God alone and because it tries to find the will of God by other means than He has appointed. Throughout the Bible, God tells us that He will guide us (see Psalm 23:1, 2; 25:9, 12; 32:8; Luke 1:79; John 7:17). Christians have no need of astrology, for they have the dependable guidance found in God's Word.

Many who follow astrology and horoscopes live their lives according to those predictions. God wants us to put our faith in Him alone. Dabbling in those pursuits reveals a condition of the heart—an unwillingness to fully trust God for the future. Even if you claim not to take such pursuits seriously, astrology and reading horoscopes makes you vulnerable to deception and invites temptation. See also: *New Age; Occult.*

## 19 What does it mean to be "born again"?

Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Your first birth gave you physical life and a physical family; the new birth gives you spiritual life and membership in God's family (John 1:13). To be born again is to have the Holy Spirit transform your heart from indifference and hostility toward God to a love of God and a desire for righteousness and holiness. The only way you can come to God and experience what it means to be "born again" is through repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ (see John 14:6). The Bible clearly teaches that salvation is a gift; it cannot be earned in any way (see Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:13).

To accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior means more than accepting Him as a fact of history, a teacher, or an example. It means more than giving mental assent to the fact that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world. It means that you turn from—reject—your sin and

with your whole heart trust in Him. God makes you a new person (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). The Bible says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12). See *Salvation.*

## 20 What does it mean to "believe" in Christ?

When the Bible says you must "believe" in Christ, that word means more than simply agreeing in your mind that something might be true. It means to trust, to place confidence in—to believe so strongly in Jesus Christ that you are willing to commit your life to Him and live the way you know He wants you to live.

Suppose you were walking along a path and you came to a bridge that crossed a deep canyon. You might look at it and believe that it would hold you, and you might even see other people walking across it so you knew it would hold your weight. But so far your "belief" in the bridge is only in your head. How do you really show that you believe the bridge will hold you? You show that you really believe it when you are willing to actually walk across it—committing your life that it will hold you.

It is the same way with belief in Christ. You may believe that God exists, but God wants you to know Him personally. And He has bridged the gap between you and Himself by sending His Son to remove the barrier of sin and become that "bridge." To believe in Christ is to commit your life by faith to Christ—to trust Him personally as your Lord and Savior. See *Salvation.*

## 21 Is it true that women are not valued very highly in the Bible?

On the contrary, women are highly valued in the Bible. God created man and woman in His image and gave them the responsibilities of populating and ruling over the earth (Genesis 1:27, 28).

The Bible shows the value Christ placed on women, emphasizing His regard for them as essential members of God's kingdom. He understood their concerns (John 2:1–9); met their needs (Mark 7:24–30; John 4); healed them (Matthew 9:20–22; Luke 4:38, 39); raised their dead (Luke 7:11–15; John 11); forgave and restored them to meaningful existence (Luke 7:36–50; John 8:3–11); defended and affirmed their acts of service (Matthew 26:6–13); and instructed them (Luke 10:39). On the road to His Crucifixion, Christ addressed the women of Jerusalem. In some of His final words, He entrusted His mother, Mary, into the care of His disciple John. Following His Resurrection, the first person to whom Jesus revealed Himself was Mary Magdalene, a woman He had freed from demon possession (John 20:10–18).

Some of the impact of Jesus' interaction with women in the Bible may be lost on us today if we do not take into account the culture of Jesus' time. His relating to women as openly as to men was unheard of at the time, especially for a rabbi.

The New Testament church was enriched by godly women such as Dorcas, Priscilla, and Lydia. The apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek [heritage], there is neither slave nor free [status], there is neither male nor female [gender]; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Bible interpreters and churches vary in their understanding of the role of women in the church and home. The disagreement, however, is not about one's worth to God and the church—men and women are equally valuable to God.

The devaluation of women in so many ways throughout history is a result of sin. Wherever the gospel has gone, the status of women has been elevated. Through Christ, women have experienced the opportunity to live creative, productive, and satisfying lives. This transformation has led to far-reaching contributions by women in areas such as social and political reform, medicine, literature, the arts and sciences, and Christian service and missions.

## 22 Is it possible for a Christian to live without sinning?

As long as we are on this earth, we will always struggle against temptation and sin. That is one reason Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Forgive us our sins . . . / And do not lead us into temptation, / But deliver us from the evil one" (Luke 11:4). Sometimes we sin by our actions; sometimes by our motives. Often we sin not because of what we do, but because of what we fail to do. For example, we sin when we fail to love others or to forgive others.

The fact that we sin, however, does not mean we are no longer God's children. Our fellowship with God may be broken, but our relationship is not. In addition, when we sin, God stands ready to forgive us, and we need to turn to Him immediately. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Finally, God wants to help us—through His Holy Spirit, who lives within every believer—to avoid sin in the future. "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

## 23 Can listening to some kinds of music and watching TV affect my relationship with Jesus?

Billy Graham has commented: "Some modern music does, beyond question, include lyrics that are blatantly and openly anti-religious. Some lyrics also exalt or urge immoral behavior, while still others are tied closely to drug experiences or speak in a distorted way about death. When this is the case, the choice you have is not simply one of musical taste. You see, although you say you don't pay attention to the words, it is virtually impossible for them not to take root in your mind. When you repeatedly hear certain ideas and themes in music, they almost inevitably become a part of you and you begin to think they are true or 'not so bad.' The Bible constantly urges us to fill our minds with good and true things because our thoughts will shape our behavior. We therefore need to control what goes into our minds."

Second Corinthians 10:4, 5 says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." This counsel, of course, applies to media other than music, as well. Themes of illicit sex, senseless violence, occult experimentation, and anti-Christian sentiment flow through many television shows, movies, plays, novels, and material on the Internet. Psalm 101:3 says, "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes." Christians who face a daily war against their minds can trust God's Word when it says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

## 24 Which day are we supposed to keep as the Sabbath?

The command to observe the Sabbath, the seventh day, was given to the nation of Israel at Mount Sinai by the Lord as part of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:8–11; Deuteronomy 5:12–15). The Sabbath was to be a sign of God's covenant with Israel, a day of rest from labor, and a memorial of God's great acts of creation and deliverance. The Sabbath was a good gift from God to Israel, but it was also enforced very strictly—the penalty for deliberately doing unnecessary work on that day was death (Exodus 35:2, 3; Numbers 15:32–36).

After God raised Christ from the dead in power and glory on the first day of the week, the followers of Christ were led to honor Him and the Resurrection by worshiping on the first day of the week. Scriptural warrant for giving special worship and honor to Christ on the first day of the week, the "Lord's Day," is found in Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10.

Many Christians and churches believe that worshiping and serving Christ on Sunday in commemoration of His Resurrection completely fulfills the requirement of the fourth Commandment. In this understanding, the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh day of the week to the first day because of Christ's Resurrection. It is now a memorial of God's New Covenant and His greater spiritual creation and deliverance of the church from sin and death.

In commenting on the fourth Commandment, Billy Graham says, "We are to have a day that we come apart to worship God. It's a special day set apart for that purpose." In any case, all Christians would agree that our faith is not limited to a particular day; we are saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 2:8, 9), and we desire to worship and serve Him every day of the week.

## 25 What is the difference between Bible reading and Bible meditation?

It is essential to differentiate between reading and meditating on the Bible. Reading is primarily assimilation of facts without application. When you meditate on the Word of God, you are prayerfully considering how to apply it to your

own life and circumstances. Meditation allows your mind to be quiet and hear the Holy Spirit speak to you. As the apostle Paul said, "All Scripture is . . . profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). You do not know how or when the Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to bring conviction and correction. As God promises in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; / It shall not return to Me void, / But it shall accomplish what I please."

It is also essential to remember that Satan knows Scripture well. He often uses it out of context to tempt us. He is a master at distorting what the Word of God says (Genesis 3:1). When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4), however, Jesus used the Scriptures to defeat him. An effective way to use the Word of God as your sure defense against Satan's attacks is to memorize passages that are important to you.

## 26 Aren't there many good religious writings and religions that can show us the way to know God and experience eternal life?

There is only one infallible standard—the Bible, God's Word. In it, God revealed all we need to know about Him. Faith based on the ideas of men is not reliable; true faith is based on the Word of God. It is very important for Christians to know the Bible and what it teaches, because there are many false ideas and religions in the world today.

Most founders of world religions could give us only their own ideas about God. Jesus Christ, however, made a startling claim: "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me….For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak" (John 12:44, 45, 49). If this is true, we need not look elsewhere for the truth. That is why Jesus could say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Was Jesus who He claimed to be? Yes! How do we know? Because He rose again from the dead, which forever sets Jesus apart from all other religious leaders. And it also means that He alone can forgive us and save us when we put our trust in Him.

## 27 How can you be so sure there is a God since science hasn't proven His existence?

The existence of God cannot be proven in a laboratory or through logic. Neither can you prove love, beauty, or happiness, but that does not mean they are not real. Just because you cannot "prove" that God exists as you can prove a mathematical formula does not mean that He is not real.

Faith is not anti-intellectual. Billy Graham said, "Some of the finest scientists I have ever met are men and women with a deep faith in God, because they realize that science alone cannot explain where we came from or why we are here. They are convinced that science itself points to an all-wise and all-powerful Creator."

The Bible says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; / And the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). Romans 1:20 also indicates that God reveals Himself to people through His creation: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made."

The greatest evidence of all is the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). Do not let pride get in the way of discovering the new life He alone can give. When you accept Jesus Christ, you admit you do not have all the answers and cannot save yourself. You demonstrate faith by trusting Him with your life and receiving Him unconditionally as your Savior. See *Salvation.*

## 28 Does the Bible say that it is wrong to have a Christmas tree?

Many Christians question the use of the Christmas tree, specifically in reference to Jeremiah 10:1–5. These verses do not refer to Christmas trees, but they do condemn the idolatry practiced in Jeremiah's day. God's people were following the customs of the heathen who cut down trees, shaped the wood into idols, decorated them with silver and gold ornaments, and worshiped them as gods.

It is important to keep Christ and our worship of Him central to our observance of Christmas. It is not unbiblical, however, to have a Christmas tree lighted and decorated in the home or the church. It has been suggested that the branches of the tree pointing upward can signify praise to

God. The star at the top can represent the star of Bethlehem. Also, the evergreen has been recognized as symbolic of eternal life, God's gift to us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 29 We're believers and attend church; but when my husband gets angry, he sometimes hits me. What should I do?

God cares about your unhappy marital situation, and you can be assured that God does not want you to be treated abusively. God's plan for marriage is for a husband and wife to live together in love. (See *Marriage and Family; Marriage Problems.*)

If you are being physically abused, you should take immediate steps to remove yourself, and any children, from the situation. Find a crisis intervention center (listed in the front of most telephone books), and confide in a trusted Christian friend or relative about your situation. Letting someone else know what you have been experiencing can bring relief and encouragement.

We also encourage you to talk with your pastor about the abuse. See if your husband will accept help in handling his anger appropriately. Make every effort to get Christian psychological help so that further abuse can be avoided and your marriage can be healed. Any children should be included in the restoration process, as well. Prayer and pastoral counseling, along with psychological therapy, can accomplish much.

Divorce is not the answer to most marriage problems, although separation may be an answer in order to avoid additional abuse. (See *Divorce.*) As you take the necessary steps to resolve your situation, remember God's promise, "Fear not, for I am with you; / Be not dismayed, for I am your God. / I will strengthen you, / Yes, I will help you, / I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

## 30 I'm confused by the Bible's Book of Revelation. What does it mean?

The Book of Revelation can be confusing because much of it was written using a symbolic style of language not used today. Bible scholars, in fact, disagree about the meaning of some symbolic passages. But that should not keep us from reading it and attempting to understand its message.

The key is to find the main themes, which are tremendous truths. For example, the Book of Revelation emphasizes that this world is doomed, and our hope must never be in this world or its political systems and philosophies. It also points out that God through Christ will triumph over death and evil, and Satan will be utterly defeated.

Revelation emphasizes that Christ will come again to establish His kingdom of perfect justice and righteousness, "and He shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). Those who know Christ will be secure forever in heaven, and "there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Most important, the Book of Revelation (like all of the Bible) points to Christ. He is the Savior and Lord of all who trust in Him, and someday we will see Him face-to-face. Are you ready for that day? You can be, by repenting of your sin and placing your faith in Christ today. See *Salvation.*

## 31 I just committed my life to Jesus, but why should I go to church?

You may have recently become a Christian or have experienced a renewal of your faith and are beginning the journey to spiritual maturity. The Bible encourages you to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). The first step in this process is to become actively involved in a local church.

All Christians are members of the body of Christ, which is the true church. It is God's will that Christians meet together regularly—which they have been doing for nearly two thousand years. A number of New Testament letters were written to local groups of believers in different parts of the Roman Empire. The writer of Hebrews 10:25 advised the first-century followers of Christ "[not to forsake] the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but [to exhort] one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

## 32 I have mixed feelings about how our family should be involved in Halloween. What should I do?

Christians come to different conclusions about celebrating Halloween. For some, this holiday is a time for dress-up, candy, and an opportunity for fun. Others express concern for their child's safety or for the emphasis that is often made on violence or horror at this time of year. Some may see Halloween's origin in the occult and believe it should not be celebrated at all; they are aware that some groups celebrate Halloween as a tribute to Satan. On the other hand, others recognize that Halloween, the eve of "All Saints' Day" (November 1), is sometimes associated with Martin Luther and the Reformation. They celebrate the religious freedoms won at that time in history. Since each of these perspectives contains truth, it is difficult to know how to respond.

We encourage you to develop your own approach to Halloween based on your own convictions. Some parents develop totally different alternatives to Halloween, including fall festival parties where children are encouraged to dress in a particular theme, such as famous historical characters or Bible heroes. Children will always be attracted to costumes and treats; finding positive ways to enjoy these pleasures is the primary challenge for caring adults. Contact churches in your area to find out activities they are planning that will make Halloween an opportunity to witness for Christ.

## 33 Since Adam and Eve were the first humans, where did their eldest son Cain get his wife?

Genesis 5 gives the written account of Adam's lineage. From that chapter, we learn that Adam had sons and daughters and that he lived to the age of 930 years. No doubt Cain married one of those numerous daughters or granddaughters of Adam. In other words, Cain married either his own sister or niece. In the dawn of history, such marriages would have been necessary and would not have been accompanied by the dangers that would result today. God later established laws to prohibit marriage within close degrees of kinship (Leviticus 20:17–20). Intermarriage of closely related persons such as brothers and sisters today, according to doctors, would result in serious physical deterioration of the race.

## 34 If Jesus is God, why does the Bible talk about Him praying to God?

Since the Bible affirms that Jesus is God, it is often perplexing to note that Jesus addresses God in prayer.

Jesus was both fully God and fully man. The second Person of the Trinity, God the Son, took upon Himself complete humanity, except for our sinful nature, when He was conceived in Mary. He is one Divine Person having two natures, divine and human—the God-man.

Being fully human, Jesus became tired and hungry as we do, He wept, He experienced temptation, and in order to rely upon His heavenly Father and do His will, He prayed.

When Jesus cried from the cross, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" He was expressing from His human consciousness the terrible sense of being separated from His heavenly Father as He suffered the penalty for the world's sin.

His divine nature could not suffer or die—it was His humanity that enabled this. This is a great mystery beyond human comprehension and about which we have only glimmers of truth until we see Him face-to-face and mysteries become clear.

## 35 Why are there so many questions about God to which no one seems to have answers?

There are some questions we cannot answer now because God in His wisdom has simply not chosen to reveal this information in the Bible. In addition, our finite minds cannot fully comprehend the mind of God nor His ways, and we will have to wait until we meet Him face-to-face to understand completely. In heaven, we will have perfect understanding, as stated in 1 Corinthians 13:12: "Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." In Isaiah 55:8, 9, God says, "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts,/ Nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD./ 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth,/ So are My ways higher than your ways,/ And My thoughts than your thoughts.'" We must leave our questions with Him, resting in the assurance that He loves us perfectly and rules with perfect justice.

## 36 What is the Apostles' Creed?

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest creed of the Christian church and is the basis for others that followed. The Apostles' Creed dates back to at least A.D. 140. Many of the early church leaders summed up their beliefs as they had an opportunity to stand for their faith (see 1 Timothy 6:12). These statements developed into a more standard form to express one's confession of faith at the time of baptism. It is not Scripture, but it is a simple list of the great doctrines of the faith. Its most common form is:

> *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.*

The word *catholic* means "universal"; it does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the body of Christ—the church—as a universal fellowship. The phrase, "He descended into hell," was not part of the creed in its earliest form.

## 37 Were those who believed in God during Old Testament times saved through Christ?

The Bible suggests that Old Testament believers experienced acceptance and fellowship with God on the basis of their faith in what God had revealed of Himself and His ways. Genesis 15:6 says concerning Abraham: "He believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."

The Old Testament makes clear that God taught His people to approach Him through animal sacrifices. Those sacrifices foreshadowed and symbolized the shedding of blood and sacrificial death of Jesus, the Messiah. Christ's eventual sacrifice of His own life as the "lamb without blemish" was the fulfillment of the sacrificial offerings to atone for sin. The Old Testament Book of Leviticus and the New Testament Book of Hebrews provide an excellent harmony of truth on this subject. Both Old Testament believers and New Testament believers were saved by grace through Jesus Christ.

## 38 I'm troubled by Old Testament stories about God destroying or ordering the destruction of whole cities. Isn't God a God of love?

Many struggle with the Old Testament accounts of the broad destruction of some nations and cities by God. God destroyed the whole world civilization of Noah's day by a flood (Genesis 6:13) and whole cities by fire, such as Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). In other cases, He ordered the destruction of cities of other nations by the armies of Israel (Deuteronomy 7:1, 2).

While God is a God of love, He is also a holy God, perfect in righteousness, justice, and purity. God had endured the idolatry, child sacrifice, and moral corruption of the original inhabitants of the land of Canaan for centuries. When He gave the land to Israel and ordered the destruction of the Canaanites, it was both judgment on a people hardened against Him and a protection for Israel lest they be drawn into the corrupt life of the land's inhabitants. Our difficulty with these acts of judgment is closely associated with our failure to comprehend the purity of God and the sinfulness of humankind—including our own sinfulness.

Many people decide that the seemingly senseless acts of God's judgment are a valid reason to reject Him. But this is a serious error. Because God is just, He cannot excuse sin or act somehow as if it did not exist. But because God is also loving, He does not want us to have to endure the punishment we deserve for our sins. We as humans do not have a greater sense of justice than our Creator God Himself. We must surrender to the truth: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). You cannot save yourself from God's judgment, but Christ can and He will as you commit your life to Him by faith. See *Salvation.*

## 39 Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25, when the Bible doesn't mention the date of Christ's birth?

The exact date of Jesus' birth is not recorded in the Bible. The earliest Christians did not observe Christ's birth; however, it was generally celebrated in churches by the late fourth century. December 25 became recognized as Christmas Day because it provided a Christian alternative to pagan festivals related to the winter solstice.

Although the origin of the Christmas celebration is not found in the Bible, it is not wrong for us to remember Christ's birth during the Christmas season. It can be an opportunity for us to grow closer to Jesus and point others to faith in Him. Galatians 4:4, 5 teaches, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." May God help each of us to prayerfully consider our relationship with Him when we celebrate Christmas.

## 40 Which of the hundreds of Old Testament laws are applicable to us as Christians?

In the Old Testament, God selected the nation of Israel to be His "chosen" people. They were to be "holy"—separate from the unbelieving nations around them. This was to be expressed by their obedience to God's laws for their nation—civil laws, ritual laws, and moral laws (such as the Ten Commandments). By the time of Jesus, the Jews thought that the law was a way to earn salvation—something God had never intended. The Bible stresses, "That no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for 'the just shall live by faith'" (Galatians 3:11).

The civil laws have passed away since the church is not a nation. The ritual laws of sacrifice, priesthood, and the temple have been fulfilled in Jesus and are no longer applicable to the church (see the Book of Hebrews). The basic moral law of the Old Testament, however, is clearly reflected in the New Testament (for example, in Colossians 3) and is summarized by Jesus in Matthew 22:37–40. Once you accept God's gift of salvation, the moral law becomes a guide for how you live out your new life in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16–26).

You do not win God's favor by following laws and doing enough good deeds to balance out your bad deeds. Only Christ can save you when you commit your life to Him. If you would like to make that commitment today, please see *Salvation*.

## 41 How can the Bible be correct about the world being created in six days?

Many Christians become troubled when they read the creation account in the Bible and then listen to the ideas of evolutionists. The Bible, of course, asserts that God created the universe and everything in it. Evolutionists, on the other hand, usually leave God out of the equation and hold that everything "just happened." In addition, evolutionists describe life developing over vast periods of time as a scientific fact, though it is only a theory.

Some scientists who believe the Bible account of God's creation think that it can fit with some aspects of evolutionary theory. For example, some suggest that the days of creation in Genesis 1 might be "age days," that is, long periods of time in which God created and then helped things develop. Others believe that the language used to describe the six days of Genesis indicate literal 24-hour days in which God created everything. They do not think that the actual facts of science support long periods of development.

It is important to note that there can be no real conflict between the facts of the Bible and the facts of science, since God is the Author of both. The problems arise when we begin to interpret those facts. Since Christians hold various views, it is important to keep an attitude of humility and charity toward others in these complicated areas. One fact is absolutely clear from the Bible—God is the Creator!

## 42 Is there any problem if I put off making a decision to follow Christ for a few years, at least until I've had some fun in life?

The question of your salvation and where you will spend eternity is far too serious to be delayed. Those who make a conscious decision to delay giving their lives to Christ almost never get around to doing it. Now is the time to make a decision to follow Christ: "Behold, now is the

accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Your question indicates two possible misconceptions. First, a misconception about life itself. After all, life is uncertain. You do not know that you will have a chance to commit your life to Christ in the future—even tomorrow. The more you ignore God's voice, the harder it becomes to hear Him: "He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, / Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).

You may also have a misunderstanding about the Christian life. You picture it as dull and uninteresting, but there is no greater challenge and privilege in life than following God's path for you. He is the source of joy. God's way is perfect, and He knows what is best for us. There is no greater satisfaction or higher calling than being part of God's family (John 1:12).

Admit your sinfulness, seek God's forgiveness, and give control of your life to Jesus Christ. Don't be deceived by the promises of pleasure; they will only leave you empty. Let Christ show you the real meaning of life. See *Salvation.*

## 43 Is it true that the name *Easter* is pagan in origin?

The origins of Easter can be traced to several pre-Christian cultures. The name *Easter* is attributed to Eastre, the Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility; Astarte, the Phoenician goddess; Ishtar, the Babylonian goddess; and Oster, the German equivalent. The festival of Eastre was celebrated on the day of the Spring Equinox.

Jesus was crucified at the time of the Passover (see John 13:1; 18:28, 39; 19:14). In the early centuries of the Christian church, the celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection, based on the timing of the Jewish Passover, coincided with Eastre's festival. As pagans were evangelized with the gospel, the Christian celebration took the pagan name. In the year 325, the Nicene Council set the annual observance of Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the March equinox.

Some Christians prefer the name *Resurrection Sunday* instead of *Easter.* This avoids any confusion with pagan roots and also exalts the significance of Christ's death and Resurrection above the commercialization of Easter.

## 44 Did God really forsake Jesus when He was dying on the cross?

Jesus' cry "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Mark 15:34) has puzzled many. Jesus is actually quoting the opening line of Psalm 22 and using it to express His deep agony on the cross. He is suffering the penalty for our sin in our place. The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Death includes two dimensions—physical and spiritual. Physical death is the separation of the spirit from the body. Spiritual death is the separation of the spirit from God. Since Jesus was dying for our sin as our substitute, He was experiencing the agony of separation from His Father. It was the agony of hell.

There is an unfathomable mystery here. Jesus was both God and man united in one divine Person. As God, He could not suffer and die, though He could suffer the agony of separation from the Father; as man, He could suffer and die physically. And He did, so that we might be forgiven of our sin and reconciled with God. "All we like sheep have gone astray… / And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

Our greatest need is for forgiveness, and Christ came to make that forgiveness possible. Christ bridged the gap between God and us; and, by faith in Him, that gulf can be erased, and we can come to know God personally. If you want to make this commitment, please see *Salvation.*

## 45 My parents treat me like a child. Why can't they give me more freedom?

Growing up is a difficult period of adjustment for both you and your parents. Your desire to become more independent is natural, but God has given your parents the role to protect and care for you. As you follow the Bible's advice to obey your parents (see Ephesians 6:1–3; Colossians 3:20) and as you act responsibly, you show that you are ready for increased freedom.

The happiest young people are those who have discovered the joy of living for Jesus Christ. When you are "reconciled to God," it usually follows that you are in harmony with others. Whenever relationship problems arise, you can bring them to God in prayer and find practical instructions and help given in the Bible (see Romans 12:9–21;

Philippians 4:13). The apostle Paul encourages the young when he says, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). May God grant you and your parents wisdom in learning how to love, honor, and respect one other.

## 46 Is it wrong for a Christian to put a loved one in assisted living or in a nursing home?

Caring for aged loved ones is a difficult issue for many families. Many elderly people, though not all, feel much more at home and comfortable with family than in a health-care facility. Some may feel abandoned and unloved at the prospect of assisted living or entering a nursing home.

The Bible is clear that families have a serious responsibility to care for the elderly members of the family. "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Timothy 5:8). How to best do this requires discernment.

Some families will choose to fulfill their responsibilities by caring for a loved one at home or with home-care specialist assistance. Others will arrange for care in an assisted-living or nursing facility. If living arrangements are outside of the family home, it is very important to monitor the situation closely, to call and visit regularly, and to faithfully attend to the incidental needs of their aged loved one.

Old age can be a frightening and lonely experience. The assurance of God's love and salvation, along with the care and love of family and friends, can mean everything to an elderly and infirm person.

## 47 Does God really care how we use our natural resources?

God does care about how we treat the earth that He has entrusted to us for a home. After God had created man and woman, the Bible tells us, "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Genesis 1:28). He placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden "to tend and keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

God gave us natural resources to use to make our lives better, but He also gave us the ability to exercise wisdom in our use of these resources. As Billy Graham has pointed out, "The Bible also warns against the misuse of those resources or exploiting them in the wrong or greedy way. You see, how we use (or misuse) our resources affects other people as well as ourselves. If we waste the earth's resources today, we will be harming our children and grandchildren."

Jesus said, "Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12). This applies to how we handle our natural resources, as well as our ordinary relationships.

## 48 I'm turned off by the political rhetoric in the news today. As a Christian, am I obligated to vote in public elections?

There is no question that Christians should vote. Christians can honor God and assist in guiding our nation by voting in elections at all levels of government. It is important that we seek out information about candidates and issues so that we can vote wisely and with discernment. God will give you wisdom as you study the Bible and seek the guidance of His Holy Spirit through prayer. The opportunity of voting in free elections is a privilege that many people have given their lives for. It is a responsibility and blessing from God.

The very fact that there is moral decay among politicians indicates the need for Christians to participate in the election process. Every nation stands in need of moral and righteous leadership. Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, / But sin is a reproach to any people." In addition, the New Testament indicates that we have a responsibility to be law-abiding citizens since God has established governing authorities for our good (Romans 13:1–7).

## 49 With so many terrible things happening these days, I'm afraid that the end of the world may be near. Can you help me?

Threatening world events should not be a source of anxiety to true believers who are trust-

ing in Christ as their personal Savior. We who know the Lord are looking forward to His return, and we are assured that our future is in His hands. "You will keep him in perfect peace, / Whose mind is stayed on You, / Because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 26:3).

God's Word gives many promises that can keep you in God's perfect peace when the world is shaking with fear. You are to "watch and pray," but you are not to have an unwholesome fear, which is equivalent to doubting God's Word. Jude 24 describes God as One "who is able to keep you from stumbling, / And to present you faultless / Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Ephesians 6:13 says, "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." It is important that you make your relationship with Christ a priority, that you faithfully serve Him in consistent Christian living, and that you eagerly look forward to His coming again.

Some Bible passages that may help you in this area are Matthew 24:42; Luke 21:36; Ephesians 6:10–18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; 2 Timothy 4:8; Titus 2:11–15; 1 Peter 4:7; and 2 Peter 3:9–18.

## 50 I struggle with homosexual feelings and temptations. Does God hate me? What can I do?

God does not hate you; He loves you deeply. Many people struggle just as you do. God does not condemn you for your same-sex feelings and temptations, but what you do with those feelings and temptations matters greatly. When you give in to temptation, that is sin. If you engage in homosexual relations or lust (willful fantasizing about such relations), God is deeply grieved. He wants to change your heart and address the issues in your life that underlie your same-sex desires. Focus your mind and your heart on God. When homosexual thoughts arise in your mind, you must reject them and turn your mind to wholesome thoughts (Philippians 4:4–8). The Bible says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). You must discipline your mind as an athlete disciplines his body. When you immerse your heart in God, studying His Word and developing an intimate relationship with Him, your perspective changes and your desires change.

Usually the emotional and spiritual healing that leads toward sexual wholeness does not happen quickly. We encourage you to seek guidance from a Christian professional counselor who understands this problem. Become involved in a dynamic gospel-proclaiming church where you can worship God, hear sound teaching, and develop friendships with other believers. Be assured that when you yield your life to Him, God transforms who you are. He promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). His work may not be what you expect or in your timing, but it will be what is best to help you become who He created you to be.

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# CONCORDANCE

This Concordance is designed to help you locate important occurrences of significant words, phrases, and proper names found in the Bible. Words and phrases are referenced with Scripture quotations, in which the first letter of the word or phrase, italicized, stands for the entire word or phrase. Phrases are cross-referenced under every major word of the phrase except the first. When looking up a word, be sure to check for related forms of the word and for phrases beginning with that word.

Proper names are defined by descriptive phrases and Scripture references. If a name applies to more than one person, place, or group (see ABIJAH, below), the different identities are distinguished by the dash ("———").


AARON
Ancestry and family of, Ex 6:16–20, 23
Helper and prophet to Moses, Ex 4:13–31; 7:1, 2
Appears before Pharaoh, Ex 5:1–4
Performs miracles, Ex 7:9, 10, 19, 20
Supports Moses' hands, Ex 17:10–12
Ascends Mt. Sinai; sees God's glory, Ex 19:24; 24:1, 9, 10
Judges Israel in Moses' absence, Ex 24:14
Chosen by God as priest, Ex 28:1
Consecrated, Ex 29; Lev 8
Duties prescribed, Ex 30:7–10
Tolerates Israel's idolatry, Ex 32
Priestly ministry begins, Lev 9
Sons offer profane fire; Aaron's humble response, Lev 10
Conspires against Moses, Num 12:1–16
Rebelled against by Korah, Num 16
Intercedes to stop plague, Num 16:45–48
Rod buds to confirm his authority, Num 17:1–10
With Moses, fails at Meribah, Num 20:1–13
Dies; son succeeds him as priest, Num 20:23–29
His priesthood compared:
with Melchizedek's, Heb 7:11–19
with Christ's, Heb 9:6–15, 23–28

ABADDON
Angel of the bottomless pit, Rev 9:11

ABASED
I know how to be *a* . . . . . Phil 4:12

ABBA
And He said, "*A* . . . . . Mark 14:36
by whom we cry out, "*A* . . . Rom 8:15
crying out, "*A* . . . . . Gal 4:6

ABED-NEGO
Babylonian name given to Azariah, a Hebrew captive, Dan 1:7
Appointed by Nebuchadnezzar, Dan 2:49
Refuses to serve idols; cast into furnace but delivered, Dan 3:12–30

ABEL
Adam's second son, Gen 4:2
His offering accepted, Gen 4:4
Murdered by Cain, Gen 4:8
His sacrifice offered by faith, Heb 11:4

ABEL BETH MAACHAH
Captured by Tiglath-Pileser, 2 Kin 15:29
Refuge of Sheba; saved from destruction, 2 Sam 20:14–22
Seized by Ben-Hadad, 1 Kin 15:20

ABEL MEHOLAH
A city a few miles east of Jabesh Gilead, Judg 7:22; 1 Kin 4:12
Elisha's native city, 1 Kin 19:16

ABHOR
My soul shall not *a* . . . . . Lev 26:11
Therefore I *a* myself . . . . . Job 42:6
nations will *a* him . . . . . Prov 24:24
*a* the pride of Jacob . . . . . Amos 6:8
*A* what is evil . . . . . Rom 12:9

ABHORRED
*a* His own inheritance . . . . . Ps 106:40
he who is *a* by the . . . . . Prov 22:14
and their soul also *a* . . . . . Zech 11:8

ABHORRENCE
They shall be an *a* . . . . . Is 66:24

ABHORRENT
you have made us *a* . . . . . Ex 5:21

ABHORS
So that his life *a* . . . . . Job 33:20

ABIATHAR
A priest who escapes Saul at Nob, 1 Sam 22:20–23
Becomes high priest under David, 1 Sam 23:6, 9–12
Remains faithful to David, 2 Sam 15:24–29
Informs David about Ahithophel, 2 Sam 15:34–36
Supports Adonijah's usurpation, 1 Kin 1:7, 9, 25
Deposed by Solomon, 1 Kin 2:26, 27, 35

ABIDE
nor *a* in its paths . . . . . Job 24:13
LORD, who may *a* . . . . . Ps 15:1
He shall *a* before God . . . . . Ps 61:7
the Most High shall *a* . . . . . Ps 91:1
"If you *a* in My word . . . . . John 8:31
And a slave does not *a* . . . . . John 8:35
Helper, that He may *a* . . . . John 14:16
*A* in Me and I in you . . . . . John 15:4
If you *a* in Me . . . . . John 15:7
*a* in My love . . . . . John 15:9
And now *a* faith . . . . . 1 Cor 13:13
does the love of God *a* . . . 1 John 3:17
this we know that we *a* . . . 1 John 4:13

ABIDES
even He who *a* from of old . . Ps 55:19
He who *a* in Me . . . . . John 15:5
lives and *a* forever . . . . . 1 Pet 1:23
will of God *a* forever . . . . . 1 John 2:17

ABIDING
not have His word *a* . . . . . John 5:38
has eternal life *a* . . . . . 1 John 3:15

ABIEZRITES
Relatives of Gideon; rally to his call, Judg 6:11, 24, 34

ABIGAIL
Wise wife of foolish Nabal, 1 Sam 25:3
Appeases David and becomes his wife, 1 Sam 25:14–42
Mother of Chileab, 2 Sam 3:3

ABIHU
Second son of Aaron, Ex 6:23
Offers profane fire and dies, Lev 10:1–7

ABIJAH
Samuel's second son; follows corrupt ways, 1 Sam 8:2, 3
——— Descendant of Aaron; head of an office of priests, 1 Chr 24:3, 10
Zechariah belongs to division of, Luke 1:5
——— Son of Jeroboam I, 1 Kin 14:1–18
——— Another name for King Abijam, 2 Chr 11:20

ABIJAM (or Abijah)
King of Judah, 1 Kin 14:31
Follows the sins of his father, 1 Kin 15:1–7
Defeats Jeroboam and takes cities, 2 Chr 13:13–20

ABILENE
A province or tetrarchy of Syria, Luke 3:1

ABILITY
who had *a* to serve . . . . . Dan 1:4
according to his own *a* . . . . Matt 25:15
and beyond their *a* . . . . . 2 Cor 8:3
*a* which God supplies . . . . . 1 Pet 4:11

ABIMELECH
King of Gerar; takes Sarah in ignorance, Gen 20:1–18
Makes treaty with Abraham, Gen 21:22–34
——— A second king of Gerar; sends Isaac away, Gen 26:1–16
Makes treaty with Isaac, Gen 26:17–33
——— Gideon's son by a concubine, Judg 8:31
Conspires to become king, Judg 9

ABINADAB
A man of Kirjath Jearim in whose house the ark was kept, 1 Sam 7:1, 2
——— The second of Jesse's eight sons, 1 Sam 16:8
Serves in Saul's army, 1 Sam 17:13
——— A son of Saul slain at Mt. Gilboa, 1 Sam 31:1–8
Bones of, buried by men of Jabesh, 1 Chr 10:1–12

ABIRAM
Reubenite who conspired against Moses, Num 16:1–50

ABISHAG
A Shunammite employed as David's nurse, 1 Kin 1:1–4, 15
Witnessed David's choice of Solomon as successor, 1 Kin 1:15–31
Adonijah slain for desiring to marry her, 1 Kin 2:13–25

ABISHAI
David's nephew; joins Joab in blood revenge against Abner, 2 Sam 2:18–24
Loyal to David during Absalom's and Sheba's rebellion, 2 Sam 16:9–12; 20:1–6, 10

Rebuked by David, 2 Sam 16:9–12; 19:21–23
His exploits, 2 Sam 21:16, 17; 23:18; 1 Chr 18:12, 13

## ABLE
you are *a* to number ..... Gen 15:5
the LORD was not *a* ..... Num 14:16
shall give as he is *a* ..... Deut 16:17
For who is *a* to judge ..... 1 Kin 3:9
should be *a* to offer ..... 1 Chr 29:14
who is *a* to build Him ..... 2 Chr 2:6
"The LORD is *a* ..... 2 Chr 25:9
Who then is *a* to stand ..... Job 41:10
gold will not be *a* to ..... Ezek 7:19
God whom we serve is *a* .... Dan 3:17
in pride He is *a* to abase .... Dan 4:37
God is *a* to raise up ..... Matt 3:9
believe that I am *a* ..... Matt 9:28
fear Him who is *a* ..... Matt 10:28
Are you *a* to drink the .... Matt 20:22
enter and will not be *a* ... Luke 13:24
was not *a* to finish ..... Luke 14:30
be *a* to contradict or ..... Luke 21:15
shall be *a* to separate ..... Rom 8:39
God is *a* to make him ..... Rom 14:4
Now to Him who is *a* ..... Rom 16:25
beyond what you are *a* ... 1 Cor 10:13
And God is *a* to make ..... 2 Cor 9:8
may be *a* to comprehend .... Eph 3:18
that you may be *a* to ..... Eph 6:13
hospitable, *a* to teach ..... 1 Tim 3:2
persuaded that He is *a* .... 2 Tim 1:12
learning and never *a* ..... 2 Tim 3:7
being tempted, He is *a* ..... Heb 2:18
Therefore He is also *a* to .... Heb 7:25
that God was *a* to ..... Heb 11:19
*a* also to bridle the ..... James 3:2
to Him who is *a* ..... Jude 24
was *a* to open the scroll, ..... Rev 5:3
has come, and who is *a* ..... Rev 6:17

## ABNER
Saul's cousin; commander of his army, 1 Sam 14:50, 51
Rebuked by David, 1 Sam 26:5, 14–16
Supports Ishbosheth; defeated by David's men; kills Asahel, 2 Sam 2:8–32
Makes covenant with David, 2 Sam 3:6–21
Killed by Joab; mourned by David, 2 Sam 3:22–39

## ABODE
but left their own *a* ..... Jude 6

## ABOLISHED
your works may be *a* ..... Ezek 6:6
having *a* in His flesh ..... Eph 2:15
Christ, who has *a* ..... 2 Tim 1:10

## ABOMINABLE
not make yourselves *a* ..... Lev 11:43
They have done *a* ..... Ps 14:1
your grave like an *a* ..... Is 14:19
Oh, do not do this *a* ..... Jer 44:4
they deny Him, being *a* .... Titus 1:16
and *a* idolatries ..... 1 Pet 4:3
unbelieving, *a*, murderers ... Rev 21:8

## ABOMINATION
every shepherd is an *a* .... Gen 46:34
If we sacrifice the *a* ..... Ex 8:26
You have made me an *a* ..... Ps 88:8
yes, seven are an *a* ..... Prov 6:16
wickedness is an *a* ..... Prov 8:7
Dishonest scales are an *a* .. Prov 11:1
the scoffer is an *a* ..... Prov 24:9
even his prayer is an *a* ..... Prov 28:9
An unjust man is an *a* .... Prov 29:27
incense is an *a* to Me ..... Is 1:13
and place there the *a* ..... Dan 11:31
the *a* of desolation ..... Dan 12:11
the '*a* of desolation,' ..... Matt 24:15
among men is an *a* ..... Luke 16:15

## ABOMINATIONS
to follow the *a* ..... Deut 18:9
delights in their *a* ..... Is 66:3
will put away your *a* ..... Jer 4:1
your harlotry, your *a* ..... Jer 13:27
will see greater *a* ..... Ezek 8:6
*a* which they commit ..... Ezek 8:17
you, throw away the *a* ..... Ezek 20:7
show her all her *a* ..... Ezek 22:2
a golden cup full of *a* ..... Rev 17:4
of the *a* of the earth ..... Rev 17:5

## ABOUND
lawlessness will *a* ..... Matt 24:12
the offense might *a* ..... Rom 5:20
sin that grace may *a* ..... Rom 6:1
thanksgiving to *a* ..... 2 Cor 4:15
to make all grace *a* ..... 2 Cor 9:8
and I know how to *a* ..... Phil 4:12
that you should *a* ..... 1 Thess 4:1
things are yours and *a* ..... 2 Pet 1:8

## ABOUNDED
But where sin *a* ..... Rom 5:20

## ABOUNDING
and *a* in goodness and ..... Ex 34:6
and *a* in mercy ..... Ps 103:8
immovable, always *a* ..... 1 Cor 15:58
*a* in it with thanksgiving ..... Col 2:7

## ABOVE
that is in heaven *a* ..... Ex 20:4
"He sent from *a* ..... 2 Sam 22:17
*A* it stood seraphim ..... Is 6:2
nor a servant *a* his ..... Matt 10:24
He who comes from *a* ..... John 3:31
beneath; I am from *a* ..... John 8:23
been given you from *a* .... John 19:11
of all, who is *a* all ..... Eph 4:6
the name which is *a* ..... Phil 2:9
things which are *a* ..... Col 3:1
perfect gift is from *a* ..... James 1:17

## ABRAHAM
Ancestry and family, Gen 11:26–31
Receives God's call; enters Canaan, Gen 12:1–6
Promised Canaan by God; pitches tent near Bethel, Gen 12:7, 8
Deceives Egyptians concerning Sarai, Gen 12:11–20
Separates from Lot; inherits Canaan, Gen 13
Rescues Lot from captivity, Gen 14:11–16
Gives a tithe to Melchizedek; refuses spoil, Gen 14:18–24
Covenant renewed; promised a son, Gen 15
Takes Hagar as concubine; Ishmael born, Gen 16
Name changed from Abram; circumcision commanded, Gen 17
Entertains Lord and angels, Gen 18:1–15
Intercedes for Sodom, Gen 18:16–33
Deceives Abimelech concerning Sarah, Gen 20
Birth of Isaac, Gen 21:1–7
Sends Hagar and Ishmael away, Gen 21:9–14
Offers Isaac in obedience to God, Gen 22:1–19
Finds wife for Isaac, Gen 24
Marries Keturah; fathers other children; dies, Gen 25:1–10
Friend of God, 2 Chr 20:7
Justified by faith, Rom 4:1–12
Father of true believers, Rom 4:11–25
In the line of faith, Heb 11:8–10
Eternal home of, in heaven, Luke 16:19–25

*A* was circumcised ..... Gen 17:26
bore *A* a son in his ..... Gen 21:2
*A* circumcised his son ..... Gen 21:4
*A* was one hundred ..... Gen 21:5
God tested *A*, and ..... Gen 22:1
*A* said, "My son, God ..... Gen 22:8
*A* begot Isaac ..... Gen 25:19
His covenant with *A* ..... Ex 2:24
I swore to give to *A* ..... Ex 6:8
which I swore to *A* ..... Num 32:11
which He made with *A* .. 1 Chr 16:16
O seed of *A* His servant ..... Ps 105:6
LORD, who redeemed *A* ..... Is 29:22
descendants of *A* My ..... Is 41:8
David, the Son of *A* ..... Matt 1:1
to you, before *A* was ..... John 8:58
For if *A* was justified ..... Rom 4:2
*A* believed God, and ..... Rom 4:3
are of the faith of *A* ..... Rom 4:16
of *A* might come upon ..... Gal 3:14
Now to *A* and his Seed ..... Gal 3:16
that *A* had two sons ..... Gal 4:22
also *A* gave a tenth ..... Heb 7:2
By faith *A* obeyed when ... Heb 11:8
By faith *A*, when he ..... Heb 11:17
*A* believed God, and ..... James 2:23
as Sarah obeyed *A*, ..... 1 Pet 3:6

## ABRAM
*See* ABRAHAM

## ABRONAH
Israelite encampment, Num 33:34

## ABSALOM
Son of David, 2 Sam 3:3
Kills Amnon for raping Tamar; flees from David, 2 Sam 13:20–39
Returns through Joab's intrigue; reconciled to David, 2 Sam 14
Attempts to usurp throne, 2 Sam 15:1—18:8
Caught and killed by Joab, 2 Sam 18:9–18
Mourned by David, 2 Sam 18:19—19:8

## ABSENT
For I indeed, as *a* ..... 1 Cor 5:3
in the body we are *a* ..... 2 Cor 5:6

## ABSTAIN
we write to them to *a* ..... Acts 15:20
*A* from every form ..... 1 Thess 5:22
and commanding to *a* ..... 1 Tim 4:3
*a* from fleshly lusts ..... 1 Pet 2:11

## ABUNDANCE
is the sound of *a* ..... 1 Kin 18:41
workmen with you in *a* .. 1 Chr 22:15
flourish, and *a* of peace ..... Ps 72:7
eyes bulge with *a* ..... Ps 73:7
nor he who loves *a* ..... Eccl 5:10
delight itself in *a* ..... Is 55:2
out of the *a* of the heart ... Matt 12:34
put in out of their *a* ..... Mark 12:44
not consist in the *a* ..... Luke 12:15
of affliction the *a* ..... 2 Cor 8:2
above measure by the *a* ... 2 Cor 12:7
rich through the *a* ..... Rev 18:3

## ABUNDANT
in judgment and *a* ..... Job 37:23
*a* in mercy to all those ..... Ps 86:5
Longsuffering and *a* ..... Ps 86:15
Him is *a* redemption ..... Ps 130:7
placed it by *a* waters ..... Ezek 17:5
lovely and its fruit *a* ..... Dan 4:21
slow to anger and *a* ..... Jon 4:2
in labors more *a* ..... 2 Cor 11:23
may be more *a* in Jesus ..... Phil 1:26
Lord was exceedingly *a* ... 1 Tim 1:14
*a* mercy has begotten ..... 1 Pet 1:3

## ABUNDANTLY
*a* satisfied with the ..... Ps 36:8
may have it more *a* ..... John 10:10
to do exceedingly *a* ..... Eph 3:20
to show more *a* to the ..... Heb 6:17

ACACIA
make an ark of *a* wood ..... Ex 25:10
make a table of *a* wood ..... Ex 25:23

ACACIA GROVE
Spies sent from, Josh 2:1
Israel's last camp before crossing the Jordan, Josh 3:1

ACCEPT
For I will *a* him ..... Job 42:8
*a* your burnt sacrifice ..... Ps 20:3
offering, I will not *a* ..... Jer 14:12
Should I *a* this from ..... Mal 1:13

ACCEPTABLE
sought to find *a* ..... Eccl 12:10
*a* time I have heard ..... Is 49:8
proclaim the *a* year ..... Is 61:2
proclaim the *a* year ..... Luke 4:19
is that good and *a* ..... Rom 12:2
finding out what is *a* ..... Eph 5:10
For this is good and *a* ..... 1 Tim 2:3
spiritual sacrifices *a* ..... 1 Pet 2:5

ACCEPTABLY
we may serve God *a* ..... Heb 12:28

ACCEPTED
Behold, now is the *a* ..... 2 Cor 6:2
by which He made us *a* ..... Eph 1:6

ACCESS
we have *a* by faith ..... Rom 5:2
we have boldness and *a* .... Eph 3:12

ACCOMPLISHED
today the LORD has *a* .... 1 Sam 11:13
A desire *a* is sweet to ..... Prov 13:19
must still be *a* in Me ..... Luke 22:37
all things were now *a* ..... John 19:28

ACCORD
*See* WITH ONE ACCORD
and Israel with one *a* ..... Josh 9:2
serve Him with one *a* ..... Zeph 3:9
continued with one *a* ..... Acts 1:14
daily with one *a* ..... Acts 2:46
what *a* has Christ with .... 2 Cor 6:15
love, being of one *a* ..... Phil 2:2

ACCORDING TO THE FLESH
You judge *a*; I judge ..... John 8:15
of the seed of David *a* ..... Rom 1:3
who do not walk *a* ..... Rom 8:1
not many wise *a* ..... 1 Cor 1:26
do I plan *a*, that with ..... 2 Cor 1:17
we regard no one *a* ..... 2 Cor 5:16
we do not war *a* ..... 2 Cor 10:3
that many boast *a* ..... 2 Cor 11:18
as he who was born *a* ..... Gal 4:29
those who walk *a* ..... 2 Pet 2:10

ACCORDING TO THE LAW
*a* of his separation ..... Num 6:21
let it be done *a* ..... Ezra 10:3
*a* of the Medes ..... Dan 6:8
of her purification *a* ..... Luke 2:22
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*a* almost all things are ..... Heb 9:22
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he had destroyed him, *a* .. 1 Kin 15:29
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arose and went to Nineveh, *a* . Jon 3:3

ACCOUNT
they will give *a* of it ..... Matt 12:36
The former *a* I made ..... Acts 1:1
each of us shall give *a* .... Rom 14:12
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And that was *a* to him ..... Ps 106:31
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and it was *a* to him ..... James 2:23

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regarding the *a* things ..... Josh 7:1
years old shall be *a* ..... Is 65:20
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Do not receive an *a* ..... 1 Tim 5:19
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ACCUSE
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they began to *a* Him ..... Luke 23:2
think that I shall *a* ..... John 5:45

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forward and *a* the Jews ..... Dan 3:8
while He was being *a* ..... Matt 27:12

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*a* of our brethren ..... Rev 12:10

ACCUSERS
Let my *a* be clothed ..... Ps 109:29
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ACCUSING
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and Israel does not *a* ..... Is 63:16
Only *a* your iniquity ..... Jer 3:13
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ACKNOWLEDGED
of Israel, and God *a* them .... Ex 2:25
*a* my sin to You ..... Ps 32:5

ACKNOWLEDGES
there is no one who *a* ..... Ps 142:4
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ACQUAINT
*a* yourself with Him ..... Job 22:21

ACQUAINTANCES
You have put away my *a* ..... Ps 88:8
All my *a* watched for ..... Jer 20:10
all His *a*, and the women . Luke 23:49

ACQUAINTED
*a* with all my ways ..... Ps 139:3
a Man of sorrows and *a* ..... Is 53:3

ACQUIRE
*a* possessions for ..... Gen 34:10

ACQUIRED
he has *a* all this wealth ..... Gen 31:1
I have *a* as my wife ..... Ruth 4:10
I *a* male and female ..... Eccl 2:7

ACQUIT
at all *a* the wicked ..... Nah 1:3

ACQUITTED
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of the ox shall be *a* ..... Ex 21:28
that you may be *a* ..... Is 43:26
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ACT
*a* corruptly and make ..... Deut 4:25
seen every great *a* ..... Deut 11:7
hear in heaven, and *a* ..... 1 Kin 8:32
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ACTED
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But Jehu *a* deceptively, .. 2 Kin 10:19
*a* more wickedly than .... 2 Kin 21:11

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by Him *a* are weighed ..... 1 Sam 2:3

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His *a* to the children ..... Ps 103:7
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Creation of, Gen 1:26, 27; 2:7
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The LORD shall *a* to me .... Gen 30:24
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*A* iniquity to their ..... Ps 69:27
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by worrying can *a* one ..... Matt 6:27
by worrying can *a* one .... Luke 12:25
*a* to your faith virtue, to .... 2 Pet 1:5
Gold will *a* to him the ..... Rev 22:18

ADDED
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And the Lord *a* to the ..... Acts 2:47
many people were *a* ..... Acts 11:24

It was *a* because of ..... Gal 3:19

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and He *a* no sorrow ..... Prov 10:22
no one annuls or *a* to it ..... Gal 3:15
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ADMINISTERS
*a* justice for the ..... Deut 10:18

ADMONISH
also to *a* one another ..... Rom 15:14
*a* him as a brother ..... 2 Thess 3:15

ADMONISHED
further, my son, be *a* ..... Eccl 12:12
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ADMONISHING
*a* one another in ..... Col 3:16

ADMONITION
were written for our *a* .... 1 Cor 10:11
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ADONI-ZEDEK
An Amorite king of Jerusalem, Josh 10:1–5
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ADONIJAH
David's fourth son, 2 Sam 3:2, 4
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ADONIRAM (or Adoram)
Official under David, Solomon, and Rehoboam, 2 Sam 20:24; 1 Kin 5:14; 12:18
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to whom pertain the *a* ..... Rom 9:4
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ADORN
*a* the monuments ..... Matt 23:29
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ADORNED
By His Spirit He *a* ..... Job 26:13
You shall again be *a* ..... Jer 31:4
temple, how it was *a* ..... Luke 21:5
also *a* themselves ..... 1 Pet 3:5
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ADULTERER
the *a* and the adulteress .... Lev 20:10
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ADULTERERS
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*A* and adulteresses ..... James 4:4

ADULTERIES
I have seen your *a* ..... Jer 13:27
her sight, and her *a* ..... Hos 2:2
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You shall not commit *a* ..... Ex 20:14
You shall not commit *a* .... Deut 5:18
Whoever commits *a* ..... Prov 6:32
Israel had committed *a* ..... Jer 3:8
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*a* with their idols ..... Ezek 23:37
and is committing *a* ..... Hos 3:1
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is divorced commits *a* ..... Matt 5:32
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another commits *a* ..... Mark 10:11
husband commits *a* ..... Luke 16:18
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which are: *a*, fornication, .... Gal 5:19
having eyes full of *a* ..... 2 Pet 2:14
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ADVANCED
Joshua was old, *a* in ..... Josh 13:1
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David was old, *a* in years ... 1 Kin 1:1
were both well *a* in years ... Luke 1:7
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ADVANTAGE
*a* will it be to You ..... Job 35:3
man has no *a* over ..... Eccl 3:19
*a* that I go away ..... John 16:7
What *a* then has the ..... Rom 3:1
Satan should take *a* ..... 2 Cor 2:11
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ADVERSARIES
The *a* of the LORD ..... 1 Sam 2:10
rid Myself of My *a* ..... Is 1:24
*a* will not be able ..... Luke 21:15
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terrified by your *a* ..... Phil 1:28
will devour the *a* ..... Heb 10:27

ADVERSARY
in the way as an *a* ..... Num 22:22
battle he become our *a* ... 1 Sam 29:4
how long will the *a* ..... Ps 74:10
*a* has spread his hand ..... Lam 1:10
Agree with your *a* ..... Matt 5:25
for me from my *a* ..... Luke 18:3
opportunity to the *a* ..... 1 Tim 5:14
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ADVERSITIES
you from all your *a* ..... 1 Sam 10:19
known my soul in *a* ..... Ps 31:7

ADVERSITY
them with every *a* ..... 2 Chr 15:6
I shall never be in *a* ..... Ps 10:6
from the days of *a* ..... Ps 94:13
brother is born for *a* ..... Prov 17:17
faint in the day of *a* ..... Prov 24:10
the day of *a* consider ..... Eccl 7:14
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And blessed is your *a* .... 1 Sam 25:33
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ADVOCATE
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AENON
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AFAR
and worship from *a* ..... Ex 24:1
sons shall come from *a* ..... Is 60:4
and not a God *a* ..... Jer 23:23
and saw Abraham *a* ..... Luke 16:23
to all who are *a* ..... Acts 2:39
to you who were *a* ..... Eph 2:17
but having seen them *a* .... Heb 11:13

AFFAIRS
he will guide his *a* ..... Ps 112:5
I may hear of your *a* ..... Phil 1:27
himself with the *a* ..... 2 Tim 2:4

AFFECTION
to his wife the *a* ..... 1 Cor 7:3
for you all with the *a* ..... Phil 1:8
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AFFECTIONATE
Be kindly *a* to one ..... Rom 12:10

AFFIRM
you to *a* constantly ..... Titus 3:8

AFFLICT
*a* them with their ..... Ex 1:11
oath to *a* her soul ..... Num 30:13
may be bound to *a* you .... Judg 16:6
*a* the descendants ..... 1 Kin 11:39
will hear, and *a* them ..... Ps 55:19
*a* Your heritage ..... Ps 94:5
a man to *a* his soul ..... Is 58:5
to destroy, and to *a* ..... Jer 31:28
For He does not *a* ..... Lam 3:33
deal with all who *a* ..... Zeph 3:19

AFFLICT YOUR SOULS
shall *a*, and do no work .... Lev 16:29
you shall *a*, and offer ..... Lev 23:27
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AFFLICTED
"Why have You *a* ..... Num 11:11
and the Almighty has *a* .... Ruth 1:21
To him who is *a* ..... Job 6:14
hears the cry of the *a* ..... Job 34:28
You *a* the peoples ..... Ps 44:2
Before I was *a* ..... Ps 119:67
I am *a* very much ..... Ps 119:107
Many a time they have *a* .... Ps 129:1
the cause of the *a* ..... Ps 140:12
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Smitten by God, and *a* ..... Is 53:4
oppressed and He was *a* ..... Is 53:7
"O you *a* one, tossed ..... Is 54:11
Why have we *a* our ..... Is 58:3
and satisfy the *a* ..... Is 58:10
her virgins are *a* ..... Lam 1:4
she has relieved the *a* ..... 1 Tim 5:10
being destitute, *a* ..... Heb 11:37

AFFLICTING
*A* the just and taking ..... Amos 5:12

AFFLICTION
in the land of my *a* ..... Gen 41:52
the bread of *a* ..... Deut 16:3
indeed look on the *a* ..... 1 Sam 1:11
LORD saw that the *a* ..... 2 Kin 14:26
*a* take hold of me ..... Job 30:16
days of *a* confront me ..... Job 30:27
held in the cords of *a* ..... Job 36:8
of death, bound in *a* ..... Ps 107:10
is my comfort in my *a* ..... Ps 119:50
and it is an evil *a* ..... Eccl 6:2
*a* He was afflicted ..... Is 63:9
refuge in the day of *a* ..... Jer 16:19
"O LORD, behold my *a* ..... Lam 1:9
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For our light *a* ..... 2 Cor 4:17
supposing to add *a* ..... Phil 1:16
the word in much *a* ..... 1 Thess 1:6

AFFLICTIONS
Many are the *a* of the ..... Ps 34:19
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persecutions, *a*, which .... 2 Tim 3:11
in all things, endure *a*, ..... 2 Tim 4:5

AFFORD
poor and cannot *a* it ..... Lev 14:21
such as he can *a* ..... Lev 14:30

AFRAID
*See* DO NOT BE AFRAID
garden, and I was *a* ..... Gen 3:10
saying, "Do not be *a* ..... Gen 15:1
his face, for he was *a* ..... Ex 3:6
none will make you *a* ..... Lev 26:6
you shall not be *a* in ..... Deut 1:17
of whom you are *a* ..... Deut 7:19
do not be *a* of them ..... Deut 20:1
Do not be *a* of the ..... 2 Kin 25:24

David was *a* of God ..... 1 Chr 13:12
I will not be *a* of ten ..... Ps 3:6
ungodliness made me *a* ..... Ps 18:4
Of whom shall I be *a* ..... Ps 27:1
Do not be *a* when one ..... Ps 49:16
Whenever I am *a* ..... Ps 56:3
farthest parts are *a* ..... Ps 65:8
you will not be *a* ..... Prov 3:24
nor be *a* of their threats ..... Is 8:12
be *a* of the Assyrian ..... Is 10:24
I will trust and not be *a* ..... Is 12:2
no one will make them *a* ..... Is 17:2
Do not fear, nor be *a* ..... Is 44:8
that you should be *a* ..... Is 51:12
Do not be *a* of their faces, .... Jer 1:8
dream which made me *a* ..... Dan 4:5
Then the mariners were *a* .... Jon 1:5
It is I; do not be *a* ..... Matt 14:27
Do not be *a*; only believe .. Mark 5:36
Do not be *a*, Zacharias, .... Luke 1:13
Do not be *a*, Mary, for ..... Luke 1:30
not be *a* of those who ..... Luke 12:4
neither let it be *a* ..... John 14:27
"Do not be *a*, Paul ..... Acts 27:24
if you do evil, be *a* ..... Rom 13:4
do good and are not *a* ..... 1 Pet 3:6

AFTERWARD
*A* he will let you go ..... Ex 11:1
*a* we will speak ..... Job 18:2
*a* receive me to glory ..... Ps 73:24
you shall follow Me *a* ..... John 13:36
the firstfruits, *a* ..... 1 Cor 15:23

AGAG
A king of Amalek in Balaam's prophecy, Num 24:7
—— Amalekite king spared by Saul, but slain by Samuel, 1 Sam 15:8, 9, 20–24, 32, 33

AGAIN
*See* BORN AGAIN
day He will rise *a* ..... Matt 20:19
'You must be born *a* ..... John 3:7
to renew them *a* ..... Heb 6:6
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AGAINST
*See* SINNED AGAINST THE LORD; SINNED AGAINST YOU
his hand shall be *a* ..... Gen 16:12
I will set My face *a* ..... Lev 20:3
come to 'set a man *a* ..... Matt 10:35
or house divided *a* ..... Matt 12:25
not with Me is *a* Me ..... Matt 12:30
blasphemy *a* the Spirit .... Matt 12:31
For nation will rise *a* ..... Matt 24:7
out, as *a* a robber ..... Matt 26:55
I have sinned *a* ..... Luke 15:18
lifted up his heel *a* ..... John 13:18
LORD and *a* His Christ ..... Acts 4:26
to kick *a* the goads ..... Acts 9:5
all men everywhere *a* ..... Acts 21:28
let us not fight *a* ..... Acts 23:9
*a* the promises of God ..... Gal 3:21
we do not wrestle *a* ..... Eph 6:12
I have a few things *a* ..... Rev 2:20

AGE
well advanced in *a* ..... Gen 18:11
Israel were dim with *a* .... Gen 48:10
the flower of their *a* ..... 1 Sam 2:33
the grave at a full *a* ..... Job 5:26
*a* is as nothing ..... Ps 39:5
and in the *a* to come ..... Mark 10:30
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He is of *a*; ask him ..... John 9:21
who are of full *a* ..... Heb 5:14
the powers of the *a* ..... Heb 6:5

AGE TO COME
in this age or in the *a* ..... Matt 12:32
in the *a*, eternal life ..... Mark 10:30
in the *a* eternal life ..... Luke 18:30
the powers of the *a* ..... Heb 6:5

AGED
Wisdom is with *a* ..... Job 12:12
a one as Paul, the *a* ..... Philem 9

AGES
ordained before the *a* ..... 1 Cor 2:7
in other *a* was not ..... Eph 3:5
at the end of the *a* ..... Heb 9:26

AGONY
And being in *a* ..... Luke 22:44

AGREE
*A* with your adversary ..... Matt 5:25
that if two of you *a* ..... Matt 18:19
testimonies did not *a* ..... Mark 14:56
and these three *a* ..... 1 John 5:8

AGREED
unless they are *a* ..... Amos 3:3
they were glad, and *a* ..... Luke 22:5

AGREEMENT
with Sheol we are in *a* ..... Is 28:15
the North to make an *a* ..... Dan 11:6
what *a* has the temple ..... 2 Cor 6:16

AHAB
A wicked king of Israel, 1 Kin 16:29
Marries Jezebel; promotes Baal worship, 1 Kin 16:31–33; 18:17–46
Denounced by Elijah, 1 Kin 17:1
Wars against Ben-Hadad, 1 Kin 20:1–43
Covets Naboth's vineyard, 1 Kin 21:1–16
Death predicted; repentance delays judgment, 1 Kin 21:17–29
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Prophecy concerning, fulfilled, 1 Kin 22:38
—— Lying prophet, Jer 29:21–23

AHASUERUS
The father of Darius the Mede, Dan 9:1
—— Persian king, probably Xerxes I, 486–465 B.C., Ezra 4:6; Esth 1:1
Makes Esther queen, Esth 2:16, 17
Orders Jews annihilated, by Haman's advice, Esth 3:8–15
Reverses decree at Esther's request, Esth 7; 8
Exalts Mordecai, Esth 10:1–3

AHAZ
King of Judah; pursues idolatry; submits to Assyrian rule; desecrates the temple, 2 Kin 16
Defeated by Syria and Israel, 2 Chr 28:5–15
Comforted by Isaiah; refuses to ask a sign, Is 7:1–17

AHAZIAH
King of Israel; son of Ahab and Jezebel; worships Baal, 1 Kin 22:51–53
Falls through lattice; calls on Baal-Zebub; dies according to Elijah's word, 2 Kin 1:2–18
—— King of Judah; Ahab's son-in-law; reigns wickedly, 2 Kin 8:25–29; 2 Chr 22:1–6
Killed by Jehu, 2 Kin 9:27–29; 2 Chr 22:7–9

AHIJAH
A prophet of Shiloh who foretells division of Solomon's kingdom, 1 Kin 11:29–39
Foretells elimination of Jeroboam's line, 1 Kin 14:1–18
A writer of prophecy, 2 Chr 9:29

AHIKAM
Sent in Josiah's mission to Huldah, 2 Kin 22:12–14
Protects Jeremiah, Jer 26:24
The father of Gedaliah, governor under Nebuchadnezzar, 2 Kin 25:22; Jer 39:14

AHIMAAZ
A son of Zadok the high priest, 1 Chr 6:8, 9
Warns David of Absalom's plans, 2 Sam 15:27, 36
First to tell David of Absalom's defeat, 2 Sam 18:19–30

AHIMELECH
High priest in Saul's reign; helps David, 1 Sam 21:1–9
Betrayed and killed by Doeg; son Abiathar escapes, 1 Sam 22:9–20
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AHINOAM
Wife of David, 1 Sam 25:43; 27:3; 30:5, 18
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AHITHOPHEL
David's counselor, 2 Sam 15:12
Joins Absalom's insurrection; counsels him, 2 Sam 15:31; 16:20–23
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AI
Israel defeated at, Josh 7:2–5
Israel destroys completely, Josh 8:1–28

AIDE
the king's personal *a* ..... Acts 12:20

AIJALON
Amorites not driven from, Judg 1:35
Miracle there, Josh 10:12, 13
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AIR
the birds of the *a* ..... Gen 1:26
of the *a* have nests ..... Luke 9:58
as one who beats the *a* .... 1 Cor 9:26
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AKEL DAMA
Field called "Field of Blood," Acts 1:19

AKRABBIM
An "ascent" on the south of the Dead Sea, Num 34:4
One border of Judah, Josh 15:3

ALABASTER
mosaic pavement of *a* ..... Esth 1:6
an *a* flask of very costly .... Matt 26:7
woman came having an *a* . Mark 14:3
brought an *a* flask of ..... Luke 7:37

ALARM
to sound the *a* against .... 2 Chr 13:12
A day of trumpet and *a* .... Zeph 1:16

ALEXANDER
A member of the high-priestly family, Acts 4:6
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Men of, persecute Stephen, Acts 6:9
Paul sails in ship of, Acts 27:6

ALGUM
*a* logs from Lebanon, ..... 2 Chr 2:8
Ophir, brought *a* wood .... 2 Chr 9:10
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ALIEN
because you were an *a* ..... Deut 23:7
I am an *a* in their ..... Job 19:15
who turn away an *a* ..... Mal 3:5

ALIENATED
*a* herself from them ..... Ezek 23:17
darkened, being *a* ..... Eph 4:18
you, who once were *a* ..... Col 1:21

ALIENS
For we are *a* and ..... 1 Chr 29:15
For I have loved *a* ..... Jer 2:25
*A* have devoured his ..... Hos 7:9
without Christ, being *a* ..... Eph 2:12
the armies of the *a* ..... Heb 11:34

ALIGHTING
dove and *a* upon Him ..... Matt 3:16

ALIKE
All things come *a* ..... Eccl 9:2
esteems every day *a* ..... Rom 14:5

ALIVE
in the ark remained *a* ..... Gen 7:23
with them went down *a* ... Num 16:33
LORD your God are *a* ..... Deut 4:4
I kill and I make *a* ..... Deut 32:39
Let them go down *a* ..... Ps 55:15
he preserves himself *a* .... Ezek 18:27
heard that He was *a* ..... Mark 16:11
son was dead and is *a* .... Luke 15:24
presented Himself *a* ..... Acts 1:3
dead indeed to sin, but *a* ... Rom 6:11
I was *a* once without ..... Rom 7:9
all shall be made *a* ..... 1 Cor 15:22
trespasses, made us *a* ..... Eph 2:5
flesh, He has made *a* ..... Col 2:13
that we who are *a* ..... 1 Thess 4:15
the flesh but made *a* ..... 1 Pet 3:18
and behold, I am *a* ..... Rev 1:18
a name that you are *a* ..... Rev 3:1
These two were cast *a* ..... Rev 19:20

ALL
*See* WITH ALL YOUR HEART
for this is man's *a* ..... Eccl 12:13

ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE
he shall read it *a* ..... Deut 17:19
give him to the LORD *a* .... 1 Sam 1:11
I have made him ruler *a* .. 1 Kin 11:34
He commanded him *a* ..... 1 Kin 15:5
toils under the sun *a* ..... Eccl 5:18
before the king *a* ..... Jer 52:33

ALL THE EARTH
over the cattle, over *a* ..... Gen 1:26
alive on the face of *a* ..... Gen 7:3
confused the language of *a* . Gen 11:9
Shall not the Judge of *a* ... Gen 18:25
there is none like Me in *a* .... Ex 9:14
going the way of *a* ..... Josh 23:14
I go the way of *a;* ..... 1 Kin 2:2
*a* sought the presence .... 1 Kin 10:24
Sing to the LORD, *a;* ..... 1 Chr 16:23
Let *a* fear the LORD; ..... Ps 33:8
*A* shall worship You ..... Ps 66:4
I have gathered *a* ..... Is 10:14
that made *a* drunk ..... Jer 51:7
which shall rule over *a* ..... Dan 2:39
Let *a* keep silence ..... Hab 2:20
was darkness over *a* ..... Luke 23:44
sound has gone out to *a* ... Rom 10:18
of God sent out into *a* ..... Rev 5:6

ALL THE SAINTS
God will come, and *a* ..... Zech 14:5
your love for *a* ..... Eph 1:15
less than the least of *a* ..... Eph 3:8
able to comprehend with *a* .. Eph 3:18
and supplication for *a* ..... Eph 6:18
your love for *a* ..... Col 1:4
with the prayers of *a* ..... Rev 8:3

ALLELUIA
Again they said, "*A* ..... Rev 19:3

ALLOW
*a* Your Holy One ..... Ps 16:10
*a* My faithfulness ..... Ps 89:33
nor do you *a* those ..... Matt 23:13
*a* Your Holy One ..... Acts 2:27
who will not *a* you to be .. 1 Cor 10:13

ALLOWED
bygone generations *a* ..... Acts 14:16

ALLURE
behold, I will *a* ..... Hos 2:14
they *a* through the lusts .... 2 Pet 2:18

ALMIGHTY
I am *A* God; walk before .... Gen 17:1
May God *A* bless you, and .. Gen 28:3
and to Jacob, as God *A* ..... Ex 6:3
for the *A* has dealt very .... Ruth 1:20
does the *A* pervert justice .... Job 8:3
find out the limits of the *A* .. Job 11:7
of the wrath of the *A* ..... Job 21:20
your delight in the *A* ..... Job 22:26
breath of the *A* gives me .... Job 33:4
under the shadow of the *A* ... Ps 91:1
as destruction from the *A* ..... Is 13:6
as destruction from the *A* ... Joel 1:15
and who is to come, the *A* ... Rev 1:8
holy, holy, Lord God *A* ..... Rev 4:8
Even so, Lord God *A* ..... Rev 16:7
fierceness and wrath of *A* .. Rev 19:15

ALMOND
*a* blossoms on one ..... Ex 25:33
*a* tree blossoms ..... Eccl 12:5
branch of an *a* tree ..... Jer 1:11

ALMOST
for me, my feet had *a* ..... Ps 73:2
*a* persuade me to ..... Acts 26:28
*a* all things are ..... Heb 9:22

ALMS
But rather give *a* ..... Luke 11:41
you have and give *a* ..... Luke 12:33
I came to bring *a* ..... Acts 24:17

ALOES
with myrrh and *a* ..... Ps 45:8
my bed with myrrh, *a* ..... Prov 7:17
mixture of myrrh and *a* ... John 19:39

ALOUD
And he wept *a*, and the ..... Gen 45:2
many shouted *a* for joy .... Ezra 3:12
them sing *a* on their beds ... Ps 149:5
Wisdom calls *a* outside .... Prov 1:20
Cry *a* at Beth Aven ..... Hos 5:8

ALPHA
I am the *A* and the ..... Rev 1:8
I am the *A* and the ..... Rev 22:13

ALTAR
Then Noah built an *a* ..... Gen 8:20
he built an *a* to the LORD .... Gen 12:7
built an *a* there ..... Gen 13:18
Abraham built an *a* ..... Gen 22:9
son and laid him on the *a* ... Gen 22:9
So he built an *a* there ..... Gen 26:25
make an *a* there to God ..... Gen 35:1
And Moses built an *a* ..... Ex 17:15
An *a* of earth you ..... Ex 20:24
two sides of the *a* ..... Ex 27:7
incense *a* of acacia wood .... Ex 37:25
*a* shall be kept ..... Lev 6:9
it to you upon the *a* ..... Lev 17:11
offering for the *a* ..... Num 7:84
*a* to the LORD your God .... Deut 27:5
Joshua built an *a* ..... Josh 8:30
a great, impressive *a* ..... Josh 22:10
called the *a* Witness ..... Josh 22:34
and tear down the *a* ..... Judg 6:25
early and built an *a* ..... Judg 21:4
built an *a* to the LORD .... 1 Sam 7:17
Saul built an *a* ..... 1 Sam 14:35
"Go up, erect an *a* ..... 2 Sam 24:18
built there an *a* ..... 2 Sam 24:25
*a* which he had made .... 1 Kin 12:33
cried out against the *a* ..... 1 Kin 13:2
set up an *a* for Baal ..... 1 Kin 16:32
he repaired the *a* ..... 1 Kin 18:30
*a* according to all that .... 2 Kin 16:11
built there an *a* ..... 1 Chr 21:26
made a bronze *a* ..... 2 Chr 4:1
*a* of gold and the tables ... 2 Chr 4:19
he restored the *a* ..... 2 Chr 15:8
worship before one *a* .... 2 Chr 32:12
repaired the *a* of the ..... 2 Chr 33:16
the *a* of the God of ..... Ezra 3:2
I will go to the *a* ..... Ps 43:4
tongs from the *a* ..... Is 6:6
there will be an *a* ..... Is 19:19
Lord has spurned His *a* ..... Lam 2:7
The *a* was in front ..... Ezek 40:47
you cover the *a* ..... Mal 2:13
your gift to the *a* ..... Matt 5:23
swears by the *a* ..... Matt 23:18
I even found an *a* ..... Acts 17:23
the offerings of the *a* ..... 1 Cor 9:13
partakers of the *a* ..... 1 Cor 10:18
We have an *a* from ..... Heb 13:10
Isaac his son on the *a* .... James 2:21
under the *a* the souls ..... Rev 6:9
and stood at the *a* ..... Rev 8:3
horns of the golden *a* ..... Rev 9:13
angel came out from the *a* . Rev 14:18

ALTARS
*a* Hezekiah has taken .... 2 Kin 18:22
Even Your *a*, O LORD ..... Ps 84:3
on the horns of your *a* ..... Jer 17:1
*a* shall be broken ..... Ezek 6:4
has made many *a* ..... Hos 8:11
*a* shall be heaps ..... Hos 12:11
destruction on the *a* ..... Amos 3:14
and torn down Your *a* ..... Rom 11:3

ALTER
put their hand to *a* it ..... Ezra 6:12
Nor *a* the word ..... Ps 89:34
Persians, which does not *a* ... Dan 6:8
Persians, which does not *a* .. Dan 6:12

ALTERED
of His face was *a* ..... Luke 9:29

ALWAYS
delight, rejoicing *a* ..... Prov 8:30
the poor with you *a* ..... Matt 26:11
Me you do not have *a* ..... Matt 26:11
lo, I am with you *a* ..... Matt 28:20
'Son, you are *a* ..... Luke 15:31
men *a* ought to pray ..... Luke 18:1
immovable, *a* abounding . 1 Cor 15:58
Rejoice in the Lord *a* ..... Phil 4:4
thus we shall *a* ..... 1 Thess 4:17
*a* be ready to give a ..... 1 Pet 3:15

AM
*See* HERE I AM; I AM WITH YOU
to Moses, "I *A* WHO I *A* ..... Ex 3:14
First and I *a* the Last ..... Is 44:6
in My name, I *a* there ..... Matt 18:20
I *a* the bread of life ..... John 6:35
I *a* the light of the ..... John 8:12
I *a* from above ..... John 8:23
Abraham was, I *A* ..... John 8:58
I *a* the door ..... John 10:9
I *a* the good shepherd .... John 10:11
I *a* the resurrection ..... John 11:25
to him, "I *a* the way ..... John 14:6
of God I *a* what I *a* ..... 1 Cor 15:10

AMALEK
Grandson of Esau, Gen 36:11, 12
A chief of Edom, Gen 36:16
First among nations, Num 24:20

AMALEKITES
Destruction predicted, Ex 17:14; Deut 25:17–19
Defeated by Israel, Ex 17:8–13; Judg 7:12–25; 1 Sam 14:47, 48; 27:8, 9; 1 Chr 4:42, 43
Overcome Israel, Num 14:39–45; Judg 3:13

AMASA
Commands Absalom's rebels, 2 Sam 17:25

Made David's commander, 2 Sam 19:13
Treacherously killed by Joab, 2 Sam 20:9–12
Death avenged, 1 Kin 2:28–34

AMAZED
the multitudes were *a* ..... Matt 12:23
trembled and were *a* ..... Mark 16:8
saw Him, they were *a* ..... Luke 2:48
Then they were all *a* and .... Acts 2:7
with Philip, and was *a* ..... Acts 8:13

AMAZIAH
King of Judah; kills his father's assassinators, 2 Kin 14:1–6; 2 Chr 25:1–4
Hires troops from Israel; is rebuked by a man of God; sends troops home, 2 Chr 25:5–10
Defeats Edomites; worships their gods, 2 Chr 25:11–16
Wars with Israel, 2 Kin 14:8–14; 2 Chr 25:17–24
Killed by conspirators, 2 Chr 25:25–28

AMBASSADOR
but a faithful *a* ..... Prov 13:17
for which I am an *a* ..... Eph 6:20

AMBASSADORS
which sends *a* by sea ..... Is 18:2
cry outside, the *a* ..... Is 33:7
we are *a* for Christ ..... 2 Cor 5:20

AMBITION
Christ from selfish *a* ..... Phil 1:16
through selfish *a* ..... Phil 2:3

AMBUSH
Lay an *a* for the city ..... Josh 8:2
*a* all around Gibeah ..... Judg 20:29
son heard of their *a* ..... Acts 23:16
they lay in *a* along ..... Acts 25:3

AMEN
shall say, "*A*, so be it ..... Num 5:22
answer and say, '*A* ..... Deut 27:15
the people said, "*A!*" ..... 1 Chr 16:36
all the people say, "*A!*" .... Ps 106:48
and the glory forever. *A*. ... Matt 6:13
to the end of the age." *A*. . Matt 28:20
accompanying signs. *A*. .. Mark 16:20
and blessing God. *A*. ..... Luke 24:53
that would be written. *A*. . John 21:25
uninformed say "*A* ..... 1 Cor 14:16
are Yes, and in Him *A* ..... 2 Cor 1:20
These things says the *A* ..... Rev 3:14
creatures said, "*A* ..... Rev 5:14
I am coming quickly." *A*. .. Rev 22:20

AMEND
*A* your ways and your ..... Jer 7:3
from his evil way, *a* ..... Jer 35:15

AMETHYST
an agate, and an *a* ..... Ex 28:19
the twelfth *a* ..... Rev 21:20

AMMON
A nation fathered by Lot, Gen 19:36, 38

AMMONITES
Excluded from assembly for hostility to Israel, Deut 23:3–6
Propose cruel treaty; conquered by Saul, 1 Sam 11:1–3, 11
Abuse David's ambassadors; conquered by his army, 2 Sam 10:1–14
Harass postexilic Jews, Neh 4:3, 7, 8
Defeated by Israel and Judah, Judg 11:4–33; 2 Chr 20:1–25; 27:5, 6
Prophecies concerning, Ps 83:1–18; Jer 25:9–21; Ezek 25:1–7; Amos 1:13–15; Zeph 2:9–11

AMNON
A son of David, 2 Sam 3:2
Rapes his half sister, 2 Sam 13:1–18
Killed by Absalom, 2 Sam 13:19–29

AMON
King of Judah, 2 Kin 21:18, 19
Follows evil, 2 Chr 33:22, 23
Killed by conspiracy, 2 Kin 21:23, 24
—— A governor of Samaria, 1 Kin 22:10, 26

AMORITES
Defeated by Joshua, Josh 10:1–43
Not driven out of Canaan, Judg 1:34–36
Put to forced labor under Solomon, 1 Kin 9:20, 21

AMOS
A prophet of Israel, Amos 1:1
Pronounces judgment against nations, Amos 1:1–3, 15
Denounces Israel's sins, Amos 4:1—7:9
Condemns Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, Amos 7:10–17
Predicts Israel's downfall, Amos 9:1–10
Foretells great blessings, Amos 9:11–15

AMPHIPOLIS
A city in Macedonia visited by Paul, Acts 17:1

AMRAM
Son of Kohath, Num 3:17–19
The father of Aaron, Moses and Miriam, Ex 6:18–20; 1 Chr 6:3

ANAKIM
A race of giants; very strong, Num 13:28–33; Deut 2:10, 11, 21
Defeated:
by Joshua, Josh 10:36–39; 11:21
by Caleb, Josh 14:6–15

ANANIAS
Disciple at Jerusalem; slain for lying to God, Acts 5:1–11
—— A Christian disciple at Damascus, Acts 9:10–19; 22:12–16
—— A Jewish high priest, Acts 23:1–5

ANATHOTH
A Levitical city in Benjamin, Josh 21:18
Jeremiah's birthplace; he buys property there, Jer 1:1; 32:6–15
To be invaded by Assyria, Is 10:30

ANCHOR
hope we have as an *a* ..... Heb 6:19

ANCIENT
Do not remove the *a* ..... Prov 23:10
*a* times that I ..... Is 37:26
until the *A* of Days ..... Dan 7:22

ANDREW
A disciple of John the Baptist, then of Christ, Matt 4:18, 19; John 1:40–42
Enrolled among the Twelve, Matt 10:2
Mentioned, Mark 13:3, 4; John 6:8, 9; 12:20–22; Acts 1:13

ANGEL
Now the *A* of the LORD ..... Gen 16:7
*A* who has redeemed me .. Gen 48:16
"Behold, I send an *A* ..... Ex 23:20
the donkey saw the *A* .... Num 22:23
For I have seen the *A* ..... Judg 6:22
Manoah said to the *A* ..... Judg 13:17
in my sight as an *a* ..... 1 Sam 29:9
*a* who was destroying ... 2 Sam 24:16
night that the *a* ..... 2 Kin 19:35
the *A* of His Presence ..... Is 63:9
struggled with the *A* ..... Hos 12:4
standing before the *A* ..... Zech 3:3
like God, like the *A* ..... Zech 12:8
things, behold, an *a* ..... Matt 1:20
for an *a* of the Lord ..... Matt 28:2
Then an *a* of the Lord ..... Luke 1:11
And behold, an *a* ..... Luke 2:9
*a* appeared to Him from .. Luke 22:43
For an *a* went down at ..... John 5:4
*a* has spoken to Him ..... John 12:29
But at night an *a* ..... Acts 5:19
*A* who appeared to him .... Acts 7:35
Then immediately an *a* .... Acts 12:23
and no *a* or spirit ..... Acts 23:8
*a* has spoken to him ..... Acts 23:9
by me this night an *a* ..... Acts 27:23
himself into an *a* ..... 2 Cor 11:14
even if we, or an *a* ..... Gal 1:8
Then I saw a strong *a* ..... Rev 5:2
over them the *a* ..... Rev 9:11
Then I saw an *a* ..... Rev 19:17
Jesus, have sent My *a* ..... Rev 22:16

ANGEL OF GOD
the *a* called to Hagar ..... Gen 21:17
Then the *A* spoke to me ... Gen 31:11
*A*, who went before the ..... Ex 14:19
the *A* came to the woman .. Judg 13:9
the king is like the *a* ..... 2 Sam 19:27
in a vision an *a* coming .... Acts 10:3
you received me as an *a*, .... Gal 4:14

ANGEL OF THE LORD
*A* found her by a spring .... Gen 16:7
the *A* called to Abraham .. Gen 22:15
*A* appeared to him in a flame .. Ex 3:2
the donkey saw the *A* .... Num 22:23
the *A* came up from Gilgal .. Judg 2:1
the *A* appeared to him ..... Judg 6:12
*A* appeared to the woman .. Judg 13:3
*A* was by the threshing .. 2 Sam 24:16
*a* said to Elijah ..... 2 Kin 1:3
*a* went out, and killed .... 2 Kin 19:35
in the land, with the *a* .... 1 Chr 21:12
The *a* encamps all around .... Ps 34:7
let the *a* pursue them ..... Ps 35:6
*A*, who stood among the ... Zech 1:11
priest standing before the *A* . Zech 3:1
like the *A* before them ..... Zech 12:8
*a* appeared to him in a ..... Matt 1:20
an *a* appeared to Joseph ... Matt 2:13
*a* descended from heaven, .. Matt 28:2
an *a* appeared to him, ..... Luke 1:11
an *a* opened the prison ..... Acts 5:19
*a* spoke to Philip, saying ... Acts 8:26
an *a* stood by him, ..... Acts 12:7
an *a* struck him, ..... Acts 12:23

ANGELS
If He charges His *a* ..... Job 4:18
lower than the *a* ..... Ps 8:5
He shall give His *a* ..... Ps 91:11
Praise Him, all His *a* ..... Ps 148:2
He shall give His *a* ..... Matt 4:6
*a* will come forth ..... Matt 13:49
*a* always see the face ..... Matt 18:10
but are like *a* of God ..... Matt 22:30
not even the *a* of heaven .. Matt 24:36
and all the holy *a* ..... Matt 25:31
twelve legions of *a* ..... Matt 26:53
the presence of the *a* ..... Luke 15:10
was carried by the *a* ..... Luke 16:22
are equal to the *a* ..... Luke 20:36
And she saw two *a* ..... John 20:12
that we shall judge *a* ..... 1 Cor 6:3
head, because of the *a* .... 1 Cor 11:10
and worship of *a* ..... Col 2:18
with His mighty *a* ..... 2 Thess 1:7
the Spirit, seen by *a* ..... 1 Tim 3:16
much better than the *a* ..... Heb 1:4
does not give aid to *a* ..... Heb 2:16
company of *a*, to the ..... Heb 12:22
unwittingly entertained *a* ... Heb 13:2
things which *a* desire ..... 1 Pet 1:12
did not spare the *a* ..... 2 Pet 2:4
*a* who did not keep ..... Jude 6
Michael and his *a* ..... Rev 12:7

ANGER
*See* SLOW TO ANGER
Cursed be their *a* ..... Gen 49:7

sun, that the fierce *a* . . . . . Num 25:4
fierceness of His *a* . . . . . Deut 13:17
heat of this great *a* . . . . . Deut 29:24
So the *a* of the LORD . . . . . Judg 10:7
to provoke Me to *a* . . . . . 1 Kin 16:2
For His *a* is but for a . . . . . Ps 30:5
let Your wrathful *a* . . . . . Ps 69:24
a time He turned His *a* . . . . . Ps 78:38
made a path for His *a* . . . . . Ps 78:50
You prolong Your *a* . . . . . Ps 85:5
the power of Your *a* . . . . . Ps 90:11
gracious, slow to *a* . . . . . Ps 103:8
Nor will He keep His *a* . . . . . Ps 103:9
harsh word stirs up *a* . . . . . Prov 15:1
*a* sins against his own . . . . . Prov 20:2
*a* rests in the bosom . . . . . Eccl 7:9
*a* the Holy One of . . . . . Is 1:4
*a* is not turned away . . . . . Is 5:25
*a* is turned away . . . . . Is 12:1
'I will not cause My *a* . . . . . Jer 3:12
For great is the *a* . . . . . Jer 36:7
and I will send My *a* . . . . . Ezek 7:3
does not retain His *a* . . . . . Mic 7:18
fierceness of His *a* . . . . . Nah 1:6
*a* is kindled against . . . . . Zech 10:3
around at them with *a* . . . . . Mark 3:5
bitterness, wrath, *a* . . . . . Eph 4:31

ANGER OF THE LORD
*a* was kindled against Moses, . Ex 4:14
*a* was aroused against . . . . . Num 25:3
*a* burned against the . . . . . Josh 7:1
*a* was hot against Israel . . . . Judg 2:14
*a* was aroused against . . . . . 2 Sam 6:7
*a* was aroused against . . . . . 2 Kin 13:3
*a* is aroused against His . . . . . Is 5:25
*a* will not turn back . . . . . Jer 23:20
because of the *a* this . . . . . Jer 52:3

ANGRY
Cain, "Why are you *a* . . . . . Gen 4:6
"Let not the Lord be *a* . . . . . Gen 18:30
the Son, lest He be *a* . . . . . Ps 2:12
judge, and God is *a* . . . . . Ps 7:11
When once You are *a* . . . . . Ps 76:7
Will you be *a* forever . . . . . Ps 79:5
friendship with an *a* . . . . . Prov 22:24
backbiting tongue an *a* . . . . Prov 25:23
*a* man stirs up strife . . . . . Prov 29:22
in your spirit to be *a* . . . . . Eccl 7:9
I was *a* with My people . . . . . Is 47:6
nor will I always be *a* . . . . . Is 57:16
covetousness I was *a* . . . . . Is 57:17
right for you to be *a* . . . . . Jon 4:4
LORD has been very *a* . . . . . Zech 1:2
I am exceedingly *a* . . . . . Zech 1:15
you that whoever is *a* . . . . . Matt 5:22
"Be *a*, and do not sin" . . . . . Eph 4:26
Therefore I was *a* . . . . . Heb 3:10
with whom was He *a* . . . . . Heb 3:17
The nations were *a* . . . . . Rev 11:18

ANGUISH
*a* has come upon me . . . . . 2 Sam 1:9
*a* make him afraid . . . . . Job 15:24
I will be in *a* over my . . . . . Ps 38:18
and *a* have overtaken . . . . . Ps 119:143
longer remembers the *a* . . John 16:21
tribulation and *a* . . . . . Rom 2:9
much affliction and *a* . . . . . 2 Cor 2:4

ANIMAL
of every clean *a* . . . . . Gen 7:2
Whoever kills an *a* . . . . . Lev 24:18
the life of his *a* . . . . . Prov 12:10
set him on his own *a* . . . . . Luke 10:34

ANIMALS
of *a* after their kind . . . . . Gen 6:20
sacrifices of fat *a* . . . . . Ps 66:15
of four-footed *a* . . . . . Acts 10:12
and four-footed *a* . . . . . Rom 1:23

ANISE
tithe of mint and *a* . . . . . Matt 23:23

ANNA
Aged prophetess, Luke 2:36–38

ANNAS
A Jewish high priest, Luke 3:2
Christ appeared before, John 18:12–24
Peter and John appeared before, Acts 4:6

ANNUL
and who will *a* . . . . . Is 14:27
years later, cannot *a* . . . . . Gal 3:17

ANNULLING
one hand there is an *a* . . . . . Heb 7:18

ANNULS
is confirmed, no one *a* . . . . . Gal 3:15

ANOINT
You shall *a* them . . . . . Ex 28:41
but you shall not *a* . . . . . Deut 28:40
you shall *a* for Me the . . . . 1 Sam 16:3
*a* yourself with oil . . . . . 2 Sam 14:2
*a* my head with oil . . . . . Ps 23:5
Arise, you princes, *a* . . . . . Is 21:5
*a* the Most Holy . . . . . Dan 9:24
when you fast, *a* . . . . . Matt 6:17
*a* My body for burial . . . . . Mark 14:8
they might come and *a* . . . . Mark 16:1
*a* your eyes with eye . . . . . Rev 3:18

ANOINTED
*See* LORD'S ANOINTED
the priest, who is *a* . . . . . Lev 16:32
"Surely the LORD'S *a* . . . . . 1 Sam 16:6
destroy the LORD'S *a* . . . . . 2 Sam 1:14
he cursed the LORD'S *a* . . . 2 Sam 19:21
shows mercy to His *a* . . . . 2 Sam 22:51
"Do not touch My *a* . . . . . 1 Chr 16:22
the LORD saves His *a* . . . . . Ps 20:6
because the LORD has *a* . . . . . Is 61:1
"These are the two *a* . . . . . Zech 4:14
Because He has *a* . . . . . Luke 4:18
but this woman has *a* . . . . . Luke 7:46
*a* the eyes of the . . . . . John 9:6
It was that Mary who *a* . . . . John 11:2
Jesus, whom You *a* . . . . . Acts 4:27
and has *a* us is God . . . . . 2 Cor 1:21

ANOINTING
also made the holy *a* . . . . . Ex 37:29
pray over him, *a* him . . . . . James 5:14
But you have an *a* . . . . . 1 John 2:20
but as the same *a* . . . . . 1 John 2:27

ANOTHER
*See* LOVE ONE ANOTHER
that you love one *a* . . . . . John 13:34
and He will give you *a* . . . . John 14:16
'Let *a* take his office . . . . . Acts 1:20

ANSWER
will give Pharaoh an *a* . . . . Gen 41:16
*a* I should take back . . . . . 2 Sam 24:13
Him, he could not *a* . . . . . Job 9:3
Call, and I will *a* . . . . . Job 13:22
how shall I *a* Him . . . . . Job 31:14
and you shall *a* . . . . . Job 40:7
the day that I call, *a* . . . . . Ps 102:2
In Your faithfulness *a* . . . . . Ps 143:1
*a* turns away wrath . . . . . Prov 15:1
A man has joy by the *a* . . . Prov 15:23
He who gives a right *a* . . . . Prov 24:26
*a* a fool according . . . . . Prov 26:4
was there none to *a* . . . . . Is 50:2
for there is no *a* . . . . . Mic 3:7
or what you should *a* . . . . . Luke 12:11
you may have an *a* . . . . . 2 Cor 5:12
ought to *a* each one . . . . . Col 4:6

ANSWERS
*a* a matter before he . . . . . Prov 18:13
but the rich *a* roughly . . . . . Prov 18:23
money *a* everything . . . . . Eccl 10:19

ANT
Go to the *a*, you sluggard . . . Prov 6:6

ANTICHRIST
heard that the *A* . . . . . 1 John 2:18
*a* who denies the . . . . . 1 John 2:22
is the spirit of the *A* . . . . . 1 John 4:3
is a deceiver and an *a* . . . . . 2 John 7

ANTIOCH
—— In Syria:
First Gentile church established, Acts 11:19–21
Disciples first called "Christians" in, Acts 11:26
Church commissions Paul, Acts 13:1–4; 15:35–41
Church troubled by Judaizers, Acts 15:1–4; Gal 2:11–21
—— In Pisidia:
Paul visits; Jews reject the gospel, Acts 13:14, 42–51

ANTIPATRIS
A city between Jerusalem and Caesarea, Acts 23:31

ANTITYPE
*a* which now saves us . . . . . 1 Pet 3:21

ANXIETIES
the multitude of my *a* . . . . . Ps 94:19
Try me, and know my *a* . . . . Ps 139:23

ANXIETY
*A* in the heart of man . . . . . Prov 12:25
eat their bread with *a* . . . . . Ezek 12:19

ANXIOUS
drink, nor have an *a* . . . . . Luke 12:29
Be *a* for nothing . . . . . Phil 4:6

APART
*See* SET APART
that you shall set *a* . . . . . Ex 13:12
she shall be set *a* . . . . . Lev 15:19
the LORD has set *a* . . . . . Ps 4:3
justified by faith *a* . . . . . Rom 3:28

APHEK
A town in the Plain of Sharon, Josh 12:18
Site of Philistine camp, 1 Sam 4:1; 29:1
—— A city in Jezreel, 1 Kin 20:26–30
Syria's defeat prophesied here, 2 Kin 13:14–19

APOLLOS
An Alexandrian Jew; instructed by Aquila and Priscilla and sent to Achaia, Acts 18:24–28
Referred to as having ministered in Corinth, 1 Cor 1:12; 3:4, 22; 4:6; 16:12

APOLLONIA
A town between Amphipolis and Thessalonica, Acts 17:1

APOLLYON
Angel of the bottomless pit, Rev 9:11

APOSTLE
called to be an *a* . . . . . Rom 1:1
inasmuch as I am an *a* . . . . Rom 11:13
Am I not an *a* . . . . . 1 Cor 9:1
the signs of an *a* were . . . . 2 Cor 12:12
a preacher and an *a* . . . . . 1 Tim 2:7
consider the *A* and High . . . . . Heb 3:1

APOSTLES
*See* TWELVE APOSTLES
names of the twelve *a* . . . . . Matt 10:2
whom He also named *a* . . . . Luke 6:13
displayed us, the *a* . . . . . 1 Cor 4:9
am the least of the *a* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:9
to the most eminent *a* . . . . . 2 Cor 11:5
themselves into *a* . . . . . 2 Cor 11:13
none of the other *a* . . . . . Gal 1:19
gave some to be *a* . . . . . Eph 4:11
who say they are *a* . . . . . Rev 2:2
heaven, and you holy *a* . . . . Rev 18:20

APOSTLESHIP
in this ministry and *a* . . . . . Acts 1:25

received grace and *a* ..... Rom 1:5
are the seal of my *a* ..... 1 Cor 9:2
in Peter for the *a* ..... Gal 2:8

APPAREL
is glorious in His *a* ..... Is 63:1
clothed with foreign *a* ..... Zeph 1:8
by them in white *a* ..... Acts 1:10
themselves in modest *a* ..... 1 Tim 2:9
gold rings, in fine *a* ..... James 2:2
or putting on fine *a* ..... 1 Pet 3:3

APPEAL
I *a* to Caesar ..... Acts 25:11
love's sake I rather *a* ..... Philem 9

APPEAR
and let the dry land *a* ..... Gen 1:9
all your males shall *a* ..... Ex 23:17
all Israel comes to *a* ..... Deut 31:11
shall I come and *a* ..... Ps 42:2
Let Your work *a* ..... Ps 90:16
He shall *a* in His ..... Ps 102:16
doings your sins *a* ..... Ezek 21:24
faces that they may *a* ..... Matt 6:16
also outwardly *a* ..... Matt 23:28
kingdom of God would *a* ..... Luke 19:11
For we must all *a* ..... 2 Cor 5:10
for Him He will *a* ..... Heb 9:28
and the sinner *a* ..... 1 Pet 4:18

APPEARANCE
Do not look at his *a* ..... 1 Sam 16:7
*a* is blacker than soot ..... Lam 4:8
As He prayed, the *a* ..... Luke 9:29
judge according to *a* ..... John 7:24
those who boast in *a* ..... 2 Cor 5:12
to the outward *a* ..... 2 Cor 10:7
found in *a* as a man ..... Phil 2:8
indeed have an *a* ..... Col 2:23

APPEARED
*See* LORD APPEARED TO
an angel of the Lord *a* ..... Luke 1:11
who *a* in glory and ..... Luke 9:31
brings salvation has *a* ..... Titus 2:11
of the ages, He has *a* ..... Heb 9:26

APPEARING
Lord Jesus Christ's *a* ..... 1 Tim 6:14
been revealed by the *a* ..... 2 Tim 1:10
and the dead at His *a* ..... 2 Tim 4:1
who have loved His *a* ..... 2 Tim 4:8
hope and glorious *a* ..... Titus 2:13

APPEARS
can stand when He *a* ..... Mal 3:2
who is our life *a* ..... Col 3:4
the Chief Shepherd *a* ..... 1 Pet 5:4
in Him, that when He *a* ..... 1 John 2:28

APPETITE
or satisfy the *a* ..... Job 38:39
are a man given to *a* ..... Prov 23:2

APPII FORUM
A town about 40 miles south of Rome where Christians came to meet Paul, Acts 28:15

APPLE
He kept him as the *a* ..... Deut 32:10
And my law as the *a* ..... Prov 7:2
Like an *a* tree among ..... Song 2:3
touches the *a* of His eye ..... Zech 2:8

APPLES
fitly spoken is like *a* ..... Prov 25:11
refresh me with *a* ..... Song 2:5

APPLIED
*a* my heart to know ..... Eccl 7:25

APPOINT
I will even *a* terror ..... Lev 26:16
*a* each of them to his ..... Num 4:19
*a* me ruler over the ..... 2 Sam 6:21
*a* salvation for walls ..... Is 26:1
For God did not *a* ..... 1 Thess 5:9
*a* elders in every city ..... Titus 1:5

APPOINTED
You have *a* his limits ..... Job 14:5
To release those *a* ..... Ps 102:20
And as it is *a* for men ..... Heb 9:27

APPOINTED FEASTS
to the LORD at your *a* ..... Num 29:39
your *a* my soul hates ..... Is 1:14
her Sabbaths, all her *a* ..... Hos 2:11
O Judah, keep your *a* ..... Nah 1:15

APPOINTED TIME
At the *a* I will return to ..... Gen 18:14
keep the Passover at its *a* ..... Num 9:2
the morning till the *a* ..... 2 Sam 24:15
at the *a* the end shall be ..... Dan 8:19
end will still be at the *a* ..... Dan 11:27
vision is yet for an *a* ..... Hab 2:3

APPROACH
*a* anyone who is near ..... Lev 18:6
And cause to *a* You ..... Ps 65:4
year, make those who *a* ..... Heb 10:1

APPROACHING
take delight in *a* God ..... Is 58:2
as you see the Day *a* ..... Heb 10:25

APPROVE
their posterity who *a* ..... Ps 49:13
do the same but also *a* ..... Rom 1:32
*a* the things that ..... Rom 2:18
*a* the things that are ..... Phil 1:10

APPROVED
to God and *a* by men ..... Rom 14:18
to present yourself *a* ..... 2 Tim 2:15
when he has been *a* ..... James 1:12

APRONS
*a* were brought from his ..... Acts 19:12

AQUEDUCT
stood by the *a* ..... 2 Kin 18:17
at the end of the *a* ..... Is 7:3
he stood by the *a* ..... Is 36:2

AQUILA
Paul's host in Corinth, Acts 18:2, 3
Travels to Syria and Ephesus with Paul, Acts 18:18, 19
Instructs Apollos, Acts 18:24–26
Esteemed by Paul, Rom 16:3, 4

AR
A chief Moabite city, Num 21:15
On Israel's route, Deut 2:18
Destroyed by Sihon, Num 21:28
Destroyed by God, Is 15:1

ARABIA
Pays tribute to Solomon, 1 Kin 10:14, 15
Plunders Jerusalem, 2 Chr 21:16, 17
Defeated by Uzziah, 2 Chr 26:1, 7
Denounced by prophets, Is 21:13–17

ARARAT
Site of ark's landing, Gen 8:4
Assassins flee to, 2 Kin 19:37; Is 37:38

ARAUNAH (or Ornan)
A Jebusite, 2 Sam 24:15–25
His threshing floor bought by David, 2 Sam 24:18–25
becomes site of temple, 2 Chr 3:1
Also called Ornan, 1 Chr 21:18–28

ARBITRATOR
a judge or an *a* over ..... Luke 12:14

ARCHANGEL
with the voice of an *a* ..... 1 Thess 4:16
Yet Michael the *a* ..... Jude 9

ARCHELAUS
Son of Herod the Great, Matt 2:22

AREOPAGUS
Paul preaches at, Acts 17:18–34

ARGUMENTS
fill my mouth with *a* ..... Job 23:4
casting down *a* and ..... 2 Cor 10:5

ARIEL
Ezra's friend, Ezra 8:15–17
—— Name applied to Jerusalem, Is 29:1, 2, 7

ARISE
needy, now I will *a* ..... Ps 12:5
*A* for our help ..... Ps 44:26
Let God *a* ..... Ps 68:1
*A*, shine; for your light ..... Is 60:1
But the LORD will *a* ..... Is 60:2
Righteousness shall *a* ..... Mal 4:2
I will *a* and go to ..... Luke 15:18
you who sleep, *a* ..... Eph 5:14

ARISTARCHUS
A Macedonian Christian, Acts 19:29
Accompanies Paul, Acts 20:1, 4
Imprisoned with Paul, Col 4:10

ARK
Make yourself an *a* ..... Gen 6:14
two of every sort into the *a* ..... Gen 6:19
Then the *a* rested ..... Gen 8:4
she took an *a* of bulrushes ..... Ex 2:3
in the *a* you shall put ..... Ex 25:21
Bezalel made the *a* ..... Ex 37:1
seat which is on the *a* ..... Lev 16:2
the *a* which I had made ..... Deut 10:5
"Cross over before the *a* ..... Josh 4:5
"Take up the *a* ..... Josh 6:6
Let us bring the *a* ..... 1 Sam 4:3
Also the *a* of God ..... 1 Sam 4:11
*a* of God was captured ..... 1 Sam 4:19
Philistines took the *a* ..... 1 Sam 5:1
the *a* remained in Kirjath ..... 1 Sam 7:2
out his hand to the *a* ..... 2 Sam 6:6
brought the *a* of the ..... 2 Sam 6:17
Nothing was in the *a* ..... 1 Kin 8:9
his hand to hold the *a* ..... 1 Chr 13:9
the holy *a* in the house ..... 2 Chr 35:3
golden censer and the *a* ..... Heb 9:4
prepared an *a* for the ..... Heb 11:7
of Noah, while the *a* ..... 1 Pet 3:20
in heaven, and the *a* ..... Rev 11:19

ARM
with an outstretched *a* ..... Ex 6:6
"Has the LORD's *a* ..... Num 11:23
With him is an *a* ..... 2 Chr 32:8
*a* that has no strength ..... Job 26:2
Have you an *a* like God ..... Job 40:9
Break the *a* of the ..... Ps 10:15
You have a mighty *a* ..... Ps 89:13
*a* have gained Him the ..... Ps 98:1
*a* shall rule for Him ..... Is 40:10
therefore His own *a* ..... Is 59:16
strength with His *a* ..... Luke 1:51
with an uplifted *a* ..... Acts 13:17
*a* yourselves also with ..... 1 Pet 4:1

ARMAGEDDON
*See* MEGIDDO
Possible site of final battle, Rev 16:16

ARMED
You have *a* me with ..... 2 Sam 22:40
a strong man, fully *a* ..... Luke 11:21

ARMIES
make captains of the *a* ..... Deut 20:9
"I defy the *a* of Israel ..... 1 Sam 17:10
any number to His *a* ..... Job 25:3
not go out with our *a* ..... Ps 60:10
And he sent out his *a* ..... Matt 22:7
surrounded by *a* ..... Luke 21:20
And the *a* in heaven ..... Rev 19:14
the earth, and their *a* ..... Rev 19:19

ARMOR
but he put his *a* ..... 1 Sam 17:54
spears, put on the *a* ..... Jer 46:4
let us put on the *a* ..... Rom 13:12
Put on the whole *a* ..... Eph 6:11

ARMORBEARER
to the young man, his *a* ..... Judg 9:54

Jonathan said to his *a* ... 1 Sam 14:12
he became his *a* ..... 1 Sam 16:21
Saul said to his *a* ..... 1 Sam 31:4
his *a* would not, for he .... 1 Chr 10:4
when his *a* saw that Saul .. 1 Chr 10:5

ARMS
are the everlasting *a* ..... Deut 33:27
into the clash of *a* ..... Job 39:21
It is God who *a* ..... Ps 18:32
My *a* will judge the ..... Is 51:5
wounds between your *a* .... Zech 13:6
took them up in His *a* .... Mark 10:16
took Him up in his *a* ..... Luke 2:28

ARMY
the multitude of an *a* ..... Ps 33:16
an exceedingly great *a* .... Ezek 37:10
the number of the *a* ..... Rev 9:16

ARNON
Boundary between Moab and Ammon, Num 21:13, 26
Border of Reuben, Deut 3:12, 16
Ammonites reminded of, Judg 11:18–26

AROER
A town in east Jordan; rebuilt by Gadites, Num 32:34; Deut 2:36
Assigned to Reuben, Deut 3:12
Ruled by Amorites, Josh 12:2; 13:9, 10, 16

AROMA
smelled a soothing *a* ..... Gen 8:21
To the one we are the *a* ... 2 Cor 2:16
for a sweet-smelling *a* ..... Eph 5:2
a sweet-smelling *a* ..... Phil 4:18

AROSE
younger *a* and lay with .... Gen 19:35
*a* and crossed the river .... Gen 31:21
behold, my sheaf *a* ..... Gen 37:7
there *a* a new king ..... Ex 1:8
Deborah *a* and went ..... Judg 4:9
until I, Deborah, *a* ..... Judg 5:7
*a* a mother in Israel ..... Judg 5:7
Samuel *a* and went to Eli, .. 1 Sam 3:6
David *a* and fled ..... 1 Sam 21:10
LORD *a* against His..... 2 Chr 36:16
Then I *a* in the night ..... Neh 2:12
Esther *a* and stood before ... Esth 8:4
I *a* to open for my beloved .. Song 5:5
the king *a* very early ..... Dan 6:19
afterward I *a* and went ..... Dan 8:27
Jonah *a* to flee to ..... Jon 1:3
And she *a* and served ..... Matt 8:15
tempest *a* on the sea ..... Matt 8:24
He *a* and rebuked ..... Matt 8:26
all those virgins *a* and ..... Matt 25:7
a great windstorm *a* ..... Mark 4:37
*a* and rebuked the wind ... Mark 4:39
*a* against the church ..... Acts 8:1
he *a* and was baptized ..... Acts 9:18
with Him after He *a* ..... Acts 10:41
a dissension *a* between ..... Acts 23:7
smoke *a* out of the pit ..... Rev 9:2

AROUSED
the LORD was greatly *a* ... Num 11:10
his wrath was *a* because .... Job 32:2
Then Joseph, being *a* ..... Matt 1:24

ARPHAXAD
A son of Shem, Gen 10:22, 24
Born two years after the flood, Gen 11:10–13
An ancestor of Christ, Luke 3:36

ARRAY
*a* against Gibeah ..... Judg 20:30
battle *a* against Israel ..... 1 Sam 4:2
drew up in battle *a* ..... 1 Sam 17:2
*a* yourself with glory ..... Job 40:10

ARRAYED
his glory was not *a* ..... Matt 6:29
"Who are these *a* ..... Rev 7:13
The woman was *a* ..... Rev 17:4

ARREST
come up to *a* Samson ..... Judg 15:10
the altar, saying, "*A* him .. 1 Kin 13:4
when they *a* you ..... Mark 13:11

ARROGANCE
Pride and *a* and the ..... Prov 8:13
I will halt the *a* ..... Is 13:11

ARROGANT
the fruit of the *a* ..... Is 10:12
sanctuary, your *a* boast ... Ezek 24:21

ARROW
deliverance and the *a* .... 2 Kin 13:17
*a* cannot make him flee .... Job 41:28
make ready their *a* ..... Ps 11:2
*a* that flies by day ..... Ps 91:5
a sword, and a sharp *a* .... Prov 25:18
Their tongue is an *a* ..... Jer 9:8
as a target for the *a* ..... Lam 3:12

ARROWS
He sent out *a* and ..... 2 Sam 22:15
*a* pierce me deeply ..... Ps 38:2
There He broke the *a* ..... Ps 76:3
Like *a* in the hand of ..... Ps 127:4
He has caused the *a* ..... Lam 3:13
were sworn over Your *a* ..... Hab 3:9

ARTAXERXES
Artaxerxes I, king of Persia (465–425 B.C.), authorizes Ezra's mission to Jerusalem, Ezra 7:1–28
Temporarily halts rebuilding program at Jerusalem, Ezra 4:7–23
Authorizes Nehemiah's mission, Neh 2:1–10
Permits Nehemiah to return, Neh 13:6

ARTISAN
gifted *a* in whom ..... Ex 36:1
the skillful *a*, and the expert ... Is 3:3

ARTISTIC
*a* designs of cherubim ..... Ex 26:1
to design *a* works ..... Ex 31:4
*a* designs of cherubim ..... Ex 36:8
linen, into *a* designs ..... Ex 39:3

AS IT IS WRITTEN
*A* in the Law of Moses, ..... Dan 9:13
of Man indeed goes just *a* . Matt 26:24
*A* in the Prophets: "Behold, . Mark 1:2
of you hypocrites, *a* ..... Mark 7:6
whatever they wished, *a* .. Mark 9:13
*a*, 'He gave them bread .... John 6:31
donkey, sat on it; *a* ..... John 12:14
*a*, "The just shall live ..... Rom 1:17
Israel will be saved, *a* ..... Rom 11:26
but *a*, "The reproaches of .. Rom 15:3

ASA
Third king of Judah; restores true worship, 1 Kin 15:8–15; 2 Chr 14; 15
Hires Ben-Hadad against Baasha; rebuked by a prophet, 1 Kin 15:16–22; 2 Chr 16:1–10
Diseased, seeks physicians rather than the Lord, 2 Chr 16:12
Death and burial, 2 Chr 16:13, 14

ASAHEL
David's nephew; captain in his army; noted for valor, 2 Sam 2:18; 23:24; 1 Chr 2:16; 27:7
Killed by Abner, 2 Sam 2:19–23
Avenged by Joab, 2 Sam 3:27, 30

ASAPH
A Levite choir leader under David and Solomon, 1 Chr 15:16–19; 16:1–7; 2 Chr 5:6, 12
Twelve psalms assigned to, 2 Chr 29:30; Ps 50; 73—83

ASCEND
Who may *a* into the ..... Ps 24:3
If I *a* into heaven ..... Ps 139:8
'I will *a* into heaven ..... Is 14:13
*a* as high as the eagle ..... Obad 4
see the Son of Man *a* ..... John 6:62

ASCENDED
You have *a* on high ..... Ps 68:18
Who has *a* into heaven .... Prov 30:4
No one has *a* to heaven .... John 3:13
"When He *a* on high ..... Eph 4:8
also the One who *a* ..... Eph 4:10
And they *a* to heaven ..... Rev 11:12

ASCENDING
angels of God were *a* ..... Gen 28:12
the angels of God *a* ..... John 1:51

ASCRIBE
*a* greatness to our God ..... Deut 32:3
I will *a* righteousness to ..... Job 36:3
*A* strength to God ..... Ps 68:34

ASENATH
Daughter of Poti-Pherah and wife of Joseph, Gen 41:45
Mother of Manasseh and Ephraim, Gen 41:50–52; 46:20

ASHAMED
O my God, I am too *a* and ... Ezra 9:6
all my enemies be *a* ..... Ps 6:10
Let me not be *a* ..... Ps 25:2
who waits on You be *a* ..... Ps 25:3
The wise men are *a* ..... Jer 8:9
forsake You shall be *a* ..... Jer 17:13
And Israel shall be *a* ..... Hos 10:6
For whoever is *a* ..... Mark 8:38
am not *a* of the gospel ..... Rom 1:16
nothing I shall be *a* ..... Phil 1:20
Therefore God is not *a* .... Heb 11:16
in Christ may be *a* ..... 1 Pet 3:16
let him not be *a* ..... 1 Pet 4:16
and not be *a* before ..... 1 John 2:28

ASHDOD
One of five Philistine cities, Josh 13:3
Seat of Dagon worship, 1 Sam 5:1–8
Opposes Nehemiah, Neh 4:7
Women of, marry Jews, Neh 13:23, 24
Called Azotus, Acts 8:40

ASHER
Jacob's second son by Zilpah, Gen 30:12, 13
Goes to Egypt with Jacob, Gen 46:8, 17
Blessed by Jacob, Gen 49:20
—— Tribe of:
Census of, Num 1:41; 26:47
Slow to fight against Canaanites, Judg 1:31, 32; 5:17
Among Gideon's army, Judg 6:35; 7:23
A godly remnant among, 2 Chr 30:11

ASHERAH
The female counterpart of Baal, Judg 3:7; 1 Kin 18:19
Image of, erected by Manasseh in the temple, 2 Kin 21:7
Vessels of, destroyed by Josiah, 2 Kin 23:4
—— Translated "wooden images," idols used in the worship of Asherah, Ex 34:13; Deut 12:3; 16:21; 1 Kin 16:32, 33; 2 Kin 23:6, 7

ASHES
are proverbs of *a* ..... Job 13:12
become like dust and *a* .... Job 30:19
For I have eaten *a* ..... Ps 102:9
He feeds on *a*; a deceived .... Is 44:20
sackcloth and sat in *a* ..... Jon 3:6
in sackcloth and *a* ..... Luke 10:13
and the *a* of a heifer ..... Heb 9:13

ASHKELON
One of five Philistine cities, Josh 13:3; Jer 47:5, 7

Captured by Judah, Judg 1:18
Men of, killed by Samson, Judg 14:19, 20
Repossessed by Philistines, 1 Sam 6:17; 2 Sam 1:20
Doom of, pronounced by the prophets, Jer 47:5, 7; Amos 1:8; Zeph 2:4, 7; Zech 9:5

ASHTAROTH
A city in Bashan; residence of King Og, Deut 1:4; Josh 12:4
Captured by Israel, Josh 9:10
—— A general designation of the Canaanite female deities, 1 Sam 7:3, 4; 31:10

ASHTORETH
A mother-goddess worshiped by the Philistines, 1 Sam 31:10
Israel ensnared by, Judg 2:13; 10:6
Worshiped by Solomon, 1 Kin 11:5, 33
Destroyed by Josiah, 2 Kin 23:13

ASIA
Paul forbidden to preach in, Acts 16:6
Paul's later ministry in, Acts 19:1–26
Seven churches of, Rev 1:4, 11

ASIDE
*See* TURN ASIDE
lay something *a*, storing . . . 1 Cor 16:2
lay *a* all filthiness . . . . . James 1:21
Therefore, laying *a* . . . . . 1 Pet 2:1

ASK
"Why is it that you *a* . . . . . Gen 32:29
when your children *a* . . . . . Josh 4:6
"*A* a sign for yourself . . . . . Is 7:11
They shall *a* the way . . . . . Jer 50:5
the young children *a* . . . . . Lam 4:4
*A* the LORD for rain in . . . . . Zech 10:1
whatever things you *a* . . . . Matt 21:22
*a*, and it will be . . . . . Luke 11:9
that whatever You *a* . . . . . John 11:22
*a* anything in My . . . . . John 14:14
in that day you will *a* . . . . . John 16:23
something, let them *a* . . . . 1 Cor 14:35
above all that we *a* . . . . . Eph 3:20
wisdom, let him *a* . . . . . James 1:5
But let him *a* in faith . . . . . James 1:6
because you do not *a* . . . . . James 4:2
hears us, whatever we *a* . . 1 John 5:15

ASKS
For everyone who *a* . . . . . Matt 7:8
if his son *a* for bread . . . . . Matt 7:9
Or if he *a* for a fish . . . . . Luke 11:11

ASLEEP
down, and was fast *a* . . . . . Jon 1:5
But He was *a* . . . . . Matt 8:24
but some have fallen *a* . . . . 1 Cor 15:6
those who are *a* . . . . . 1 Thess 4:15
the fathers fell *a* . . . . . 2 Pet 3:4

ASSEMBLE
*A* the men of Judah . . . . . 2 Sam 20:4
*a* the outcasts of Israel . . . . . Is 11:12
*A* yourselves, and let . . . . . Jer 4:5
I will *a* them in the midst . . . . Jer 21:4
*A* yourselves and come . . . Ezek 39:17
*a* a multitude of great . . . . . Dan 11:10
*A* and come, all you . . . . . Joel 3:11
I will surely *a* all of you . . . . . Mic 2:12

ASSEMBLED
*a* all the congregation . . . . . Num 1:18
Israel *a* together at Shiloh . . Josh 18:1
Solomon *a* the elders . . . . . 1 Kin 8:1
David *a* the children of . . . . 1 Chr 15:4
of the God of Israel *a* . . . . . Ezra 9:4
Israel were *a* with fasting . . . . Neh 9:1
who were at Shushan *a* . . . . Esth 9:18
behold, the kings *a* . . . . . Ps 48:4
elders of the people *a* at . . . . Matt 26:3
with him were *a* all the . . Mark 14:53
the disciples were *a* . . . . . John 20:19
*a* together was shaken . . . . . Acts 4:31
being *a* with one accord, . . Acts 15:25

ASSEMBLING
not forsaking the *a* . . . . . Heb 10:25

ASSEMBLY
to kill this whole *a* . . . . . Ex 16:3
It is a sacred *a* . . . . . Lev 23:36
*a* I will praise You . . . . . Ps 22:22
I have hated the *a* . . . . . Ps 26:5
also in the *a* of the . . . . . Ps 89:5
to be feared in the *a* . . . . . Ps 89:7
will rest in the *a* of the . . . . Prov 21:16
fast, call a sacred *a* . . . . . Joel 1:14
people, sanctify the *a* . . . . . Joel 2:15
*a* I will sing praise . . . . . Heb 2:12
to the general *a* . . . . . Heb 12:23
come into your *a* . . . . . James 2:2

ASSHUR
One of the sons of Shem; progenitor of the Assyrians, Gen 10:22; 1 Chr 1:17
—— The chief god of the Assyrians; seen in names like Ashurbanipal (Osnapper), Ezra 4:10
—— A city in Assyria or the nation of Assyria, Num 24:22, 24

ASSOS
A seaport of Mysia in Asia to which Paul walked, Acts 20:13

ASSURANCE
night, and have no *a* . . . . . Deut 28:66
riches of the full *a* . . . . . Col 2:2
Spirit and in much *a* . . . . . 1 Thess 1:5
to the full *a* of hope . . . . . Heb 6:11
a true heart in full *a* . . . . . Heb 10:22

ASSURE
*a* our hearts before . . . . . 1 John 3:19

ASSURED
I will give you *a* peace . . . . . Jer 14:13
learned and been *a* . . . . . 2 Tim 3:14

ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU
"For *a*, till heaven and . . . . . Matt 5:18
"*A*, you will by no means . . Matt 5:26
*A*, they have their reward. . . . Matt 6:2
"*A*, I have not found such . . Matt 8:10
"*A*, it will be more . . . . . Matt 10:15
For *a*, you will not have . . . Matt 10:23
*a*, he shall by no means . . . Matt 10:42
"*A*, among those born of . . Matt 11:11
"*a* that many prophets . . . . Matt 13:17
"*A*, there are some . . . . . Matt 16:28
for *a*, if you have faith . . . . Matt 17:20
"*A*, unless you are . . . . . Matt 18:3
*a*, he rejoices more over . . Matt 18:13
"*A*, whatever you bind . . . . Matt 18:18
"*A* that it is hard for a . . . . Matt 19:23
"*A*, that in the . . . . . Matt 19:28
"*A*, if you have faith and . . Matt 21:21
"*A* that tax collectors . . . . . Matt 21:31
"*A*, all these things will . . . Matt 23:36
*A*, not one stone shall be . . . Matt 24:2
"*A*, this generation will . . . Matt 24:34
"*A* that he will make . . . . . Matt 24:47
'*A*, I do not know you.' . . . . Matt 25:12
'*A*, inasmuch as you did . . Matt 25:40
'*A*, inasmuch as you did . . Matt 25:45
*A*, wherever this gospel . . . Matt 26:13
"*A*, one of you will betray . Matt 26:21
"*A* that this night, before . Matt 26:34
"*A*, all sins will be . . . . . Mark 3:28
*A*, no sign shall be given . . Mark 8:12
*A*, whoever does not . . . . . Mark 10:15
"*A*, there is no one who . . Mark 10:29
*a*, whoever says to this . . . Mark 11:23
"*A* that this poor widow . . Mark 12:43
"*A*, I will no longer . . . . . Mark 14:25
"*A*, no prophet is accepted . Luke 4:24
*A* that he will gird . . . . . Luke 12:37
*a*, you shall not see Me . . . Luke 13:35
"*A*, today you will be . . . . . Luke 23:43
"Most *a*, hereafter you . . . . . John 1:51
"Most *a*, unless one is born . John 3:3
"Most *a*, We speak what . . . John 3:11
"Most *a*, the Son can do . . . John 5:19
"Most *a*, he who hears . . . . . John 5:24
"Most *a*, the hour is . . . . . John 5:25
"Most *a*, you seek Me, not . John 6:26
"Most *a*, Moses did not . . . . John 6:32
"Most *a*, he who believes . . John 6:47
"Most *a*, unless you eat . . . . John 6:53
"Most *a*, whoever commits . John 8:34
"Most *a*, if anyone keeps . . John 8:51
"Most *a*, before Abraham . . John 8:58
"Most *a*, he who does not . . John 10:1
"Most *a*, I am the door of . . John 10:7
"Most *a*, unless a grain . . . John 12:24
Most *a*, he who receives . . John 13:20
"Most *a*, he who believes . John 14:12
"Most *a* that you will . . . . . John 16:20
Most *a*, whatever you ask . John 16:23
"Most *a*, when you were . . John 21:18

ASSYRIA (or Asshur)
Founded by Nimrod, Gen 10:8–12; Mic 5:6
Agent of God's purposes, Is 7:17–20; 10:5, 6
Attacks and finally conquers Israel, 2 Kin 15:19, 20, 29; 17:3–41
Invades and threatens Judah, 2 Kin 18:13–37
Hezekiah prays for help against; army miraculously slain, 2 Kin 19:1–35
Prophecies concerning, Num 24:22–24; Is 10:12–19; 14:24, 25; 19:23–25; Hos 10:6; 11:5; Nah 3:1–19

ASTONISHED
dwell in it shall be *a* . . . . . Lev 26:32
who passes by it will be *a* . . 1 Kin 9:8
I sat *a* until the evening . . . . . Ezra 9:4
are *a* at His rebuke . . . . . Job 26:11
Just as many were *a* . . . . . Is 52:14
Be *a*, O heavens, at . . . . . Jer 2:12
remained there *a* . . . . . Ezek 3:15
was *a* for a time, and his . . . Dan 4:19
that the people were *a* . . . . . Matt 7:28
so that they were *a* . . . . . Matt 13:54
disciples were *a* at His . . . Mark 10:24
who heard Him were *a* . . . . Luke 2:47
*a* at the catch of fish . . . . . Luke 5:9
her parents were *a*, . . . . . Luke 8:56
at the tomb early, *a* us . . . . Luke 24:22
So he, trembling and *a*, . . . . . Acts 9:6
who believed were *a*, . . . . . Acts 10:45
saw him, they were *a* . . . . . Acts 12:16
being *a* at the teaching . . . . Acts 13:12

ASTONISHMENT
you shall become an *a* . . . . Deut 28:37
*a* has taken hold . . . . . Jer 8:21

ASTRAY
is a people who go *a* . . . . . Ps 95:10
a fool, shall not go *a* . . . . . Is 35:8
Their lies lead them *a* . . . . . Amos 2:4
and one of them goes *a* . . . Matt 18:12
'They always go *a* . . . . . Heb 3:10
like sheep going *a* . . . . . 1 Pet 2:25

ASTROLOGERS
the *a*, the stargazers . . . . . Is 47:13
the magicians, the *a* . . . . . Dan 2:2
bring in the *a* . . . . . Dan 5:7

AT THE RIGHT HAND
Son of Man sitting *a* . . . . . Matt 26:64
heaven, and sat down *a* . . Mark 16:19
Jesus standing *a* of God . . . . Acts 7:55
who is even *a* of God, . . . . . Rom 8:34
sat down *a* of the Majesty . . . . Heb 1:3
Priest, who is seated *a* . . . . . Heb 8:1
heaven and is *a* of God, . . . . 1 Pet 3:22

ATE
she took of its fruit and *a* ....Gen 3:6
near to him, and he *a* .....Gen 27:25
I *a* all of it before .....Gen 27:33
gaunt cows *a* up the seven ..Gen 41:4
*a* manna forty years .....Ex 16:35
died, you arose and *a* ....2 Sam 12:21
Men *a* angels' food .....Ps 78:25
I *a* them, and Your word ...Jer 15:16
I *a* it, and it was in my .....Ezek 3:3
all *a* and were filled .....Matt 14:20
all *a* and were filled .....Matt 15:37
he *a* locusts and wild .....Mark 1:6
*a* the showbread .....Mark 2:26
all *a* and were filled .....Mark 6:42
they *a* and were filled .....Mark 8:8
all *a* and were filled .....Luke 9:17
Our fathers *a* the manna ...John 6:31
men and *a* with them .....Acts 11:3
*a* the same spiritual .....1 Cor 10:3
*a* it, and it was as sweet ...Rev 10:10

ATHALIAH
Daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, 2 Kin 8:18, 26; 2 Chr 22:2, 3
Kills royal children; usurps throne, 2 Kin 11:1–3; 2 Chr 22:10, 11
Killed in priestly uprising, 2 Kin 11:4–16; 2 Chr 23:1–21

ATHENS
Paul preaches in, Acts 17:15–34
Paul resides in, 1 Thess 3:1

ATONEMENT
a year he shall make *a* .....Ex 30:10
priest shall make *a* .....Lev 16:30
the blood that makes *a* ....Lev 17:11
for it is the Day of *A* .....Lev 23:28
what shall I make *a* .....2 Sam 21:3
offerings to make *a* .....Neh 10:33
*a*is provided for .....Prov 16:6
there will be no *a* .....Is 22:14
I provide you an *a* .....Ezek 16:63

ATTACK
the Midianites, and *a* .....Num 25:17
men go up and *a* Ai .....Josh 7:3
*a* Amalek, and utterly ....1 Sam 15:3
got ready to *a* the city ....1 Kin 20:12
*a* Jerusalem and create .....Neh 4:8
king of the South shall *a* ..Dan 11:40
no one will *a* you to hurt ..Acts 18:10

ATTACKED
*a* the Rephaim in .....Gen 14:5
who *a* Midian in the .....Gen 36:35
they *a* them until they left ..Josh 11:8
he *a* the army while the ....Judg 8:11
Jonathan *a* the garrison ..1 Sam 13:3
*a* Ziklag and burned it ....1 Sam 30:1
David *a* the Philistines .....2 Sam 8:1
*a* Judah, and carried .....2 Chr 28:17
*a* the ram, and broke .....Dan 8:7
*a* the house of Jason .....Acts 17:5

ATTAIN
It is high, I cannot *a* .....Ps 139:6
understanding will *a* .....Prov 1:5
How long until they *a* .....Hos 8:5
worthy to *a* that age .....Luke 20:35
by any means, I may *a* .....Phil 3:11

ATTALIA
A seaport of Pamphylia from which Paul sailed to Antioch, Acts 14:25

ATTEND
just cause, O LORD, *a* .....Ps 17:1
And *a* to the voice of .....Ps 86:6
behold, I will *a* .....Jer 23:2

ATTENTION
My son, give *a* to my .....Prov 4:20
Till I come, give *a* .....1 Tim 4:13
and you pay *a* to the .....James 2:3

ATTENTIVE
Let Your ears be *a* .....Ps 130:2
the people were very *a* ...Luke 19:48

ATTESTED
a Man *a* by God to you .....Acts 2:22

AUSTERE
because you are an *a* .....Luke 19:21

AUTHOR
For God is not the *a* .....1 Cor 14:33
He became the *a* .....Heb 5:9
unto Jesus, the *a* .....Heb 12:2

AUTHORITIES
magistrates and *a* .....Luke 12:11
*a* that exist are .....Rom 13:1
subject to rulers and *a* .....Titus 3:1
of God, angels and *a* .....1 Pet 3:22

AUTHORITY
Jew, wrote with full *a* .....Esth 9:29
the righteous are in *a* .....Prov 29:2
them as one having *a* .....Matt 7:29
a man under *a* .....Matt 8:9
who are great exercise *a* ..Matt 20:25
"All *a* has been given .....Matt 28:18
ones exercise *a* over .....Mark 10:42
By what *a* are You .....Mark 11:28
*a* I will give You .....Luke 4:6
His word was with *a* .....Luke 4:32
*a* over all demons .....Luke 9:1
and has given Him *a* .....John 5:27
You have given Him *a* .....John 17:2
has put in His own *a* .....Acts 1:7
For there is no *a* .....Rom 13:1
*a* over her own body .....1 Cor 7:4
to have a symbol of *a* ....1 Cor 11:10
end to all rule and all *a* ...1 Cor 15:24
and all who are in *a* .....1 Tim 2:2
have *a* over a man .....1 Tim 2:12
and rebuke with all *a* .....Titus 2:15
defile the flesh, reject *a* .....Jude 8
his throne, and great *a* .....Rev 13:2
they receive *a* for one .....Rev 17:12

AUTUMN
*a* trees without fruit .....Jude 12

AVAILS
nor uncircumcision *a* .....Gal 5:6
of a righteous man *a* .....James 5:16

AVEN
The city of On in Egypt near Cairo; known as Heliopolis, Gen 41:45; Ezek 30:17
—— A name contemptuously applied to Bethel, Hos 10:5, 8
—— Valley in Syria, Amos 1:5

AVENGE
for He will *a* the .....Deut 32:43
you that He will *a* .....Luke 18:8
Beloved, do not *a* .....Rom 12:19
*a* our blood on those .....Rev 6:10

AVENGER
The *a* of blood .....Num 35:19
the enemy and the *a* .....Ps 8:2
God's minister, an *a* .....Rom 13:4
the Lord is the *a* .....1 Thess 4:6

AVENGES
It is God who *a* .....2 Sam 22:48
When He *a* blood .....Ps 9:12

AVOID
*a* foolish and ignorant ....2 Tim 2:23
*a* foolish disputes .....Titus 3:9

AWAKE
be satisfied when I *a* .....Ps 17:15
I lie *a* and am like .....Ps 102:7
*A*, lute and harp .....Ps 108:2
My eyes are *a* through ....Ps 119:148
*A*, O north wind .....Song 4:16
but my heart is *a* .....Song 5:2
of the earth shall *a* .....Dan 12:2
it is high time to *a* .....Rom 13:11
*A* to righteousness .....1 Cor 15:34
"*A*, you who sleep .....Eph 5:14

AWARE
Before I was even *a* .....Song 6:12
hour that he is not *a* of ...Matt 24:50
But Jesus, being *a* of it ....Mark 8:17
hour when he is not *a* ....Luke 12:46
his wife also being *a* .....Acts 5:2

AWAY
the wind drives *a* .....Ps 1:4
Do not cast me *a* .....Ps 51:11
A time to cast *a* .....Eccl 3:5
fair one, and come *a* .....Song 2:10
and the shadows flee *a* ....Song 2:17
minded to put her *a* .....Matt 1:19
and earth will pass *a* .....Matt 24:35
and steal Him *a* .....Matt 27:64
the rich He has sent *a* .....Luke 1:53
of God who takes *a* .....John 1:29
"I am going *a*, and you ....John 8:21
they cried out, "*A* .....John 19:15
"They have taken *a* .....John 20:2
crying out, "*A* with him ...Acts 21:36
the veil is taken *a* .....2 Cor 3:14
Barnabas was carried *a* .....Gal 2:13
unless the falling *a* .....2 Thess 2:3
in Asia have turned *a* .....2 Tim 1:15
heard, lest we drift *a* .....Heb 2:1
if they fall *a*, to renew .....Heb 6:6
which can never take *a* ....Heb 10:11
that does not fade *a* .....1 Pet 5:4
the world is passing *a* ....1 John 2:17
and the heaven fled *a* .....Rev 20:11
if anyone takes *a* .....Rev 22:19

AWE
the world stand in *a* .....Ps 33:8
my heart stands in *a* .....Ps 119:161

AWESOME
How *a* is this place .....Gen 28:17
*a* thing that I will do .....Ex 34:10
God, the great and *a* .....Deut 7:21
God, mighty and *a* .....Deut 10:17
*a* things which your eyes ..Deut 10:21
*a* name, THE LORD .....Deut 28:58
Angel of God, very *a* .....Judg 13:6
*a* deeds for Your land ....2 Sam 7:23
*a* deeds, by driving out ...1 Chr 17:21
heaven, O great and *a* .....Neh 1:5
the Lord, great and *a* .....Neh 4:14
*a* God, Who keeps .....Neh 9:32
show Yourself *a* .....Job 10:16
with God is *a* majesty .....Job 37:22
hand shall teach You *a* .....Ps 45:4
LORD Most High is *a* .....Ps 47:2
By *a* deeds in .....Ps 65:5
*a* are Your works .....Ps 66:3
He is *a* in His doing .....Ps 66:5
O God, You are more *a* .....Ps 68:35
He is *a* to the kings .....Ps 76:12
Your great and *a* name .....Ps 99:3
*a* things by the Red Sea ....Ps 106:22
Holy and *a* is His name .....Ps 111:9
of the might of Your *a* .....Ps 145:6
When You did *a* things .....Is 64:3
with me as a mighty, *a* .....Jer 20:11
her collapse was *a* .....Lam 1:9
so high they were *a* .....Ezek 1:18
color of an *a* crystal .....Ezek 1:22
its form was *a* .....Dan 2:31
"O Lord, great and *a* .....Dan 9:4
The LORD will be *a* .....Zeph 2:11

AWL
his ear with an *a* .....Ex 21:6
you shall take an *a* .....Deut 15:17

AWOKE
Noah *a* from his wine, .....Gen 9:24
Jacob *a* from his sleep .....Gen 28:16
I *a*, for the LORD sustained .....Ps 3:5
Then the Lord *a* as .....Ps 78:65
came to Him and *a* Him, ...Matt 8:25
they *a* Him and said to ....Mark 4:38

came to Him and *a* Him, . . . Luke 8:24

AX
a stroke with the *a* . . . . . Deut 19:5
Abimelech took an *a* . . . . . Judg 9:48
a tree, the iron *a* . . . . . 2 Kin 6:5
If the *a* is dull, and one . . . . Eccl 10:10
*a* boast itself against . . . . . Is 10:15
And even now the *a* . . . . . Matt 3:10

AZARIAH
A prophet who encourages King Asa, 2 Chr 15:1–8
—— Son of King Jehoshaphat, 2 Chr 21:2
—— King of Judah, 2 Kin 15:1
—— A high priest who rebukes King Uzziah, 2 Chr 26:16–20
—— Chief priest in the time of Hezekiah, 2 Chr 31:9, 10
—— The Hebrew name of Abed-Nego, Dan 1:7

AZEKAH
Camp of Goliath, 1 Sam 17:1, 4, 17
Besieged by Nebuchadnezzar, Jer 34:7

AZMAVETH
A village near Jerusalem, Neh 12:29
Also called Beth Azmaveth, Neh 7:28

AZOTUS
A city which Philip the evangelist visited, Acts 8:40

BAAL (or Baals)
Deities of Canaanite polytheism, Judg 10:10–14
The male god of the Phoenicians and Canaanites; the counterpart of the female Ashtaroth, 2 Kin 23:5
Nature of the worship of, 1 Kin 18:26, 28; 19:18; Ps 106:28; Jer 7:9; 19:5; Hos 9:10; 13:1, 2
Worshiped by Israelites, Num 25:1–5; Judg 2:11–14; 3:7; 6:28–32; 1 Kin 16:31, 32; 2 Kin 21:3; Jer 11:13; Hos 2:8
Ahaz makes images to, 2 Chr 28:1–4
Overthrown by Elijah, 1 Kin 18:17–40
by Josiah, 2 Kin 23:4, 5
Denounced by prophets, Jer 19:4–6; Ezek 16:1, 2, 20, 21
Historic retrospect, Rom 11:4

BAAL PEOR (or Baal of Peor)
A Moabite god; worshiped by Israelites, Num 25:1–9

BAAL PERAZIM
Site of David's victory over the Philistines, 2 Sam 5:18–20
Same as Perazim, Is 28:21

BAAL-ZEBUB
A Philistine god at Ekron, 2 Kin 1:2
Ahaziah inquires of, 2 Kin 1:2, 6, 16
Also called Beelzebub, Matt 10:25; 12:24

BAALAH
A town also known as Kirjath Jearim, Josh 15:9, 10

BAALS
Deities of Canaanite polytheism, Judg 10:10–14
Ensnare Israelites, Judg 2:11–14; 3:7
Ahaz makes images to, 2 Chr 28:1–4

BAANAH
A murderer of Ishbosheth, 2 Sam 4:1–12

BAASHA
Usurps throne of Israel; his evil reign; wars with Judah, 1 Kin 15:16—16:7

BABBLER
*b* is no different . . . . . Eccl 10:11
"What does this *b* . . . . . Acts 17:18

BABBLINGS
the profane and idle *b* . . . . 1 Tim 6:20

BABE
the *b* leaped in my . . . . . Luke 1:44
You will find a *B* . . . . . Luke 2:12
righteousness, for he is a *b* . Heb 5:13

BABEL, TOWER OF
A huge brick structure intended to magnify man and preserve the unity of the race, Gen 11:1–4
Objectives of, thwarted by God, Gen 11:5–9

BABES
Out of the mouth of *b* . . . . . Ps 8:2
*b* shall rule over them . . . . . Is 3:4
revealed them to *b* . . . . . Matt 11:25
'Out of the mouth of *b* . . . . Matt 21:16
foolish, a teacher of *b* . . . . . Rom 2:20
as to carnal, as to *b* . . . . . 1 Cor 3:1
as newborn *b*, desire . . . . . 1 Pet 2:2

BABYLON
Built by Nimrod; Tower of Babel, Gen 10:8–10; 11:1–9
Descriptions of, Is 13:19; 14:4; Jer 51:44; Dan 4:30
Jews carried captive to, 2 Kin 25:1–21; 2 Chr 36:5–21
Inhabitants of, described, Is 47:1, 9–13; Jer 50:35–38; Dan 5:1–3
Prophecies concerning, Is 13:1–22; Jer 21:1–7; 25:9–12; 27:5–8; 29:10; Jer 50:1–46; Dan 2:31–38; 7:2–4
The prophetic city, Rev 14:8; 16:19; 17:1—18:24

BACK
Jordan turned *b* . . . . . Ps 114:3
but a rod is for the *b* . . . . . Prov 10:13
a rod for the fool's *b* . . . . . Prov 26:3
I gave My *b* to those . . . . . Is 50:6
cast Me behind your *b* . . . . Ezek 23:35
found Him, bring *b* word . . . . Matt 2:8
plow, and looking *b* . . . . . Luke 9:62
they drew *b* and fell . . . . . John 18:6
I am sending him *b* . . . . . Philem 12
of those who draw *b* . . . . . Heb 10:39
someone turns him *b* . . . . . James 5:19
inside and on the *b* . . . . . Rev 5:1

BACKBITERS
*b*, haters of God . . . . . Rom 1:30

BACKBITING
*b* tongue an angry . . . . . Prov 25:23

BACKSLIDER
The *b* in heart will be . . . . . Prov 14:14

BACKSLIDINGS
*b* will rebuke you . . . . . Jer 2:19
And I will heal your *b* . . . . . Jer 3:22
*b* have increased . . . . . Jer 5:6
for our *b* are many . . . . . Jer 14:7

BACKWARD
fell off the seat *b* . . . . . 1 Sam 4:18
shadow ten degrees *b* . . . . 2 Kin 20:11

BAD
speak to you either *b* . . . . . Gen 24:50
good for *b* or *b* for good . . . Lev 27:10
trouble is like a *b* tooth . . . Prov 25:19
as the *b* figs which cannot . . . Jer 24:8
if your eye is *b*, your . . . . . Matt 6:23
*b* tree bears *b* fruit . . . . . Matt 7:17
a *b* tree bear good . . . . . Luke 6:43
whether good or *b* . . . . . 2 Cor 5:10

BADGER
covering of *b* skins . . . . . Ex 26:14
sandals of *b* skin . . . . . Ezek 16:10

BAG
is sealed up in a *b* . . . . . Job 14:17
wages to put into a *b* . . . . . Hag 1:6
nor *b* for your journey . . . . Matt 10:10

BAKE
*b* twelve cakes with it . . . . . Lev 24:5

BAKED
*b* unleavened cakes . . . . . Ex 12:39
*b* unleavened bread . . . . . 1 Sam 28:24

BAKER
the butler and the *b* . . . . . Gen 40:1
an oven heated by a *b* . . . . . Hos 7:4

BAKERS
of bread from the *b* . . . . . Jer 37:21

BAKES
kindles it and *b* bread . . . . . Is 44:15

BALAAM
Sent by Balak to curse Israel, Num 22:5–7; Josh 24:9
Hindered by talking donkey, Num 22:22–35; 2 Pet 2:16
Curse becomes a blessing, Deut 23:4, 5; Josh 24:10
Prophecies of, Num 23:7–10, 18–24; 24:3–9, 15–24
N.T. references to, 2 Pet 2:15, 16; Jude 11; Rev 2:14

BALAK
A Moabite king, Num 22:4
Hires Balaam to curse Israel, Num 22—24

BALANCE
and the hills in a *b* . . . . . Is 40:12

BALANCES
weighed in the *b* . . . . . Dan 5:27

BALD
shall not make any *b* . . . . . Lev 21:5
every head shall be *b* . . . . . Jer 48:37
completely *b* because . . . . . Ezek 27:31

BALDHEAD
Go up, you *b* . . . . . 2 Kin 2:23

BALM
a little *b* and a little . . . . . Gen 43:11
Is there no *b* in Gilead . . . . . Jer 8:22

BAN
No person under the *b* . . . . . Lev 27:29

BAND
A *b* of robbers takes . . . . . Hos 7:1
with a golden *b* . . . . . Rev 1:13

BANDS
their *b* shall be silver . . . . . Ex 27:10
broken the *b* of your yoke . Lev 26:13
broken the *b* of their . . . . . Ezek 34:27
with *b* of love, and I was . . . . Hos 11:4
girded with golden *b* . . . . . Rev 15:6

BANDAGED
him, and *b* his wounds . . . Luke 10:34

BANISHED
bring his *b* one home . . . . 2 Sam 14:13
he *b* the perverted . . . . . 1 Kin 15:12

BANK
cows on the *b* of the river . . . Gen 41:3
the reeds by the river's *b* . . . . . Ex 2:3
along the *b* of the river, . . . . Ezek 47:7
put my money in the *b* . . . Luke 19:23

BANKERS
my money with the *b* . . . . . Matt 25:27

BANKS
the *b* of the Jordan . . . . . Num 13:29
overflows all its *b* . . . . . Josh 3:15
overflowed all its *b* . . . . . 1 Chr 12:15
*b* of scented herbs . . . . . Song 5:13
the *b* of the Ulai . . . . . Dan 8:16

BANNER
his *b* over me was love . . . . . Song 2:4
a *b* to the people . . . . . Is 11:10

a *b* for the nations ..... Is 11:12
lift up a *b* for the peoples .... Is 62:10
Set up a *b* in the land ..... Jer 51:27
a *b* over His land ..... Zech 9:16

BANNERS
we will set up our *b* ..... Ps 20:5
They set up their *b* ..... Ps 74:4
as an army with *b* ..... Song 6:4

BANQUET
*b* that I have prepared ..... Esth 5:4
companions make a *b* ..... Job 41:6
lords, came to the *b* ..... Dan 5:10

BANQUETING
He brought me to the *b* ..... Song 2:4

BANQUETS
*b* shall be removed ..... Amos 6:7

BAPTISM
coming to his *b* ..... Matt 3:7
*b* that I am baptized ..... Matt 20:22
The *b* of John—where .... Matt 21:25
a *b* of repentance ..... Mark 1:4
baptized with the *b* that .. Mark 10:38
The *b* of John—was it .... Mark 11:30
a *b* of repentance ..... Luke 3:3
But I have a *b* to be ..... Luke 12:50
The *b* of John—was it ..... Luke 20:4
from the *b* of John ..... Acts 1:22
*b* which John preached ... Acts 10:37
*b* of repentance to all ..... Acts 13:24
only the *b* of John ..... Acts 18:25
said, "Into John's *b* ..... Acts 19:3
a *b* of repentance, ..... Acts 19:4
with Him through *b* ..... Rom 6:4
Lord, one faith, one *b* ..... Eph 4:5
buried with Him in *b* ..... Col 2:12
now saves us—*b* ..... 1 Pet 3:21

BAPTISMS
of the doctrine of *b* ..... Heb 6:2

BAPTIZE
I indeed *b* you with ..... Matt 3:11
He will *b* you with ..... Mark 1:8
*b* you with the Holy ..... Luke 3:16
"Why then do you *b* ..... John 1:25
me to *b* with water ..... John 1:33
Himself did not *b* ..... John 4:2
did not send me to *b* ..... 1 Cor 1:17

BAPTIZED
*b* by him in the Jordan, ..... Matt 3:6
at the Jordan to be *b* by .... Matt 3:13
"I need to be *b* by You ..... Matt 3:14
When He had been *b* ..... Matt 3:16
were all *b* by him ..... Mark 1:5
was *b* by John ..... Mark 1:9
*b* with the baptism that .. Mark 10:38
*b* with you will be *b* ..... Mark 10:39
and is *b* will be saved .... Mark 16:16
came out to be *b* ..... Luke 3:7
also came to be *b* ..... Luke 3:12
Jesus also was *b* ..... Luke 3:21
not having been *b* ..... Luke 7:30
with them and *b* ..... John 3:22
*b* more disciples ..... John 4:1
for John truly *b* with water .. Acts 1:5
every one of you be *b* ..... Acts 2:38
received his word were *b* ... Acts 2:41
men and women were *b* .... Acts 8:12
he was *b* he continued ..... Acts 8:13
only been *b* in the name .... Acts 8:16
hinders me from being *b* ... Acts 8:36
water, and he *b* him ..... Acts 8:38
he arose and was *b* ..... Acts 9:18
these should not be *b* ..... Acts 10:47
be *b* in the name ..... Acts 10:48
you shall be *b* with ..... Acts 11:16
her household were *b* ..... Acts 16:15
all his family were *b* ..... Acts 16:33
believed and were *b* ..... Acts 18:8
Into what then were you *b* .. Acts 19:3
Arise and be *b*, and wash . Acts 22:16
were *b* into Christ ..... Rom 6:3
I thank God that I *b* ..... 1 Cor 1:14
*b* the household ..... 1 Cor 1:16
all were *b* into Moses ..... 1 Cor 10:2
Spirit we were all *b* ..... 1 Cor 12:13
who are *b* for the dead ... 1 Cor 15:29
as many of you as were *b* ... Gal 3:27

BAPTIZING
*b* them in the name of .... Matt 28:19
*b* in the wilderness ..... Mark 1:4
where John was *b* ..... John 1:28
therefore I came *b* ..... John 1:31
John also was *b* in Aenon .. John 3:23
behold, He is *b* ..... John 3:26
where John was *b* ..... John 10:40

BAR-JESUS (or Elymas)
A Jewish false prophet, Acts 13:6–12

BAR-JONAH
Surname of Simon (Peter), Matt 16:17

BARABBAS
A murderer released in place of Jesus, Matt 27:16–26; Acts 3:14, 15

BARAK
Defeats Jabin, Judg 4:1–24
A man of faith, Heb 11:32

BARBARIAN
nor uncircumcised, *b* ..... Col 3:11

BARBARIANS
to Greeks and to *b* ..... Rom 1:14

BARE
make yourselves *b* ..... Is 32:11
The LORD has made *b* ..... Is 52:10

BAREFOOT
covered and went *b* ..... 2 Sam 15:30
walking naked and *b* ..... Is 20:2

BARLEY
a land of wheat and *b* ..... Deut 8:8
loaf of *b* bread tumbled .... Judg 7:13
beginning of *b* harvest ..... Ruth 1:22
who has five *b* loaves ..... John 6:9
and three quarts of *b* ..... Rev 6:6

BARN
seed still in the *b* ..... Hag 2:19
the wheat into my *b* ..... Matt 13:30
storehouse nor *b* ..... Luke 12:24

BARNABAS
A disciple from Cyprus; gives property, Acts 4:36, 37
Supports Paul, Acts 9:27
Ministers in Antioch, Acts 11:22–30
Travels with Paul, Acts 12:25; 13—15
Breaks with Paul over John Mark, Acts 15:36–39

BARNS
so your *b* will be filled ..... Prov 3:10
*b* are broken down ..... Joel 1:17
reap nor gather into *b* ..... Matt 6:26
I will pull down my *b* ..... Luke 12:18

BARREN
But Sarai was *b* ..... Gen 11:30
*b* has borne seven ..... 1 Sam 2:5
He grants the *b* ..... Ps 113:9
"Sing, O *b*, you who have ..... Is 54:1
'Blessed are the *b* ..... Luke 23:29
"Rejoice, O *b*, you who do ... Gal 4:27
you will be neither *b* ..... 2 Pet 1:8

BARRENNESS
A fruitful land into *b* ..... Ps 107:34

BARS
has strengthened the *b* ..... Ps 147:13
bronze and cut the *b* ..... Is 45:2
the earth with its *b* ..... Jon 2:6

BARSABAS
Nominated to replace Judas, Acts 1:23
Sent to Antioch, Acts 15:22

BARTHOLOMEW
Called Nathanael, John 1:45, 46
One of the twelve apostles, Matt 10:3; Acts 1:13

BARTIMAEUS
Blind beggar healed by Jesus, Mark 10:46–52

BARUCH
Son of Neriah, Jer 32:12, 13
Jeremiah's faithful friend and scribe, Jer 36:4–32

BARZILLAI
Supplies David with food, 2 Sam 17:27–29
Age restrains him from following David, 2 Sam 19:31–39

BASE
the elder, and the *b* ..... Is 3:5
and the *b* things of ..... 1 Cor 1:28

BASHAN
Conquered by Israel, Num 21:33–35
Assigned to Manasseh, Deut 3:13
Conquered by Hazael, king of Syria, 2 Kin 10:32, 33

BASIC
to the *b* principles ..... Col 2:8
*b* principles of the world .... Col 2:20

BASIN
poured water into a *b* ..... John 13:5

BASINS
its shovels and its *b* ..... Ex 27:3
*b* of silver, trimmers ..... 2 Kin 12:13
gold for the forks, the *b* .. 1 Chr 28:17
filled with blood like *b* ..... Zech 9:15

BASKET
the *b* on my head ..... Gen 40:17
the *b* out of your hand ..... Deut 26:4
Blessed shall be your *b* .... Deut 28:5
Cursed shall be your *b* .... Deut 28:17
*b* had very good figs ..... Jer 24:2
"A *b* of summer fruit ..... Amos 8:2
lifted up the *b* between ..... Zech 5:9
and put it under a *b* ..... Matt 5:15
under a *b*, but on a ..... Luke 11:33
I was let down in a *b* ..... 2 Cor 11:33

BASKETS
there were three white *b* .. Gen 40:16
and there were two *b* ..... Jer 24:1
they took up twelve *b* ..... Matt 14:20
took up seven large *b* ..... Matt 15:37

BATHED
My sword shall be *b* ..... Is 34:5
to him, "He who is *b* ..... John 13:10

BATHSHEBA
Wife of Uriah, taken by David, 2 Sam 11
Her first child dies, 2 Sam 12:14–19
Bears Solomon, 2 Sam 12:24
Secures throne for Solomon, 1 Kin 1:15–31
Deceived by Adonijah, 1 Kin 2:13–25

BATS
To the moles and *b* ..... Is 2:20

BATTLE
*b* is the LORD's ..... 1 Sam 17:47
out to God in the *b* ..... 1 Chr 5:20
strength for the *b* ..... Ps 18:39
shield and sword of *b* ..... Ps 76:3
for the day of *b* ..... Prov 21:31
the *b* to the strong ..... Eccl 9:11
who turn back the *b* ..... Is 28:6
A sound of *b* is in the ..... Jer 50:22
who will prepare for *b*? .... 1 Cor 14:8
became valiant in *b* ..... Heb 11:34
gather them to the *b* ..... Rev 16:14

BATTLE-AX
You are My *b* ..... Jer 51:20

each with his *b* in his hand .. Ezek 9:2

BATTLEMENT
upon her a *b* of silver ..... Song 8:9

BATTLES
before us and fight our *b* .. 1 Sam 8:20
to fight our *b* ..... 2 Chr 32:8

BDELLIUM
*B* and the onyx stone ..... Gen 2:12
like the color of *b* ..... Num 11:7

BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY
blessed them, saying, "*B* .... Gen 1:22
on the earth, and *b* ..... Gen 8:17
"*B*, and fill the earth ..... Gen 9:1
*B*; a nation and a ..... Gen 35:11

BE GLAD AND REJOICE
I will *b* in You; I will ..... Ps 9:2
I will *b* in Your mercy, ..... Ps 31:7
We will *b* in you ..... Song 1:4
we will *b* in His salvation ..... Is 25:9
you also *b* with me ..... Phil 2:18
us *b* and give Him glory, ..... Rev 19:7

BE OF GOOD CHEER
to the paralytic, "Son, *b* ..... Matt 9:2
her He said, "*B*, daughter .. Matt 9:22
to them, saying, "*B* ..... Matt 14:27
man, saying to him, "*B* ... Mark 10:49
*b*, I have overcome ..... John 16:33
by him and said, "*B* ..... Acts 23:11

BEAM
on a carrying *b* ..... Num 4:10
like a weaver's *b* ..... 1 Sam 17:7
the *b* from the timbers ..... Hab 2:11

BEAMS
paneled the temple with *b* .. 1 Kin 6:9
cedar *b* on the pillars ..... 1 Kin 7:2
the *b* and doorposts ..... 2 Chr 3:7
make *b* for the gates ..... Neh 2:8
bones are like *b* ..... Job 40:18
He lays the *b* of His ..... Ps 104:3
*b* of our houses are cedar .. Song 1:17

BEAR
greater than I can *b* ..... Gen 4:13
whom Sarah shall *b* ..... Gen 17:21
not *b* false witness ..... Ex 20:16
from the paw of the *b* ... 1 Sam 17:37
they shall *b* you up in ..... Ps 91:12
*b* a broken spirit ..... Prov 18:14
be clean, you who *b* ..... Is 52:11
*b* their iniquities ..... Is 53:11
LORD could no longer *b* ..... Jer 44:22
*b* deprived of her cubs ..... Hos 13:8
lion, and a *b* met him ..... Amos 5:19
He shall *b* the glory ..... Zech 6:13
child, and *b* a Son ..... Matt 1:23
A good tree cannot *b* ..... Matt 7:18
how long shall I *b* ..... Matt 17:17
by, to *b* His cross ..... Mark 15:21
wife Elizabeth will *b* ..... Luke 1:13
And whoever does not *b* .. Luke 14:27
in Me that does not *b* ..... John 15:2
for he does not *b* ..... Rom 13:4
are strong ought to *b* ..... Rom 15:1
you may be able to *b* ..... 1 Cor 10:13
*B* one another's ..... Gal 6:2
I *b* in my body the ..... Gal 6:17
*b* the sins of many ..... Heb 9:28
like the feet of a *b* ..... Rev 13:2

BEAR FRUIT
take root downward, and *b* .. Is 37:31
bring forth branches, *b*, .... Ezek 17:8
shall the vine fail to *b* ..... Mal 3:11
the word, accept it, and *b* .. Mark 4:20
it and *b* with patience ..... Luke 8:15
does not *b* He takes away .. John 15:2
branch cannot *b* of itself, .. John 15:4
that we should *b* to God ..... Rom 7:4
our members to *b* to death .. Rom 7:5

BEAR WITNESS
you *b* that you approve ... Luke 11:48
to *b* of the Light, ..... John 1:7
If I *b* of Myself, ..... John 5:31
"You *b* of Yourself ..... John 8:13
Father's name, they *b* ..... John 10:25
And you also will *b* ..... John 15:27
I should *b* to the truth .... John 18:37
must also *b* at Rome ..... Acts 23:11
we have seen, and *b*, and .. 1 John 1:2
three who *b* in heaven .... 1 John 5:7
three that *b* on earth: ..... 1 John 5:8

BEARD
the edges of your *b* ..... Lev 19:27
I caught it by its *b* ..... 1 Sam 17:35
took Amasa by the *b* ..... 2 Sam 20:9
Running down on the *b* ..... Ps 133:2

BEARING
goes forth weeping, *b* ..... Ps 126:6
And He, *b* His cross ..... John 19:17
*b* with one another ..... Col 3:13
the camp, *b* His reproach .. Heb 13:13

BEARS
Every branch that *b* ..... John 15:2
*b* all things, believes ..... 1 Cor 13:7
it is the Spirit who *b* ..... 1 John 5:6

BEAST
*b* has devoured him ..... Gen 37:20
You preserve man and *b* ..... Ps 36:6
I was like a *b* before ..... Ps 73:22
to the *b* its food ..... Ps 147:9
*b* touches the mountain .... Heb 12:20
And I saw a *b* rising ..... Rev 13:1
Then I saw another *b* ..... Rev 13:11
the mark of the *b* ..... Rev 19:20

BEASTS
are we counted as *b* ..... Job 18:3
The *b* go into dens ..... Job 37:8
like the *b* that perish ..... Ps 49:12
I have fought with *b* ..... 1 Cor 15:32
naturally, like brute *b* ..... Jude 10

BEAT
I will *b* down his foes ..... Ps 89:23
You shall *b* him with a .... Prov 23:14
*b* their swords into ..... Is 2:4
you shall *b* in pieces ..... Mic 4:13
spat in His face and *b* ..... Matt 26:67
but *b* his breast ..... Luke 18:13

BEATEN
and you will be *b* ..... Mark 13:9
his will, shall be *b* ..... Luke 12:47
Three times I was *b* ..... 2 Cor 11:25
when you are *b* for your ... 1 Pet 2:20

BEATS
one who *b* the air ..... 1 Cor 9:26

BEAUTIFUL
of men, that they were *b* ..... Gen 6:2
woman of *b* countenance .. Gen 12:11
that she was very *b* ..... Gen 12:14
woman was very *b* ..... Gen 24:16
she is *b* to behold ..... Gen 26:7
but Rachel was *b* ..... Gen 29:17
he was a *b* child ..... Ex 2:2
the captives a *b* woman ... Deut 21:11
a *b* Babylonian garment .... Josh 7:21
and *b* appearance ..... 1 Sam 25:3
woman was very *b* ..... 2 Sam 11:2
a woman of *b* ..... 2 Sam 14:27
she was *b* to behold ..... Esth 1:11
woman was lovely and *b* .... Esth 2:7
*b* as the daughters of Job .. Job 42:15
*B* in elevation, the joy ..... Ps 48:2
has made everything *b* ..... Eccl 3:11
my love, you are as *b* ..... Song 6:4
How *b* are your feet ..... Song 7:1
of the LORD shall be *b* ..... Is 4:2
How *b* upon the ..... Is 52:7
a *b* heritage of the hosts ..... Jer 3:19
became very *b* ..... Ezek 16:7
a *b* crown on your head .. Ezek 16:12
You were exceedingly *b* .. Ezek 16:13
*b* crowns on their heads .. Ezek 23:42
*b* with a multitude ..... Ezek 31:9
indeed appear *b* ..... Matt 23:27
adorned with *b* stones ..... Luke 21:5
temple which is called *B* ..... Acts 3:2
begging alms at the *B* ..... Acts 3:10
How *b* are the feet ..... Rom 10:15
they saw he was a *b* ..... Heb 11:23
*b* appearance perishes .... James 1:11

BEAUTIFY
*b* the humble with ..... Ps 149:4
*b* the place of My ..... Is 60:13

BEAUTY
for glory and for *b* ..... Ex 28:2
"The *b* of Israel is ..... 2 Sam 1:19
in the *b* of holiness ..... 1 Chr 16:29
show her *b* to the people ... Esth 1:11
let *b* preparations be given .. Esth 2:3
yourself with glory and *b* .. Job 40:10
To behold the *b* ..... Ps 27:4
greatly desire your *b* ..... Ps 45:11
Zion, the perfection of *b* ..... Ps 50:2
*b* of the LORD our God. ..... Ps 90:17
do not lust after her *b* ..... Prov 6:25
and *b* is passing ..... Prov 31:30
branding instead of *b* ..... Is 3:24
glorious *b* is a fading ..... Is 28:1
see the King in His *b* ..... Is 33:17
no *b* that we should ..... Is 53:2
to give them *b* for ashes ..... Is 61:3
'the perfection of *b* ..... Lam 2:15
*b* to be abhorred ..... Ezek 16:25
said, 'I am perfect in *b* ..... Ezek 27:3
wisdom and perfect in *b* .. Ezek 28:12
of God was like it in *b* ..... Ezek 31:8
the one I called *B* ..... Zech 11:7
the incorruptible *b* ..... 1 Pet 3:4

BECAME
man *b* a living being ..... Gen 2:7
to the Jews I *b* as a Jew ... 1 Cor 9:20
like me, for I *b* like you ..... Gal 4:12

BED
house, if I make my *b* ..... Job 17:13
I remember You on my *b* ..... Ps 63:6
if I make my *b* in hell ..... Ps 139:8
Also our *b* is green ..... Song 1:16
*b* is too short to stretch ..... Is 28:20
you have set your *b* ..... Is 57:7
"Arise, take up your *b* ..... Matt 9:6
be two men in one *b* ..... Luke 17:34
and the *b* undefiled ..... Heb 13:4

BEDRIDDEN
had been *b* eight years ..... Acts 9:33

BEDROOM
lying on his bed in his *b* ... 2 Sam 4:7
her brother in the *b* ..... 2 Sam 13:10
and his nurse in the *b* ..... 2 Kin 11:2

BEDS
sing aloud on their *b* ..... Ps 149:5
shall rest in their *b* ..... Is 57:2
who lie on *b* of ivory ..... Amos 6:4

BEDSTEAD
his *b* was an iron *b* ..... Deut 3:11

BEE
Egypt, and for the *b* ..... Is 7:18

BEELZEBUB
Jesus accused of serving, Matt 10:25; 12:24–27

BEER LAHAI ROI
Angel meets Hagar there, Gen 16:7–14
Isaac dwells in, Gen 24:62

BEERSHEBA
God appears there to Hagar, Gen 21:14–19

to Isaac, Gen 26:23–25
to Jacob, Gen 46:1–5
to Elijah, 1 Kin 19:3–7
Oaths sworn there by Abraham, Gen 21:31–33
by Isaac, Gen 26:26–33

BEFALL
calamity *b* him ..... Gen 42:4
*b* you in the last days ..... Gen 49:1
No evil shall *b* you ..... Ps 91:10

BEFOREHAND
do not worry *b* ..... Mark 13:11
told you all things *b* ..... Mark 13:23
not to meditate *b* ..... Luke 21:14
when He testified *b* ..... 1 Pet 1:11

BEG
I would *b* mercy of my ..... Job 9:15
I am ashamed to *b* ..... Luke 16:3
*b* you as sojourners ..... 1 Pet 2:11

BEGAN
Then men *b* to call on ..... Gen 4:26
since the world *b* ..... Luke 1:70

BEGETS
*b* a scoffer does ..... Prov 17:21
*b* a wise child will ..... Prov 23:24
*b* a hundred children ..... Eccl 6:3

BEGGAR
lifts the *b* from the ash ..... 1 Sam 2:8
there was a certain *b* ..... Luke 16:20

BEGGARLY
weak and *b* elements ..... Gal 4:9

BEGGED
So the demons *b* Him, ..... Matt 8:31
they *b* Him to depart ..... Matt 8:34
*b* him, saying, 'Have ..... Matt 18:29
*b* Him to put His hand .... Mark 7:32
*b* Him earnestly, saying ..... Luke 7:4
*b* Him to come to his ..... Luke 8:41
not this he who sat and *b* ... John 9:8
the Gentiles *b* that these .. Acts 13:42
those who heard it *b* ..... Heb 12:19

BEGINNING
*b* God created the ..... Gen 1:1
Though your *b* was ..... Job 8:7
of the LORD is the *b* ..... Ps 111:10
that God does from *b* ..... Eccl 3:11
who made them at the *b* .... Matt 19:4
In the *b* was the Word ..... John 1:1
This *b* of signs Jesus ..... John 2:11
a murderer from the *b* ..... John 8:44
with Me from the *b* ..... John 15:27
the *b*, the firstborn ..... Col 1:18
having neither *b* ..... Heb 7:3
True Witness, the *B* ..... Rev 3:14
and the Omega, the *B* ..... Rev 21:6

BEGOTTEN
*See* ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
today I have *b* You ..... Ps 2:7
heart, 'Who has *b* ..... Is 49:21
glory as of the only *b* ..... John 1:14
Christ Jesus I have *b* ..... 1 Cor 4:15
abundant mercy has *b* ..... 1 Pet 1:3
loves him who is *b* ..... 1 John 5:1

BEGUN
Having *b* in the Spirit ..... Gal 3:3
that He who has *b* ..... Phil 1:6

BEHALF
to speak on God's *b* ..... Job 36:2
you on Christ's *b* ..... 2 Cor 5:20
has been granted on *b* ..... Phil 1:29

BEHAVE
I will *b* wisely in a ..... Ps 101:2
does not *b* rudely ..... 1 Cor 13:5

BEHAVED
sent him, and *b* wisely .... 1 Sam 18:5
and blamelessly we *b* .... 1 Thess 2:10

BEHAVIOR
of good *b*, hospitable ..... 1 Tim 3:2
they be reverent in *b* ..... Titus 2:3

BEHEADED
he sent and had John *b* ... Matt 14:10
those who had been *b* ..... Rev 20:4

BEHEMOTH
Described, Job 40:15–24

BEHOLD
the eyes to *b* the sun ..... Eccl 11:7
*B*, you are fair ..... Song 1:15
*B*, the virgin shall ..... Is 7:14
Judah, "*B* your God ..... Is 40:9
*B* the Lamb of God ..... John 1:36
I am, that they may *b* ..... John 17:24
to them, "*B* the Man ..... John 19:5
*B* what manner of love .... 1 John 3:1

BEHOLDING
with unveiled face, *b* ..... 2 Cor 3:18

BEING
man became a living *b* ..... Gen 2:7
God while I have my *b* ..... Ps 104:33
move and have our *b* ..... Acts 17:28
who, *b* in the form of ..... Phil 2:6

BEL
Patron god of Babylon, Is 46:1; Jer 50:2; 51:44

BELIEF
by the Spirit and *b* ..... 2 Thess 2:13

BELIEVE
*b* me or listen to my voice ..... Ex 4:1
will they not *b* Me ..... Num 14:11
did not *b* the LORD ..... Deut 1:32
I did not *b* the words ..... 1 Kin 10:7
*B* in the LORD your God .. 2 Chr 20:20
did not *b* in His wondrous ... Ps 78:32
which you would not *b* ..... Hab 1:5
ones who *b* in Me to sin .... Matt 18:6
'Why then did you not *b* .. Matt 21:25
cross, and we will *b* Him .. Matt 27:42
Repent, and *b* ..... Mark 1:15
Do not be afraid; only *b* ... Mark 5:36
tears, "Lord, I *b* ..... Mark 9:24
*b* in Me to stumble ..... Mark 9:42
*b* that you receive ..... Mark 11:24
that we may see and *b* ... Mark 15:32
because they did not *b* ... Mark 16:14
have no root, who *b* ..... Luke 8:13
only *b*, and she will ..... Luke 8:50
will by no means *b* ..... Luke 22:67
and slow of heart to *b* .... Luke 24:25
all through him might *b* ..... John 1:7
to those who *b* ..... John 1:12
how will you *b* ..... John 3:12
Now we *b*, not because .... John 4:42
sent, Him you do not *b* .... John 5:38
we may see it and *b* ..... John 6:30
we have come to *b* ..... John 6:69
brothers did not *b* in Him ... John 7:5
not *b* that I am He ..... John 8:24
to him, "Do you *b* ..... John 9:35
not *b*, because you ..... John 10:26
*b* that the Father is in Me . John 10:38
*b* that You are the Christ . John 11:27
this, that they may *b* ..... John 11:42
they did not *b* in Him ..... John 12:37
may *b* that I am He ..... John 13:19
you *b* in God, *b* also in ..... John 14:1
*B* Me that I am in ..... John 14:11
we *b* that You came ..... John 16:30
*b* that You sent Me ..... John 17:21
truth, so that you may *b* .. John 19:35
into His side, I will not *b* .. John 20:25
written that you may *b* ... John 20:31
word of the gospel and *b* ... Acts 15:7
"*B* on the Lord Jesus ..... Acts 16:31
*b* on Him who would ..... Acts 19:4
King Agrippa, do you *b* ... Acts 26:27
to all and on all who *b* ..... Rom 3:22
father of all those who *b* ... Rom 4:11
the Lord Jesus and *b* ..... Rom 10:9
And how shall they *b* ..... Rom 10:14
to save those who *b* ..... 1 Cor 1:21
a wife who does not *b* ..... 1 Cor 7:12
I spoke," we also *b* ..... 2 Cor 4:13
given to those who *b* ..... Gal 3:22
Christ, not only to *b* ..... Phil 1:29
if we *b* that Jesus died ... 1 Thess 4:14
should *b* the lie ..... 2 Thess 2:11
of those who *b* ..... 1 Tim 4:10
comes to God must *b* ..... Heb 11:6
Even the demons *b* ..... James 2:19
to you who *b*, He ..... 1 Pet 2:7
should *b* on the name .... 1 John 3:23
Beloved, do not *b* ..... 1 John 4:1
written to you who *b* ..... 1 John 5:13

BELIEVED
And he *b* in the LORD ..... Gen 15:6
So the people *b* ..... Ex 4:31
*b* that I would see the ..... Ps 27:13
Who has *b* our report ..... Is 53:1
people of Nineveh *b* ..... Jon 3:5
Blessed is she who *b* ..... Luke 1:45
they *b* the Scripture ..... John 2:22
because he has not *b* ..... John 3:18
of that city *b* in Him ..... John 4:39
you *b* Moses, you would ... John 5:46
Jesus did, *b* in Him ..... John 11:45
who has *b* our report ..... John 12:38
and he saw and *b* ..... John 20:8
seen Me, you have *b* ..... John 20:29
who heard the word *b* ..... Acts 4:4
of those who *b* were of ..... Acts 4:32
appointed to eternal life *b* . Acts 13:48
Holy Spirit when you *b* ..... Acts 19:2
"Abraham *b* God ..... Rom 4:3
in whom they have not *b* .. Rom 10:14
than when we first *b* ..... Rom 13:11
unless you *b* in vain ..... 1 Cor 15:2
'I *b* and therefore I spoke .. 2 Cor 4:13
*b* God, and it was accounted .. Gal 3:6
*b* on in the world ..... 1 Tim 3:16
I know whom I have *b* .... 2 Tim 1:12
*b* the love that God has .. 1 John 4:16

BELIEVERS
be an example to the *b* .... 1 Tim 4:12
are benefited are *b* ..... 1 Tim 6:2

BELIEVES
*See* HE WHO BELIEVES
The simple *b* every ..... Prov 14:15
possible to him who *b* ..... Mark 9:23
*b* that those things he .... Mark 11:23
He who *b* and is ..... Mark 16:16
that whoever *b* in Him ..... John 3:16
He who *b* in the Son ..... John 3:36
*b* in Him who sent Me ..... John 5:24
who *b* in Me shall never ... John 6:35
*b* in Him may have ..... John 6:40
he who *b* in Me has ..... John 6:47
He who *b* in Me, as the .... John 7:38
He who *b* in Me, though .. John 11:25
He who *b* in Me ..... John 12:44
whoever *b* in Him ..... Acts 10:43
Him everyone who *b* is .... Acts 13:39
for everyone who *b* ..... Rom 1:16
to everyone who *b* ..... Rom 10:4
with the heart one *b* ..... Rom 10:10
*b* all things, hopes all ..... 1 Cor 13:7
Whoever *b* that Jesus is ... 1 John 5:1
he who *b* that Jesus is ..... 1 John 5:5
*b* in the Son of God ..... 1 John 5:10

BELIEVING
you ask in prayer, *b* ..... Matt 21:22
*b* you may have life ..... John 20:31
take along a *b* wife ..... 1 Cor 9:5
blessed with *b* Abraham ..... Gal 3:9
those who have *b* masters .. 1 Tim 6:2

BELLY
On your *b* you shall go ..... Gen 3:14

And Jonah was in the *b* ..... Jon 1:17
three nights in the *b* ..... Matt 12:40
whose god is their *b* ..... Phil 3:19

BELONG
interpretations *b* to God .... Gen 40:8
highest heavens *b* to ..... Deut 10:14
secret things *b* to ..... Deut 29:29
"Dominion and fear *b* ..... Job 25:2
shields of the earth *b* ..... Ps 47:9
things also *b* to the wise .. Prov 24:23
To the Lord our God *b* ..... Dan 9:9
My name, because you *b* .. Mark 9:41
to whom *b* the glory ..... 1 Pet 4:11

BELONGS
offering that *b* to the LORD .. Lev 7:20
Salvation *b* to the LORD ..... Ps 3:8
that power *b* to God ..... Ps 62:11
to You, O Lord, *b* mercy .... Ps 62:12
shield *b* to the LORD ..... Ps 89:18
to whom vengeance *b* ..... Ps 94:1
righteousness *b* to You ..... Dan 9:7
solid food *b* to those ..... Heb 5:14
*b* to another tribe ..... Heb 7:13
"Salvation *b* to our God ..... Rev 7:10

BELOVED
"The *b* of the Lord ..... Deut 33:12
so He gives His *b* ..... Ps 127:2
of myrrh is my *b* ..... Song 1:13
My *b* is mine, and I am .... Song 2:16
*b* more than another ..... Song 5:9
Where has your *b* ..... Song 6:1
leaning upon her *b* ..... Song 8:5
a song of my *B* ..... Is 5:1
for you are greatly *b* ..... Dan 9:23
"This is My *b* Son ..... Matt 3:17
election they are *b* ..... Rom 11:28
us accepted in the *B* ..... Eph 1:6
Luke the *b* physician ..... Col 4:14
than a slave as a *b* ..... Philem 16
"This is My *b* Son ..... 2 Pet 1:17
our *b* brother Paul ..... 2 Pet 3:15
the saints and the *b* ..... Rev 20:9

BELOVED SON
saying, "This is My *b*, ..... Matt 3:17
"This is My *b*, in whom .... Matt 17:5
I will send my *b*. ..... Luke 20:13
To Timothy, a *b*: ..... 2 Tim 1:2

BELSHAZZAR
King of Babylon; Daniel interprets his dream, Dan 5

BELT
with a leather *b* ..... Matt 3:4
us, he took Paul's *b* ..... Acts 21:11

BELTESHAZZAR
Daniel's Babylonian name, Dan 1:7

BEMOAN
Or who will *b* you ..... Jer 15:5
for the dead, nor *b* ..... Jer 22:10

BEN-AMMI
Son of Lot; father of the Ammonites, Gen 19:38

BEN-HADAD
Ben-Hadad I, king of Damascus; hired by Asa, king of Judah, to attack Baasha, king of Israel, 1 Kin 15:18–21
—— Ben-Hadad II, king of Damascus; makes war on Ahab, king of Israel, 1 Kin 20
Falls in siege against Samaria, 2 Kin 6:24–33; 7:6–20
Killed by Hazael, 2 Kin 8:7–15
—— Ben-Hadad III, king of Damascus; loses all Israelite conquests made by Hazael, his father, 2 Kin 13:3–25

BEN-ONI
Rachel's name for Benjamin, Gen 35:16–18

BENAIAH
The son of Jehoiada; a mighty man, 2 Sam 23:20–23
Faithful to David, 2 Sam 15:18; 20:23
Escorts Solomon to the throne, 1 Kin 1:38–40
Executes Adonijah, Joab and Shimei, 1 Kin 2:25, 29–34, 46
—— A Pirathonite; another of David's mighty men, 2 Sam 23:30
Divisional commander, 1 Chr 27:14

BEND
The wicked *b* their bow ..... Ps 11:2

BENEATH
and on the earth *b* ..... Deut 4:39
"You are from *b* ..... John 8:23

BENEFACTORS
them are called '*b* ..... Luke 22:25

BENEFIT
That I may see the *b* ..... Ps 106:5
people who could not *b* ..... Is 30:5
might have a second *b* .... 2 Cor 1:15

BENEFITS
daily loads us with *b* ..... Ps 68:19
forget not all His *b* ..... Ps 103:2
for all His *b* toward me .... Ps 116:12

BENJAMIN
Jacob's youngest son, Gen 35:16–20
Taken to Egypt against Jacob's wishes, Gen 42—45
Jacob's prophecy concerning, Gen 49:27
—— Tribe of:
Families of, Num 26:38–41
Territory allotted to, Josh 18:11–28
Attacked by remaining tribes for condoning sin of Gibeah, Judg 20:12–48
Wives provided for remnant of, Judg 21:1–23
Tribe of Saul, 1 Sam 9:1, 2
of Paul, Phil 3:5

BENT
have *b* their bow, ..... Ps 37:14
and all their bows *b* ..... Is 5:28
behold, this vine *b* ..... Ezek 17:7
hearts shall be *b* on evil ... Dan 11:27
I have *b* Judah, My bow, ... Zech 9:13
was *b* over and could ..... Luke 13:11

BEREA
A city of Macedonia; visited by Paul, Acts 17:10–15

BEREAVE
I will *b* them of ..... Jer 15:7
no more shall you *b* ..... Ezek 36:12
children, yet I will *b* ..... Hos 9:12

BERNICE
Sister of Herod Agrippa II, Acts 25:13, 23
Hears Paul's defense, Acts 26:1–30

BERODACH-BALADAN
*See* MERODACH-BALADAN
A king of Babylon, 2 Kin 20:12–19

BERYL
fourth row, a *b* ..... Ex 28:20
a *b*, an onyx ..... Ex 39:13
rods of gold set with *b* ..... Song 5:14
was like the color of *b* ..... Ezek 1:16
the color of a *b* ..... Ezek 10:9
topaz, and diamond, *b* .... Ezek 28:13
His body was like *b* ..... Dan 10:6
chrysolite, the eighth *b* .... Rev 21:20

BESEECH
Return, we *b* You ..... Ps 80:14
*b* you therefore ..... Rom 12:1
of the LORD, *b* you to ..... Eph 4:1

BESIDE
He leads me *b* the ..... Ps 23:2
"Paul, you are *b* ..... Acts 26:24
For if we are *b* ..... 2 Cor 5:13

BESIEGED
Joab *b* the city ..... 2 Sam 11:16
went up and *b* Samaria .... 2 Kin 6:24
and the city was *b* ..... 2 Kin 24:10
of cucumbers, as a *b* city ..... Is 1:8
army *b* Jerusalem ..... Jer 32:2
to Jerusalem and *b* it ..... Dan 1:1

BEST
with the *b* ointments ..... Amos 6:6
*b* seats in the synagogues .. Matt 23:6
*b* places at feasts ..... Mark 12:39
sit down in the *b* place .... Luke 14:8
'Bring out the *b* ..... Luke 15:22
earnestly desire the *b* .... 1 Cor 12:31

BESTOW
LORD, that He may *b* ..... Ex 32:29
*b* greater honor ..... 1 Cor 12:23

BESTOWED
love the Father has *b* ..... 1 John 3:1

BETH HORON
Twin towns of Ephraim, Josh 16:3, 5
Fortified by Solomon, 2 Chr 8:3–5
Prominent in battles, Josh 10:10–14; 1 Sam 13:18

BETH PEOR
Town near Pisgah, Deut 3:29
Moses buried near, Deut 34:6
Assigned to Reubenites, Josh 13:15, 20

BETH SHAN (or Beth Shean)
A town in Issachar, Josh 17:11–16
Saul's corpse hung up at, 1 Sam 31:10–13; 2 Sam 21:12–14

BETH SHEMESH
Ark brought to, 1 Sam 6:12–19
Joash defeats Amaziah at, 2 Kin 14:11
Taken by Philistines, 2 Chr 28:18

BETHABARA
A place beyond the Jordan where John baptized, John 1:28

BETHANY
A town on the Mt. of Olives, Luke 19:29
Home of Lazarus, John 11:1
Home of Simon, the leper, Matt 26:6
Jesus visits there, Mark 11:1, 11, 12
Scene of the ascension, Luke 24:50, 51

BETHEL
Abram settles near, Gen 12:7, 8
Site of Abram's altar, Gen 13:3, 4
Site of Jacob's vision of the ladder, Gen 28:10–19
Jacob returns to, Gen 35:1–15
Samuel judges there, 1 Sam 7:15, 16
Site of worship and sacrifice, 1 Sam 10:3
Center of idolatry, 1 Kin 12:28–33
Josiah destroys altars of, 2 Kin 23:4, 15–20
Denounced by prophets, 1 Kin 13:1–10; Amos 7:10–13; Jer 48:13; Hos 10:15

BETHESDA
Jerusalem pool, John 5:2–4

BETHLEHEM
Originally called Ephrath, Gen 35:16
Rachel buried there, Gen 35:19
Home of Naomi and Boaz, Ruth 1:1, 19; 4:9–11
Home of David, 1 Sam 16:1–18
Predicted place of Messiah's birth, Mic 5:2
Christ born there, Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4–7; John 7:42
Infants of, killed by Herod, Matt 2:16–18

BETHPHAGE
Village near Bethany, Mark 11:1

Near Mt. of Olives, Matt 21:1

BETHSAIDA
A city of Galilee, Mark 6:45
Home of Andrew, Peter and Philip, John 1:44; 12:21
Blind man healed there, Mark 8:22, 23
5,000 fed nearby, Luke 9:10–17
Unbelief of, denounced, Matt 11:21; Luke 10:13

BETRAY
the outcasts, do not *b* ..... Is 16:3
you, one of you will *b* ..... Matt 26:21
Now brother will *b* ..... Mark 13:12

BETRAYED
Man is about to be *b* ..... Matt 17:22
in which He was *b* ..... 1 Cor 11:23

BETRAYER
See, My *b* is at hand ..... Matt 26:46

BETRAYING
"Judas, are you *b* ..... Luke 22:48

BETRAYS
who is the one who *b* ..... John 21:20

BETROTH
"You shall *b* a wife ..... Deut 28:30
"I will *b* you to Me ..... Hos 2:19

BETROTHED
a virgin who is not *b* ..... Ex 22:16
finds a *b* young woman ... Deut 22:25
I *b* to myself for a ..... 2 Sam 3:14
mother Mary was *b* to ..... Matt 1:18
to a virgin *b* to a man ..... Luke 1:27
For I have *b* you to ..... 2 Cor 11:2

BETTER
obey is *b* than sacrifice .. 1 Sam 15:22
It is *b* to trust in ..... Ps 118:8
*B* is a little with the ..... Prov 15:16
*B* is a dry morsel ..... Prov 17:1
*B* is the poor who ..... Prov 19:1
*B* to dwell in ..... Prov 21:19
*b* is a neighbor ..... Prov 27:10
*B* a handful with ..... Eccl 4:6
Two are *b* than one ..... Eccl 4:9
*B* a poor and wise ..... Eccl 4:13
were the former days *b* ..... Eccl 7:10
features appeared *b* ..... Dan 1:15
For it is *b* to marry ..... 1 Cor 7:9
Christ, which is far *b* ..... Phil 1:23
*b* than the angels ..... Heb 1:4
*b* things concerning ..... Heb 6:9
*b* things than that ..... Heb 12:24

BEULAH
A symbol of true Israel, Is 62:4, 5

BEVERAGE
lacks no blended *b* ..... Song 7:2

BEWAIL
Israel, *b* the burning ..... Lev 10:6
*b* my virginity ..... Judg 11:37
I will *b* the vine ..... Is 16:9

BEWARE
"*B* of false prophets ..... Matt 7:15
*b* of evil workers ..... Phil 3:2
*B* lest anyone cheat ..... Col 2:8

BEWILDERED
"They are *b* by the land ..... Ex 14:3

BEWITCHED
*b* you that you should ..... Gal 3:1

BEYOND
*b* what is written ..... 1 Cor 4:6
yes, and *b* their ability ..... 2 Cor 8:3
advanced in Judaism *b* ..... Gal 1:14

BEZALEL
Hur's grandson, 1 Chr 2:20
Tabernacle builder, Ex 31:1–11; 35:30–35

BEZER
A city of refuge in the territory of Reuben, Deut 4:43; John 20:8

BILDAD
One of Job's friends, Job 2:11
Makes three speeches, Job 8:1–22; 18:1–21; 25:1–6

BILHAH
Rachel's maid, Gen 29:29
The mother of Dan and Naphtali, Gen 30:1–8
Commits incest with Reuben, Gen 35:22

BILLOWS
*b* have gone over me ..... Ps 42:7
all Your *b* and Your ..... Jon 2:3

BIND
*b* them as a sign ..... Deut 6:8
*b* this line of scarlet ..... Josh 2:18
*b* the cluster of the ..... Job 38:31
*b* the wild ox in the ..... Job 39:10
*b* the sacrifice with cords ... Ps 118:27
*b* them around your ..... Prov 3:3
*B* them continually upon ... Prov 6:21
*B* them on your fingers ..... Prov 7:3
*B* up the testimony ..... Is 8:16
but He will *b* us up ..... Hos 6:1
and whatever you *b* ..... Matt 16:19
'*B* him hand and foot ..... Matt 22:13
*b* heavy burdens ..... Matt 23:4
*b* the man who owns this .. Acts 21:11

BINDS
first *b* the strong man ..... Matt 12:29

BIRD
the blood of the *b* ..... Lev 14:52
with him as with a *b* ..... Job 41:5
soul, "Flee as a *b* ..... Ps 11:1
has escaped as a *b* ..... Ps 124:7
*b* hastens to the snare ..... Prov 7:23
for a *b* of the air may ..... Eccl 10:20
fly away like a *b* ..... Hos 9:11
unclean and hated *b* ..... Rev 18:2

BIRDS
*b* will eat your flesh ..... Gen 40:19
*b* make their nests ..... Ps 104:17
*b* caught in a snare ..... Eccl 9:12
Look at the *b* of the air .... Matt 6:26
"Foxes have holes and *b* ... Matt 8:20

BIRTH
cursed the day of his *b* ..... Job 3:1
heaven, who gives it *b* ..... Job 38:29
makes the deer give *b* ..... Ps 29:9
the day of one's *b* ..... Eccl 7:1
bring to the time of *b* ..... Is 66:9
the deer also gave *b* ..... Jer 14:5
no *b*, no pregnancy ..... Hos 9:11
Now the *b* of Jesus ..... Matt 1:18
will rejoice at his *b* ..... Luke 1:14
who was blind from *b* ..... John 9:1
labors with *b* pangs ..... Rom 8:22
conceived, it gives *b* ..... James 1:15

BIRTHDAY
which was Pharaoh's *b* .... Gen 40:20
*b* gave a feast for his ..... Mark 6:21

BIRTHRIGHT
"Sell me your *b* ..... Gen 25:31
Esau despised his *b* ..... Gen 25:34
according to his *b* ..... Gen 43:33
of food sold his *b* ..... Heb 12:16

BIRTHSTOOLS
see them on the *b* ..... Ex 1:16

BISHOP
the position of a *b* ..... 1 Tim 3:1
*b* must be blameless ..... Titus 1:7

BIT
and they *b* the people ..... Num 21:6
be harnessed with *b* ..... Ps 32:9

BITE
A serpent may *b* ..... Eccl 10:11
But if you *b* and ..... Gal 5:15

BITHYNIA
The Spirit keeps Paul from, Acts 16:7
Peter writes to Christians of, 1 Pet 1:1

BITS
the great house into *b* ..... Amos 6:11
Indeed, we put *b* ..... James 3:3

BITTER
made their lives *b* ..... Ex 1:14
*b* herbs they shall eat it ..... Ex 12:8
to those who are *b* ..... Prov 31:6
who put *b* for sweet ..... Is 5:20
and do not be *b* ..... Col 3:19
But if you have *b* ..... James 3:14
make your stomach *b* ..... Rev 10:9

BITTERLY
has dealt very *b* ..... Ruth 1:20
And Hezekiah wept *b* ..... 2 Kin 20:3
he went out and wept *b* ... Matt 26:75

BITTERNESS
man dies in the *b* ..... Job 21:25
heart knows its own *b* .... Prov 14:10
all my years in the *b* ..... Is 38:15
you are poisoned by *b* ..... Acts 8:23
*b* springing up cause ..... Heb 12:15

BLACK
My skin grows *b* ..... Job 30:30
wavy, and *b* as a raven .... Song 5:11
one hair white or *b* ..... Matt 5:36
a *b* horse and he who sat .... Rev 6:5
and the sun became *b* ..... Rev 6:12

BLACKNESS
the heavens with *b* ..... Is 50:3
whom is reserved the *b* ..... Jude 13

BLACKSMITH
no *b* to be found ..... 1 Sam 13:19
The *b* with the tongs ..... Is 44:12
I have created the *b* ..... Is 54:16

BLADE
went in after the *b* ..... Judg 3:22
first the *b*, then the head .. Mark 4:28

BLAME
that anyone should *b* ..... 2 Cor 8:20
be holy and without *b* ..... Eph 1:4

BLAMELESS
walk before Me and be *b* ... Gen 17:1
You shall be *b* ..... Deut 18:13
*b* before Him, and I ..... 2 Sam 22:24
and that man was *b* ..... Job 1:1
a *b* and upright man ..... Job 1:8
a *b* and upright man ..... Job 2:3
will not cast away the *b* ..... Job 8:20
though I were *b* ..... Job 9:20
*b* who is ridiculed ..... Job 12:4
make your ways *b* ..... Job 22:3
I was also *b* before Him ..... Ps 18:23
Then I shall be *b* ..... Ps 19:13
Mark the *b* man ..... Ps 37:37
when You speak, and *b* ..... Ps 51:4
Let my heart be *b* ..... Ps 119:80
the *b* will remain ..... Prov 2:21
righteousness of the *b* ..... Prov 11:5
the *b* in their ways ..... Prov 11:20
the *b* will inherit good .... Prov 28:10
Sabbath, and are *b* ..... Matt 12:5
end, that you may be *b* ..... 1 Cor 1:8
that you may become *b* ..... Phil 2:15
which is in the law, *b* ..... Phil 3:6
you holy, and *b* ..... Col 1:22
your hearts *b* in ..... 1 Thess 3:13
body be preserved *b* ..... 1 Thess 5:23
bishop then must be *b* ..... 1 Tim 3:2
deacons, being found *b* .... 1 Tim 3:10
man is *b*, the husband ..... Titus 1:6
a bishop must be *b* ..... Titus 1:7
without spot and *b* ..... 2 Pet 3:14

BLAMELESSLY
*b* we behaved ..... 1 Thess 2:10

BLANKET
covered him with a *b* ..... Judg 4:18

BLASPHEME
*b* Your name forever ..... Ps 74:10
compelled them to *b* ..... Acts 26:11
may learn not to *b* ..... 1 Tim 1:20
*b* that noble name ..... James 2:7
God, to *b* His name ..... Rev 13:6

BLASPHEMED
a foolish people has *b* ..... Ps 74:18
*b* continually every ..... Is 52:5
who passed by *b* Him ..... Matt 27:39
who were hanged *b* ..... Luke 23:39
The name of God is *b* ..... Rom 2:24
doctrine may not be *b* ..... 1 Tim 6:1
On their part He is *b* ..... 1 Pet 4:14
great heat, and they *b* ..... Rev 16:9

BLASPHEMER
I was formerly a *b* ..... 1 Tim 1:13

BLASPHEMERS
boasters, proud, *b* ..... 2 Tim 3:2

BLASPHEMES
*b* the name of the LORD .... Lev 24:16
"This Man *b*!" ..... Matt 9:3
who *b* against the Holy .... Mark 3:29
to him who *b* against ..... Luke 12:10

BLASPHEMIES
false witness, *b* ..... Matt 15:19
is this who speaks *b* ..... Luke 5:21
great things and *b* ..... Rev 13:5

BLASPHEMY
trouble and rebuke and *b* ..... Is 37:3
but the *b* against ..... Matt 12:31
"He has spoken *b* ..... Matt 26:65
You have heard the *b* .... Mark 14:64
not stone You, but for *b* .. John 10:33
mouth in *b* against God ..... Rev 13:6
was full of names of *b* ..... Rev 17:3

BLAST
By the *b* of God they ..... Job 4:9
for the *b* of the terrible ..... Is 25:4

BLASTED
"I *b* you with blight ..... Amos 4:9

BLEATING
"What then is this *b* ..... 1 Sam 15:14

BLEMISH
shall be without *b* ..... Ex 12:5
LORD, a ram without *b* ..... Lev 6:6
be holy and without *b* ..... Eph 5:27
as of a lamb without *b* ..... 1 Pet 1:19

BLEMISHED
to the Lord what is *b* ..... Mal 1:14

BLESS
I will *b* you and make ..... Gen 12:2
*b* those who *b* you ..... Gen 12:3
blessing I will *b* you ..... Gen 22:17
I will *b* you and multiply .. Gen 26:24
*b* you before I die ..... Gen 27:4
"*B* me—me also ..... Gen 27:34
You go unless You *b* ..... Gen 32:26
He will *b* your bread ..... Ex 23:25
"The LORD *b* you and ..... Num 6:24
whom you *b* is blessed ..... Num 22:6
Gerizim to *b* the people ... Deut 27:12
returned to *b* his house .. 1 Chr 16:43
*b* the LORD at all ..... Ps 34:1
*b* with their mouth ..... Ps 62:4
*b* You while I live ..... Ps 63:4
*b* His holy name ..... Ps 103:1
*b* the house of Israel ..... Ps 115:12
*b* those who fear the ..... Ps 115:13
*b* you in the name of ..... Ps 129:8
I will abundantly *b* ..... Ps 132:15
this day forward I will *b* .... Hag 2:19
*b* those who curse ..... Luke 6:28
*B* those who persecute .... Rom 12:14
Being reviled, we *b* ..... 1 Cor 4:12
of blessing which we *b* ... 1 Cor 10:16
"blessing I will *b* you ..... Heb 6:14
With it we *b* our God ..... James 3:9

BLESS THE LORD
then you shall *b* your God .. Deut 8:10
the assembly, "Now *b* .... 1 Chr 29:20
Stand up and *b* ..... Neh 9:5
I will *b* who has given ..... Ps 16:7
the congregations I will *b* ... Ps 26:12
I will *b* at all times; ..... Ps 34:1
*B*, O my soul; and all ..... Ps 103:1
*B*, O my soul! O LORD ..... Ps 104:1
we will *b* from this time .... Ps 115:18
*b*, all you servants ..... Ps 134:1
*B*, O house of Israel! ..... Ps 135:19

BLESSED
And God *b* them ..... Gen 1:22
God *b* the seventh day ..... Gen 2:3
God *b* Noah and his sons .... Gen 9:1
the earth shall be *b* ..... Gen 12:3
*b* be those who ..... Gen 27:29
indeed he shall be *b* ..... Gen 27:33
*b* the Sabbath day ..... Ex 20:11
he whom you bless is *b* .... Num 22:6
*b*, and I cannot reverse ... Num 23:20
*B* is he who blesses ..... Num 24:9
*B* shall you be in the city ... Deut 28:3
*b* among women is Jael .... Judg 5:24
grew, and the LORD *b* ..... Judg 13:24
the LORD *b* Obed-Edom ... 2 Sam 6:11
You have *b* the work of ..... Job 1:10
*B* is the man who walks ..... Ps 1:1
*B* is the man to whom ..... Ps 32:2
*B* is the nation whose ..... Ps 33:12
*B* is he who considers ..... Ps 41:1
*B* are those who keep ..... Ps 106:3
*B* is he who comes ..... Ps 118:26
*b* who fears the LORD ..... Ps 128:4
rise up and call her *b* ..... Prov 31:28
nations will call you *b* ..... Mal 3:12
*B* are the poor in ..... Matt 5:3
*B* are those who mourn ..... Matt 5:4
*B* are the meek ..... Matt 5:5
*B* are those who hunger ..... Matt 5:6
*B* are the merciful ..... Matt 5:7
*B* are the pure in ..... Matt 5:8
*B* are the peacemakers ..... Matt 5:9
*B* are those who are ..... Matt 5:10
*B* are you when they ..... Matt 5:11
*b* is he who is not ..... Matt 11:6
*b* are your eyes ..... Matt 13:16
*B* is He who comes ..... Matt 21:9
hand, 'Come, you *b* ..... Matt 25:34
Jesus took bread, *b* ..... Matt 26:26
*b* are you among women .. Luke 1:28
'*B* is He who comes ..... Luke 13:35
know these things, *b* ..... John 13:17
*B* are those who have ..... John 20:29
'It is more *b* to give ..... Acts 20:35
the Creator, who is *b* ..... Rom 1:25
all, the eternally *b* ..... Rom 9:5
*B* be the God and Father ... 2 Cor 1:3
*b* with believing Abraham .... Gal 3:9
*B* be the God and ..... Eph 1:3
*b* God which was ..... 1 Tim 1:11
the lesser is *b* by the better .. Heb 7:7
this one will be *b* ..... James 1:25
*B* is he who reads ..... Rev 1:3
'*B* are the dead who ..... Rev 14:13
*B* is he who watches ..... Rev 16:15
*B* are those who are ..... Rev 19:9
*B* and holy is he who ..... Rev 20:6
*B* is he who keeps the ..... Rev 22:7
*B* are those who do His .... Rev 22:14

BLESSED BE THE LORD
*B* God of my master ..... Gen 24:27
"*B*, who has delivered you .. Ex 18:10
"*B*, who has not left you ... Ruth 4:14
"*B*, who has pleaded .... 1 Sam 25:39
'*B* God of Israel, who ..... 1 Kin 1:48
*B* God of Israel from ..... 1 Chr 16:36
*B* God of our fathers, ..... Ezra 7:27
*B*, because He has heard ..... Ps 28:6
*B*, for he has shown me ..... Ps 31:21
*B*, who daily loads us ..... Ps 68:19
*B*, who has not given us ..... Ps 124:6
*B* my Rock, who trains ..... Ps 144:1

BLESSING
and you shall be a *b* ..... Gen 12:2
the *b* of Abraham ..... Gen 28:4
I will command My *b* ..... Lev 25:21
before you today a *b* ..... Deut 11:26
LORD will command the *b* .. Deut 28:8
life and death, *b* ..... Deut 30:19
exalted above all *b* ..... Neh 9:5
The *b* of a perishing ..... Job 29:13
Your *b* is upon Your ..... Ps 3:8
did not delight in *b* ..... Ps 109:17
The *b* of the LORD ..... Prov 10:22
My *b* on your offspring ..... Is 44:3
shall be showers of *b* ..... Ezek 34:26
relent, and leave a *b* ..... Joel 2:14
and you shall be a *b* ..... Zech 8:13
pour out for you such *b* ..... Mal 3:10
the fullness of the *b* ..... Rom 15:29
*b* which we bless ..... 1 Cor 10:16
that the *b* of Abraham ..... Gal 3:14
with every spiritual *b* ..... Eph 1:3
cultivated, receives *b* ..... Heb 6:7
"Surely *b* I will bless you ... Heb 6:14
to inherit the *b* ..... Heb 12:17
same mouth proceed *b* ... James 3:10
honor and glory and *b* ..... Rev 5:12

BLESSINGS
of the law, the *b* ..... Josh 8:34
*B* are on the head of ..... Prov 10:6

BLEW
*b* them into the Red Sea .... Ex 10:19
*b* the trumpets, and the ..... Josh 6:8
Then Saul *b* the trumpet .. 1 Sam 13:3
the priests regularly *b* ..... 1 Chr 16:6
came, and the winds *b* ..... Matt 7:25

BLIGHT
"I blasted you with *b* ..... Amos 4:9
I struck you with *b* ..... Hag 2:17

BLIND
I was eyes to the *b* ..... Job 29:15
*B* yourselves and be ..... Is 29:9
To open *b* eyes ..... Is 42:7
I will bring the *b* ..... Is 42:16
*b* people who have eyes ..... Is 43:8
His watchmen are *b* ..... Is 56:10
They wandered *b* ..... Lam 4:14
when you offer the *b* ..... Mal 1:8
The *b* see and the lame .... Matt 11:5
if the *b* leads the *b* ..... Matt 15:14
of sight to the *b* ..... Luke 4:18
to Him, "Are we *b* ..... John 9:40
miserable, poor, *b* ..... Rev 3:17

BLINDED
*b* their eyes and ..... John 12:40
and the rest were *b* ..... Rom 11:7
of this age has *b* ..... 2 Cor 4:4
the darkness has *b* ..... 1 John 2:11

BLINDFOLD
to *b* Him, and to beat .... Mark 14:65

BLINDS
a bribe, for a bribe *b* ..... Deut 16:19

BLOCK
*See* STUMBLING BLOCK
not to put a stumbling *b* .. Rom 14:13
the Jews a stumbling *b* .... 1 Cor 1:23

BLOOD
*See* FLESH AND BLOOD; INNOCENT BLOOD
of your brother's *b* ..... Gen 4:10
life, that is, its *b* ..... Gen 9:4
*b* shall be shed ..... Gen 9:6
the tunic in the *b* ..... Gen 37:31

you are a husband of *b* ..... Ex 4:25
river were turned to *b* ..... Ex 7:20
when I see the *b*, I will ..... Ex 12:13
the *b* of the covenant ..... Ex 24:8
*b* that makes atonement ... Lev 17:11
*b* sustains its life ..... Lev 17:14
do not cover my *b* ..... Job 16:18
is there in my *b* ..... Ps 30:9
And condemn innocent *b* .... Ps 94:21
hands are full of *b* ..... Is 1:15
also disclose her *b* ..... Is 26:21
to you in your *b* ..... Ezek 16:6
And the moon into *b* ..... Joel 2:31
to the *b* of Zechariah ..... Matt 23:35
For this is My *b* ..... Matt 26:28
betraying innocent *b* ..... Matt 27:4
called the Field of *B* ..... Matt 27:8
*b* of this just Person ..... Matt 27:24
"His *b* be on us and ..... Matt 27:25
new covenant in My *b* .... Luke 22:20
*b* falling down ..... Luke 22:44
were born, not of *b* ..... John 1:13
*b* has eternal life ..... John 6:54
that is, Field of *B* ..... Acts 1:19
the moon into *b* ..... Acts 2:20
*b* every nation of men ..... Acts 17:26
with His own *b* ..... Acts 20:28
propitiation by His *b* ..... Rom 3:25
justified by His *b* ..... Rom 5:9
communion of the *b* ..... 1 Cor 10:16
*b* cannot inherit ..... 1 Cor 15:50
confer with flesh and *b* ..... Gal 1:16
redemption through His *b* .... Eph 1:7
brought near by the *b* ..... Eph 2:13
against flesh and *b* ..... Eph 6:12
peace through the *b* ..... Col 1:20
His own *b* He entered ..... Heb 9:12
"This is the *b* of the ..... Heb 9:20
are purified with *b* ..... Heb 9:22
the Holiest by the *b* ..... Heb 10:19
sprinkling of the *b* ..... 1 Pet 1:2
with the precious *b* ..... 1 Pet 1:19
*b* of Jesus Christ His ..... 1 John 1:7
the water, and the *b* ..... 1 John 5:8
our sins in His own *b* ..... Rev 1:5
us to God by Your *b* ..... Rev 5:9
moon became like *b* ..... Rev 6:12
them white in the *b* ..... Rev 7:14
the sea became *b* ..... Rev 8:8
overcame him by the *b* .... Rev 12:11
with the *b* of the martyrs .... Rev 17:6
a robe dipped in *b* ..... Rev 19:13

## BLOODSHED

me from the guilt of *b* ..... Ps 51:14
the land is full of *b* ..... Ezek 9:9
build up Zion with *b* ..... Mic 3:10

## BLOODTHIRSTY

The LORD abhors the *b* ..... Ps 5:6
*B* and deceitful men ..... Ps 55:23

## BLOSSOM

Israel shall *b* and bud ..... Is 27:6
and *b* as the rose ..... Is 35:1
the fig tree may not *b* ..... Hab 3:17

## BLOT

*b* me out of Your book ..... Ex 32:32
say that He would *b* ..... 2 Kin 14:27
from my sins, and *b* ..... Ps 51:9
and I will not *b* ..... Rev 3:5

## BLOTTED

Let them be *b* out of ..... Ps 69:28
I have *b* out, like a thick ..... Is 44:22
your sins may be *b* ..... Acts 3:19

## BLOW

*b* the trumpets over ..... Num 10:10
priests shall *b* the ..... Josh 6:4
When I *b* the trumpet ..... Judg 7:18
an east wind to *b* ..... Ps 78:26
*B* upon my garden ..... Song 4:16
with a very severe *b* ..... Jer 14:17
*B* the trumpet in Zion ..... Joel 2:1
Lord GOD will *b* the ..... Zech 9:14

## BLOWS

*B* that hurt cleanse ..... Prov 20:30
breath of the LORD *b* ..... Is 40:7
The wind *b* where it ..... John 3:8

## BLUE

*b*, purple, and scarlet ..... Ex 25:4
pomegranates of *b* ..... Ex 28:33
tabernacle door, of *b* ..... Ex 36:37
spread a *b* cloth ..... Num 4:7
put a *b* thread in the ..... Num 15:38
made the veil of *b* ..... 2 Chr 3:14
royal apparel of *b* ..... Esth 8:15
of fiery red, hyacinth *b* ..... Rev 9:17

## BLUSH

did they know how to *b* ..... Jer 6:15

## BOANERGES

Surname of James and John, Mark 3:17

## BOAST

puts on his armor *b* ..... 1 Kin 20:11
soul shall make its *b* ..... Ps 34:2
God we *b* all day long ..... Ps 44:8
and make your *b* ..... Rom 2:17
that we are your *b* ..... 2 Cor 1:14
you, and not to *b* ..... 2 Cor 10:16
that I also may *b* ..... 2 Cor 11:16
lest anyone should *b* ..... Eph 2:9
your hearts, do not *b* ..... James 3:14

## BOASTERS

God, violent, proud, *b* ..... Rom 1:30
lovers of money, *b* ..... 2 Tim 3:2

## BOASTFUL

*b* shall not stand ..... Ps 5:5
I was envious of the *b* ..... Ps 73:3

## BOASTING

Where is *b* then ..... Rom 3:27
should make my *b* ..... 1 Cor 9:15
you, great is my *b* ..... 2 Cor 7:4
All such *b* is evil ..... James 4:16

## BOASTS

Whoever falsely *b* ..... Prov 25:14

## BOAT

in the *b* with Zebedee ..... Matt 4:21
So He got into a *b* ..... Matt 9:1
disciples get into the *b* .... Matt 14:22
by *b* to the other side ..... Mark 5:21
in the *b* by themselves .... Mark 6:32
*b* was in the middle ..... Mark 6:47
*b* with His disciples ..... Luke 8:22
immediately the *b* was ..... John 6:21

## BOAZ

A wealthy Bethlehemite, Ruth 2:1, 4–18
Husband of Ruth, Ruth 4:10–13
Ancestor of Christ, Matt 1:5
—— Pillar of the temple, 1 Kin 7:21

## BODIES

valley of the dead *b* ..... Jer 31:40
*b* a living sacrifice ..... Rom 12:1
not know that your *b* ..... 1 Cor 6:15
also celestial *b* ..... 1 Cor 15:40
wives as their own *b* ..... Eph 5:28
and chariots, and *b* ..... Rev 18:13

## BODILY

*b* form like a dove ..... Luke 3:22
*b* presence is weak ..... 2 Cor 10:10
of the Godhead *b* ..... Col 2:9
*b* exercise profits ..... 1 Tim 4:8

## BODY

*b* clings to the ground ..... Ps 44:25
*b* is carved ivory ..... Song 5:14
*b* was wet with the dew .... Dan 4:33
of the *b* is the eye ..... Matt 6:22
those who kill the *b* ..... Matt 10:28
Take, eat; this is My *b* .... Matt 26:26
and asked for the *b* ..... Matt 27:58
around his naked *b* ..... Mark 14:51
of the temple of His *b* ..... John 2:21
deliver me from this *b* ..... Rom 7:24
redemption of our *b* ..... Rom 8:23
members in one *b* ..... Rom 12:4
and the Lord for the *b* ..... 1 Cor 6:13
against his own *b* ..... 1 Cor 6:18
not know that your *b* ..... 1 Cor 6:19
glorify God in your *b* ..... 1 Cor 6:20
But I discipline my *b* ..... 1 Cor 9:27
one bread and one *b* ..... 1 Cor 10:17
*b* which is broken ..... 1 Cor 11:24
be guilty of the *b* ..... 1 Cor 11:27
For as the *b* is one ..... 1 Cor 12:12
baptized into one *b* ..... 1 Cor 12:13
*b* is not one member ..... 1 Cor 12:14
are the *b* of Christ ..... 1 Cor 12:27
though I give my *b* ..... 1 Cor 13:3
It is sown a natural *b* ..... 1 Cor 15:44
both to God in one *b* ..... Eph 2:16
be magnified in my *b* ..... Phil 1:20
in the *b* of His flesh ..... Col 1:22
by putting off the *b* ..... Col 2:11
and neglect of the *b* ..... Col 2:23
were called in one *b* ..... Col 3:15
*b* You have prepared ..... Heb 10:5
the offering of the *b* ..... Heb 10:10
For as the *b* without ..... James 2:26
our sins in His own *b* ..... 1 Pet 2:24

## BOILS

Job with painful *b* ..... Job 2:7

## BOISTEROUS

that the wind was *b* ..... Matt 14:30

## BOLD

the righteous are *b* ..... Prov 28:1
whatever anyone is *b* .... 2 Cor 11:21
are much more *b* ..... Phil 1:14

## BOLDLY

I may open my mouth *b* .... Eph 6:19
therefore come *b* ..... Heb 4:16
So we may *b* say ..... Heb 13:6

## BOLDNESS

Great is my *b* of ..... 2 Cor 7:4
in whom we have *b* ..... Eph 3:12
but with all *b* ..... Phil 1:20
standing and great *b* ..... 1 Tim 3:13
brethren, having *b* ..... Heb 10:19
that we may have *b* ..... 1 John 4:17

## BOND

bring you into the *b* ..... Ezek 20:37
of the Spirit in the *b* ..... Eph 4:3
love, which is the *b* ..... Col 3:14

## BONDAGE

because of the *b* ..... Ex 2:23
out of the house of *b* ..... Ex 13:14
receive the spirit of *b* ..... Rom 8:15
might bring us into *b* ..... Gal 2:4
which gives birth to *b* ..... Gal 4:24
again with a yoke of *b* ..... Gal 5:1
lifetime subject to *b* ..... Heb 2:15
he is brought into *b* ..... 2 Pet 2:19

## BONDS

"Let us break Their *b* ..... Ps 2:3
the other I called *B* ..... Zech 11:7

## BONDSERVANT

Paul, a *b* of Jesus Christ, .... Rom 1:1
would not be a *b* of Christ ... Gal 1:10
who is one of you, a *b* ..... Col 4:12
Paul, a *b* of God and an ..... Titus 1:1
James, a *b* of God and of .. James 1:1
Simon Peter, a *b* and ..... 2 Pet 1:1
Jude, a *b* of Jesus Christ, ..... Jude 1

## BONDSERVANTS

your *b* for Jesus' sake ..... 2 Cor 4:5
*B*, be obedient to ..... Eph 6:5
as men-pleasers, but as *b* .... Eph 6:6
Paul and Timothy, *b* of ..... Phil 1:1
*B*, obey in all things ..... Col 3:22

Masters, give your *b* ..... Col 4:1
Exhort *b* to be obedient ..... Titus 2:9
for vice, but as *b* ..... 1 Pet 2:16

## BONDWOMAN

"Cast out this *b* ..... Gen 21:10
the one by a *b* ..... Gal 4:22

## BONE

"This is now *b* of my ..... Gen 2:23
*b* clings to my skin ..... Job 19:20
bonds came together, *b* .... Ezek 37:7

## BONES

shall carry up my *b* ..... Gen 50:25
which made all my *b* ..... Job 4:14
His *b* are like beams ..... Job 40:18
I can count all My *b* ..... Ps 22:17
and my *b* waste away ..... Ps 31:10
I kept silent, my *b* ..... Ps 32:3
the wind, or how the *b* ..... Eccl 11:5
say to them, 'O dry *b* ..... Ezek 37:4
*b* are the whole house .... Ezek 37:11
of dead men's *b* ..... Matt 23:27
*b* shall be broken ..... John 19:36
concerning his *b* ..... Heb 11:22

## BOOK

you will find in the *b* ..... Ezra 4:15
distinctly from the *b* ..... Neh 8:8
were inscribed in a *b* ..... Job 19:23
"Search from the *b* ..... Is 34:16
'Write in a *b* for ..... Jer 30:2
found written in the *b* ..... Dan 12:1
so a *b* of remembrance ..... Mal 3:16
are written in the *b* ..... Gal 3:10
sprinkled both the *b* ..... Heb 9:19
in the Lamb's *B* ..... Rev 21:27
the prophecy of this *b* ..... Rev 22:18
the words of the *b* ..... Rev 22:19

## BOOK OF LIFE

whose names are in the *B* .... Phil 4:3
out his name from the *B* ..... Rev 3:5
written in the *B* of the ..... Rev 13:8
not written in the *B* ..... Rev 17:8
opened, which is the *B* ..... Rev 20:12
found written in the *B* ..... Rev 20:15
written in the Lamb's *B* .... Rev 21:27
away his part from the *B* .. Rev 22:19

## BOOK OF THE LAW

are written in this *B*. ..... Deut 30:10
Take this *B*, and put it .... Deut 31:26
This *B* shall not depart ..... Josh 1:8
that is written in the *B* ..... Josh 8:34
that is written in the *B* ..... Josh 23:6
"I have found the *B* ..... 2 Kin 22:8
the words of the *B* ..... 2 Kin 22:11
in Judah, and had the *B* ... 2 Chr 17:9
the scribe to bring the *B* ..... Neh 8:1
written in the *b* ..... Gal 3:10

## BOOKS

*b* there is no end ..... Eccl 12:12
not contain the *b* ..... John 21:25
magic brought their *b* ..... Acts 19:19
God, and *b* were opened ... Rev 20:12

## BOOTH

*b* which a watchman ..... Job 27:18
of Zion is left as a *b* ..... Is 1:8

## BOOTHS

dwell in *b* for seven ..... Lev 23:42
in *b* during the feast ..... Neh 8:14

## BORDER

pillar to the LORD at its *b* .... Is 19:19

## BORDERS

and enlarge your *b* ..... Ex 34:24
makes peace in your *b* ..... Ps 147:14
and enlarge the *b* ..... Matt 23:5

## BORE

conceived and *b* Cain ..... Gen 4:1
And to Sarah who *b* ..... Is 51:2
*b* the sin of many ..... Is 53:12
and He *b* them and ..... Is 63:9
*b* our sicknesses ..... Matt 8:17
who Himself *b* our sins .... 1 Pet 2:24
*b* a male Child who was .... Rev 12:5

## BORN

"Every son who is *b* ..... Ex 1:22
yet man is *b* to trouble ..... Job 5:7
"Man who is *b* ..... Job 14:1
'This one was *b* ..... Ps 87:4
A time to be *b* ..... Eccl 3:2
unto us a Child is *b* ..... Is 9:6
Or shall a nation be *b* ..... Is 66:8
*b* Jesus who is called ..... Matt 1:16
For there is *b* to you ..... Luke 2:11
unless one is *b* again ..... John 3:3
That which is *b* ..... John 3:6
For this cause I was *b* .... John 18:37
me also, as by one *b* ..... 1 Cor 15:8
of the bondwoman was *b* .... Gal 4:23
having been *b* again ..... 1 Pet 1:23
who loves is *b* of God ..... 1 John 4:7
is the Christ is *b* ..... 1 John 5:1
know that whoever is *b* .. 1 John 5:18

## BORN AGAIN

unless one is *b*. ..... John 3:3
'You must be *b* ..... John 3:7
having been *b*, not of ..... 1 Pet 1:23

## BORNE

had *b* him no children ..... Gen 16:1
the barren has *b* seven .... 1 Sam 2:5
not my son whom I had *b* . 1 Kin 3:21
'I have *b* chastening ..... Job 34:31
Surely He has *b* our griefs .... Is 53:4
you who have not *b* ..... Is 54:1
you have *b* the shame ..... Ezek 36:6
who have *b* the burden ... Matt 20:12
And as we have *b* ..... 1 Cor 15:49

## BORROWER

*b* is servant to the ..... Prov 22:7
lender, so with the *b* ..... Is 24:2

## BORROWS

The wicked *b* and does ..... Ps 37:21

## BOSOM

man take fire to his *b* ..... Prov 6:27
consolation of her *b* ..... Is 66:11
angels to Abraham's *b* .... Luke 16:22
Son, who is in the *b* ..... John 1:18
leaning on Jesus' *b* ..... John 13:23

## BOTTLE

tears into Your *b* ..... Ps 56:8
*b* shall be filled ..... Jer 13:12

## BOTTOM

they sank to the *b* ..... Ex 15:5
in two from top to *b* ..... Matt 27:51
in two from top to *b* ..... Mark 15:38

## BOTTOMLESS

given the key to the *b* ..... Rev 9:1
ascend out of the *b* ..... Rev 17:8
the key to the *b* ..... Rev 20:1

## BOTTOMLESS PIT

given the key to the *b* ..... Rev 9:1
the angel of the *b*. ..... Rev 9:11
ascends out of the *b* ..... Rev 11:7
ascend out of the *b* ..... Rev 17:8
having the key to the *b* ..... Rev 20:1
cast him into the *b* ..... Rev 20:3

## BOUGH

Joseph is a fruitful *b* ..... Gen 49:22
cut down a *b* from the ..... Judg 9:48
lop off the *b* with terror ..... Is 10:33
will be as a forsaken *b* ..... Is 17:9

## BOUGHS

cedars with its *b* ..... Ps 80:10
She sent out her *b* ..... Ps 80:11

## BOUGHT

the hand of him who *b* ..... Lev 25:28
not your Father, who *b* ..... Deut 32:6
*b* the threshing floor ..... 2 Sam 24:24
*b* the field from ..... Jer 32:9
all that he had and *b* ..... Matt 13:46
For you were *b* at a ..... 1 Cor 6:20
denying the Lord who *b* ..... 2 Pet 2:1

## BOUND

he *b* Isaac his son ..... Gen 22:9
she *b* the scarlet cord ..... Josh 2:21
*b* him with two new ..... Judg 15:13
*b* him with bronze ..... Judg 16:21
of the wicked have *b* ..... Ps 119:61
cast three men *b* ..... Dan 3:24
*b* the waters in a ..... Prov 30:4
not been closed or *b* ..... Is 1:6
on earth will be *b* ..... Matt 16:19
*b* hand and foot with ..... John 11:44
*b* at the four corners ..... Acts 10:11
And see, now I go *b* ..... Acts 20:22
of Israel I am *b* ..... Acts 28:20
who has a husband is *b* ..... Rom 7:2
Are you *b* to a wife ..... 1 Cor 7:27
Devil and Satan, and *b* ..... Rev 20:2

## BOUNDARY

*b* that they may not ..... Ps 104:9

## BOUNDS

You shall set *b* ..... Ex 19:12
I will set your *b* ..... Ex 23:31

## BOUNTIFUL

the miser said to be *b* ..... Is 32:5
you into a *b* country ..... Jer 2:7

## BOUNTIFULLY

Because He has dealt *b* ..... Ps 13:6
and he who sows *b* ..... 2 Cor 9:6

## BOW

sons *b* down to you ..... Gen 27:29
brothers indeed come to *b* . Gen 37:10
*b* remained in strength .... Gen 49:24
You shall not *b* ..... Ex 23:24
to serve them and *b* ..... Judg 2:19
*b* is renewed in my ..... Job 29:20
Judah the Song of the *B* .. 2 Sam 1:18
will not trust in my *b* ..... Ps 44:6
He breaks the *b* ..... Ps 46:9
like a deceitful *b* ..... Ps 78:57
let us worship and *b* ..... Ps 95:6
*B* down Your heavens ..... Ps 144:5
Me every knee shall *b* ..... Is 45:23
not save them by *b* ..... Hos 1:7
knee shall *b* to Me ..... Rom 14:11
For this reason I *b* ..... Eph 3:14
Jesus every knee should *b* .. Phil 2:10
who sat on it had a *b* ..... Rev 6:2

## BOWED

stood all around and *b* ..... Gen 37:7
*b* the heavens also ..... 2 Sam 22:10
whose knees have not *b* .. 1 Kin 19:18
They have *b* down and ..... Ps 20:8
And they *b* the knee ..... Matt 27:29
men who have not *b* ..... Rom 11:4

## BOWED THEIR HEADS

then they *b* and worshiped ... Ex 4:31
So the people *b* ..... Ex 12:27
*b* and prostrated ..... 1 Chr 29:20
*b* and worshiped the Lord ... Neh 8:6

## BOWL

his hand in the *b* ..... Prov 19:24
or the golden *b* ..... Eccl 12:6
and poured out his *b* ..... Rev 16:2

## BOWLS

who drink wine from *b* ..... Amos 6:6
a harp, and golden *b* ..... Rev 5:8
Go and pour out the *b* ..... Rev 16:1
who had the seven *b* ..... Rev 21:9

## BOWS

"The *b* of the mighty ..... 1 Sam 2:4

## BOWSTRING

He has loosed my *b* ..... Job 30:11

BOX
Judas had the money *b* ... John 13:29

BOY
*b* to Hagar, and sent her ... Gen 21:14
Do not sin against the *b*' .. Gen 42:22
the *b* Samuel ministered ... 1 Sam 3:1
*B* Jesus lingered behind ... Luke 2:43

BOYS
Shall be full of *b* ..... Zech 8:5

BOZRAH
City of Edom, Gen 36:33
Destruction of, foretold, Amos 1:12
Figurative of Messiah's victory, Is 63:1

BRACELET
*b* that was on his arm, .... 2 Sam 1:10

BRACELETS
two *b* for her wrists ..... Gen 24:22
of gold: armlets and *b* .... Num 31:50
*b* on their wrists ..... Ezek 23:42

BRAIDED
not with *b* hair or ..... 1 Tim 2:9

BRAMBLE
gather grapes from a *b* .... Luke 6:44

BRANCH
blossoms on one *b* ..... Ex 25:33
*b* will not be green ..... Job 15:32
from Israel, palm *b* ..... Is 9:14
*B* shall grow out of ..... Is 11:1
raise to David a *B* ..... Jer 23:5
grow up to David a *B* ..... Jer 33:15
forth My Servant the *B* ..... Zech 3:8
whose name is the *B* ..... Zech 6:12
*b* has already become ..... Matt 24:32
*b* that bears fruit He ..... John 15:2
*b* cannot bear fruit ..... John 15:4
he is cast out as a *b* ..... John 15:6

BRANCHES
in the sun, and his *b* ..... Job 8:16
and bring forth *b* ..... Job 14:9
and cut down the *b* ..... Is 18:5
and its *b* are broken ..... Jer 11:16
His *b* shall spread ..... Hos 14:6
of the air nested in its *b* .. Luke 13:19
vine, you are the *b* ..... John 15:5
root is holy, so are the *b* .. Rom 11:16
*b* were broken off ..... Rom 11:17

BRAND
Is this not a *b* plucked ..... Zech 3:2

BRASS
become sounding *b* ..... 1 Cor 13:1
feet were like fine *b* ..... Rev 1:15

BRAVE
in the faith, be *b* ..... 1 Cor 16:13

BREACH
before Him in the *b* ..... Ps 106:23
the Repairer of the *B* ..... Is 58:12

BREACHES
Heal its *b*, for it is ..... Ps 60:2

BREAD
*See* FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD; UNLEAVENED BREAD
face you shall eat *b* ..... Gen 3:19
of Salem brought out *b* .... Gen 14:18
"Behold, I will rain *b* ..... Ex 16:4
shall eat unleavened *b* ..... Ex 23:15
not live by *b* alone ..... Deut 8:3
lives, I do not have *b* ..... 1 Kin 17:12
new wine, a land of *b* .... 2 Kin 18:32
that his life abhors *b* ..... Job 33:20
people as they eat *b* ..... Ps 14:4
Can He give *b* also ..... Ps 78:20
up late, to eat the *b* ..... Ps 127:2
her poor with *b* ..... Ps 132:15
For they eat the *b* ..... Prov 4:17
*b* eaten in secret is ..... Prov 9:17
*B* gained by deceit is ..... Prov 20:17
Go, eat your *b* with ..... Eccl 9:7
Cast your *b* upon the ..... Eccl 11:1
*b* will be given him ..... Is 33:16
for what is not *b* ..... Is 55:2
to share your *b* ..... Is 58:7
We get our *b* at the ..... Lam 5:9
who give me my *b* ..... Hos 2:5
For their *b* shall be ..... Hos 9:4
And lack of *b* in all ..... Amos 4:6
these stones become *b* ..... Matt 4:3
not live by *b* alone ..... Matt 4:4
this day our daily *b* ..... Matt 6:11
eating, Jesus took *b* ..... Matt 26:26
no bag, no *b*, no copper .... Mark 6:8
is he who shall eat *b* ..... Luke 14:15
gives you the true *b* ..... John 6:32
I am the *b* of life ..... John 6:48
having dipped the *b* ..... John 13:26
*b* which we break ..... 1 Cor 10:16
He was betrayed took *b* .. 1 Cor 11:23
as you eat this *b* ..... 1 Cor 11:26
did we eat anyone's *b* .... 2 Thess 3:8
and eat their own *b* ..... 2 Thess 3:12

BREADTH
is as great as its *b* ..... Rev 21:16

BREAK
that you shall *b* his yoke .. Gen 27:40
nor shall you *b* one of its .... Ex 12:46
lest the LORD *b* out against .. Ex 19:22
*B* off the golden earrings ..... Ex 32:2
*b* their bones and ..... Num 24:8
never *b* My covenant ..... Judg 2:1
torment my soul, and *b* ..... Job 19:2
They *b* up my path ..... Job 30:13
*B* their teeth in their ..... Ps 58:6
And now they *b* down ..... Ps 74:6
*b* My statutes and do ..... Ps 89:31
covenant I will not *b* ..... Ps 89:34
reed He will not *b* ..... Is 42:3
and that you *b* every yoke .... Is 58:6
your light shall *b* forth ..... Is 58:8
Remember, do not *b* ..... Jer 14:21
*b* your fallow ground, ..... Hos 10:12
and where thieves *b* in ..... Matt 6:19
reed He will not *b* ..... Matt 12:20
they did not *b* His legs .... John 19:33
together to *b* bread ..... Acts 20:7
bread which we *b*, ..... 1 Cor 10:16
*B* forth and shout, ..... Gal 4:27

BREAKING
in the *b* of bread ..... Acts 2:42
*b* bread from house to ..... Acts 2:46
weeping and *b* my heart .. Acts 21:13
dishonor God through *b* .... Rom 2:23

BREAKS
He *b* in pieces mighty ..... Job 34:24
My soul *b* with longing ..... Ps 119:20
Until the day *b* ..... Song 2:17
Whoever therefore *b* ..... Matt 5:19

BREAST
back on Jesus' *b* ..... John 13:25

BREASTPLATE
a *b*, an ephod ..... Ex 28:4
righteousness as a *b* ..... Is 59:17
having put on the *b* ..... Eph 6:14

BREASTS
blessings of the *b* ..... Gen 49:25
on My mother's *b* ..... Ps 22:9
doe, let her *b* satisfy ..... Prov 5:19
Your two *b* are like ..... Song 4:5
*b* which nursed You ..... Luke 11:27
done, beat their *b* ..... Luke 23:48

BREATH
nostrils the *b* of life ..... Gen 2:7
at the blast of the *b* ..... 2 Sam 22:16
that there was no *b* ..... 1 Kin 17:17
perish, and by the *b* ..... Job 4:9
as long as my *b* ..... Job 27:3
has made me, and the *b* ..... Job 33:4
You take away their *b* ..... Ps 104:29
Man is like a *b* ..... Ps 144:4
everything that has *b* ..... Ps 150:6
they all have one *b* ..... Eccl 3:19
from it, who gives *b* ..... Is 42:5
"Surely I will cause *b* ..... Ezek 37:5
God who holds your *b* ..... Dan 5:23
gives to all life, *b* ..... Acts 17:25
consume with the *b* ..... 2 Thess 2:8
power to give *b* ..... Rev 13:15

BREATH OF LIFE
into his nostrils the *b* ..... Gen 2:7
flesh in which is the *b* ..... Gen 6:17
flesh in which is the *b* ..... Gen 7:15
*b* from God entered them .. Rev 11:11

BREATHE
me, and such as *b* ..... Ps 27:12
winds, O breath, and *b* ..... Ezek 37:9

BREATHED
and *b* into his nostrils the .... Gen 2:7
a loud voice, and *b* His ... Mark 15:37
He *b* on them, and said ... John 20:22
fell down and *b* his last ..... Acts 5:5
at his feet and *b* her last .... Acts 5:10

BREATHES
indeed he *b* his last ..... Job 14:10

BRETHREN
presence of all his *b* ..... Gen 16:12
be lifted above his *b* ..... Deut 17:20
how good it is for *b* to ..... Ps 133:1
and you are all *b* ..... Matt 23:8
least of these My *b* ..... Matt 25:40
Go and tell My *b* ..... Matt 28:10
Men and *b*, this Scripture .. Acts 1:16
six *b* accompanied me .... Acts 11:12
firstborn among many *b* ... Rom 8:29
to judge between his *b* ..... 1 Cor 6:5
thus sin against the *b* ..... 1 Cor 8:12
over five hundred *b* ..... 1 Cor 15:6
perils among false *b* ..... 2 Cor 11:26
*b* secretly brought ..... Gal 2:4
Finally, my *b*, be strong ..... Eph 6:10
Greet all the *b* with ..... 1 Thess 5:26
to be made like His *b* ..... Heb 2:17
sincere love of the *b* ..... 1 Pet 1:22
because we love the *b* .... 1 John 3:14
our lives for the *b* ..... 1 John 3:16
does not receive the *b* ..... 3 John 10
for the accuser of our *b* .... Rev 12:10
of your *b* the prophets ..... Rev 22:9

BRIBE
you shall take no *b* ..... Ex 23:8
*b* blinds the eyes ..... Deut 16:19
*b* debases the heart ..... Eccl 7:7

BRIBERY
consume the tents of *b* ..... Job 15:34

BRIBES
hand is full of *b* ..... Ps 26:10
but he who hates *b* ..... Prov 15:27
but he who receives *b* ..... Prov 29:4
everyone loves *b* ..... Is 1:23
the just and taking *b* ..... Amos 5:12

BRICK
people straw to make *b* ..... Ex 5:7
incense on altars of *b* ..... Is 65:3
Make strong the *b* ..... Nah 3:14

BRICKS
"Come, let us make *b* ..... Gen 11:3
*b* which they made ..... Ex 5:8
deliver the quota of *b* ..... Ex 5:18
*b* have fallen down ..... Is 9:10

BRIDE
them on you as a *b* ..... Is 49:18
He who has the *b* ..... John 3:29
I will show you the *b* ..... Rev 21:9
the Spirit and the *b* ..... Rev 22:17

BRIDEGROOM
righteousness, as a *b* ..... Is 61:10

and as the *b* rejoices ..... Is 62:5
mourn as long as the *b* ..... Matt 9:15
*b* will be taken away ..... Matt 9:15
went out to meet the *b* ..... Matt 25:1
*b* fast while the ..... Mark 2:19
the friend of the *b* ..... John 3:29

## BRIDLE

harnessed with bit and *b* ..... Ps 32:9
*b* the whole body ..... James 3:2

## BRIER

*b* shall come up the ..... Is 55:13
longer be a pricking *b* .... Ezek 28:24
of them is like a *b* ..... Mic 7:4

## BRIERS

there shall come up *b* ..... Is 5:6
their words, though *b* ..... Ezek 2:6

## BRIGHTER

Her Nazirites were *b* ..... Lam 4:7
a light from heaven, *b* .... Acts 26:13

## BRIGHTNESS

From the *b* before Him .. 2 Sam 22:13
and kings to the *b* ..... Is 60:3
goes forth as *b* ..... Is 62:1
very dark, with no *b* ..... Amos 5:20
who being the *b* ..... Heb 1:3

## BRIMSTONE

Then the LORD rained *b*.... Gen 19:24
*b* is scattered on his ..... Job 18:15
fire, smoke, and *b* ..... Rev 9:17
the lake of fire and *b* ..... Rev 20:10

## BRING

LORD your God will *b* ..... Deut 30:3
*b* back his soul ..... Job 33:30
for they *b* down ..... Ps 55:3
Lord said, "I will *b* ..... Ps 68:22
*B* forth your strong ..... Is 41:21
He will *b* forth justice ..... Is 42:3
*b* My righteousness ..... Is 46:13
Though they *b* up their ..... Hos 9:12
she will *b* forth a Son ..... Matt 1:21
*b* no fruit to maturity ..... Luke 8:14
*b* this Man's blood ..... Acts 5:28
Who shall *b* a charge ..... Rom 8:33
*b* Christ down from ..... Rom 10:6
*b* Christ up from the ..... Rom 10:7
even so God will *b* ..... 1 Thess 4:14

## BROAD

set me in a *b* place ..... Ps 118:5
*b* is the way that ..... Matt 7:13
their phylacteries *b* ..... Matt 23:5

## BROKE

*b* them at the foot of ..... Ex 32:19
*b* open the fountain ..... Ps 74:15
covenant which they *b* ..... Jer 31:32
He blessed and *b* ..... Matt 14:19
*b* the flask and poured .... Mark 14:3
*b* the legs of the ..... John 19:32

## BROKEN

he has *b* My covenant ..... Gen 17:14
I am like a *b* vessel ..... Ps 31:12
their bows shall be *b* ..... Ps 37:15
He has *b* his covenant ..... Ps 55:20
heart the spirit is *b* ..... Prov 15:13
*b* spirit dries the ..... Prov 17:22
but who can bear a *b* ..... Prov 18:14
in the staff of this *b* ..... Is 36:6
heart within me is *b* ..... Jer 23:9
is oppressed and *b* ..... Hos 5:11
this stone will be *b* ..... Matt 21:44
Scripture cannot be *b* ..... John 10:35
is My body which is *b* .... 1 Cor 11:24

## BROKENHEARTED

He heals the *b* and ..... Ps 147:3
sent Me to heal the *b* ..... Is 61:1
sent Me to heal the *b* ..... Luke 4:18

## BRONZE

So Moses made a *b* ..... Num 21:9
your head shall be *b* ..... Deut 28:23
*b* serpent that Moses ..... 2 Kin 18:4
Or is my flesh *b* ..... Job 6:12
*b* as rotten wood ..... Job 41:27
broken the gates of *b* ..... Ps 107:16
*b* I will bring ..... Is 60:17
*b* walls against the ..... Jer 1:18
people a fortified *b* ..... Jer 15:20
a third kingdom of *b* ..... Dan 2:39
make your hooves *b* ..... Mic 4:13
were mountains of *b* ..... Zech 6:1

## BROOD

The *b* of evildoers ..... Is 14:20
*B* of vipers ..... Matt 12:34
hen gathers her *b* ..... Luke 13:34

## BROOD OF VIPERS

he said to them, "*B* ..... Matt 3:7
*B!* How can you, being .... Matt 12:34
Serpents, *b!* How can ..... Matt 23:33
baptized by him, "*B* ..... Luke 3:7

## BROOK

stones from the *b* ..... 1 Sam 17:40
shall drink of the *b* ..... Ps 110:7
disciples over the *B* ..... John 18:1

## BROOK CHERITH

God hides Elijah here and the ravens feed him, 1 Kin 17:3–6

## BROOKS

good land, a land of *b* ..... Deut 8:7
*b* that pass away ..... Job 6:15
for the water *b* ..... Ps 42:1

## BROTHER

"Where is Abel your *b* ..... Gen 4:9
he were my friend or *b* ..... Ps 35:14
speak against your *b* ..... Ps 50:20
and a *b* is born for ..... Prov 17:17
*b* offended is harder ..... Prov 18:19
has neither son nor *b* ..... Eccl 4:8
and do not trust any *b* ..... Jer 9:4
he pursued his *b* ..... Amos 1:11
Was not Esau Jacob's *b* ..... Mal 1:2
*b* will deliver up ..... Matt 10:21
how often shall my *b* ..... Matt 18:21
"Teacher, tell my *b* ..... Luke 12:13
*b* will rise again ..... John 11:23
do you judge your *b* ..... Rom 14:10
*b* goes to law against ..... 1 Cor 6:6
shall the weak *b* ..... 1 Cor 8:11
slave—a beloved *b* ..... Philem 16
He who loves his *b* ..... 1 John 2:10
and murdered his *b* ..... 1 John 3:12
Whoever hates his *b* ..... 1 John 3:15
*b* sinning a sin which .... 1 John 5:16
I, John, both your *b* ..... Rev 1:9

## BROTHERHOOD

the covenant of *b* ..... Amos 1:9
I might break the *b* ..... Zech 11:14
Love the *b* ..... 1 Pet 2:17
experienced by your *b* ..... 1 Pet 5:9

## BROTHERLY

to one another with *b* ..... Rom 12:10
*b* love continue ..... Heb 13:1

## BROTHER'S

Am I my *b* keeper ..... Gen 4:9
at the speck in your *b* ..... Matt 7:3

## BROTHERS

My *b* have dealt ..... Job 6:15
a stranger to my *b* ..... Ps 69:8
is My mother, or My *b* .... Mark 3:33
*b* are these who hear ..... Luke 8:21
*b* did not believe ..... John 7:5
love as *b*, be tenderhearted .. 1 Pet 3:8

## BROUGHT

He *b* out His people ..... Ps 105:43
The king has *b* me into ..... Song 1:4
to heaven, will be *b* ..... Luke 10:15

## BRUISE

He shall *b* your head ..... Gen 3:15
LORD binds up the *b* ..... Is 30:26
the LORD to *b* Him ..... Is 53:10

## BRUISED

*b* reed He will not ..... Is 42:3
He was *b* for our ..... Is 53:5
*b* reed He will not ..... Matt 12:20

## BRUTAL

*b* men who are ..... Ezek 21:31

## BUCKET

are as a drop in a *b* ..... Is 40:15

## BUCKLER

be your shield and *b* ..... Ps 91:4

## BUD

it bring forth and *b* ..... Is 55:10

## BUFFET

of Satan to *b* me ..... 2 Cor 12:7

## BUILD

*b* ourselves a city ..... Gen 11:4
cities which you did not *b* .. Deut 6:10
shall *b* with whole stones .. Deut 27:6
*b* an altar to the LORD ..... Judg 6:26
will *b* him a sure house ... 1 Sam 2:35
"Would you *b* a house ..... 2 Sam 7:5
*b* a temple for the name ... 1 Kin 8:17
that the LORD will *b* ..... 1 Chr 17:10
Solomon who shall *b* ..... 1 Chr 28:6
able to *b* Him a temple ..... 2 Chr 2:6
*b* the house of the LORD ..... Ezra 1:5
and let us *b* the wall of ..... Neh 2:17
*B* the walls of Jerusalem .... Ps 51:18
labor in vain who *b* ..... Ps 127:1
afterward *b* your house ... Prov 24:27
down, and a time to *b* ..... Eccl 3:3
house that you will *b* ..... Is 66:1
I will *b* them and not ..... Jer 24:6
Who *b* up Zion with ..... Mic 3:10
*b* the desolate places ..... Mal 1:4
'This man began to *b* ..... Luke 14:30
What house will you *b* ..... Acts 7:49
*b* you up and give you .... Acts 20:32
named, lest I should *b* .... Rom 15:20
For if I *b* again ..... Gal 2:18

## BUILDER

me, as a wise master *b* .... 1 Cor 3:10
foundations, whose *b* ..... Heb 11:10

## BUILDERS

The stone which the *b* ..... Ps 118:22
The stone which the *b* .... Matt 21:42
The stone which the *b* .... Mark 12:10
The stone which the *b* .... Luke 20:17
was rejected by you *b* ..... Acts 4:11
The stone which the *b* ..... 1 Pet 2:7

## BUILDING

field, you are God's *b* ..... 1 Cor 3:9
destroyed, we have a *b* ..... 2 Cor 5:1
in whom the whole *b* ..... Eph 2:21
But you, beloved, *b* ..... Jude 20

## BUILDS

The LORD *b* up ..... Ps 147:2
The wise woman *b* ..... Prov 14:1
one take heed how he *b* ... 1 Cor 3:10

## BUILT

Wisdom has *b* her house .... Prov 9:1
my works great, I *b* ..... Eccl 2:4
Babylon, that I have *b* ..... Dan 4:30
to a wise man who *b* ..... Matt 7:24
a foolish man who *b* ..... Matt 7:26
work which he has *b* ..... 1 Cor 3:14
having been *b* on the ..... Eph 2:20
rooted and *b* up in Him ..... Col 2:7
For every house is *b* ..... Heb 3:4
stones, are being *b* ..... 1 Pet 2:5

## BULL

I will not take a *b* ..... Ps 50:9
like an untrained *b* ..... Jer 31:18

## BULLS

in the blood of *b* ..... Is 1:11

For if the blood of *b* .....Heb 9:13

BULRUSHES
she took an ark of *b* .....Ex 2:3

BULWARKS
Mark well her *b* .....Ps 48:13
for walls and *b* .....Is 26:1

BUNDLE
each man's *b* of money ....Gen 42:35
A *b* of myrrh is my .....Song 1:13

BURDEN
You have laid the *b* .....Num 11:11
one knows his own *b* .....2 Chr 6:29
so that I am a *b* .....Job 7:20
Cast your *b* on the .....Ps 55:22
the grasshopper is a *b* .....Eccl 12:5
in that day that his *b* .....Is 10:27
its reproach is a *b* .....Zeph 3:18
easy and My *b* is light ....Matt 11:30
upon you no greater *b* ....Acts 15:28
as it may, I did not *b* .....2 Cor 12:16
we might not be a *b* .....1 Thess 2:9
on you no other *b* .....Rev 2:24

BURDENED
but you have *b* Me with .....Is 43:24
were *b* beyond measure ....2 Cor 1:8
this tent groan, being *b* .....2 Cor 5:4
be eased and you *b* .....2 Cor 8:13
not let the church be *b* ....1 Tim 5:16

BURDENS
and looked at their *b* .....Ex 2:11
For they bind heavy *b* .....Matt 23:4
Bear one another's *b* .....Gal 6:2

BURDENSOME
*b* task God has given .....Eccl 1:13
his life will be *b* .....Is 15:4
I myself was not *b* .....2 Cor 12:13
commandments are not *b* ..1 John 5:3

BURIAL
as property for a *b* place ..Gen 23:20
indeed he has no *b* .....Eccl 6:3
she did it for My *b* .....Matt 26:12
to anoint My body for *b* ...Mark 14:8
for the day of My *b* .....John 12:7
Stephen to his *b* .....Acts 8:2

BURIED
and there will I be *b* .....Ruth 1:17
I saw the wicked *b* .....Eccl 8:10
away the body and *b* .....Matt 14:12
also died and was *b* .....Luke 16:22
Therefore we were *b* .....Rom 6:4
and that He was *b* .....1 Cor 15:4
*b* with Him in baptism .....Col 2:12

BURN
the bush does not *b* .....Ex 3:3
that My wrath may *b* .....Ex 32:10
*b* their chariots .....Josh 11:6
both will *b* together.....Is 1:31
"Did not our heart *b* .....Luke 24:32
eat her flesh and *b* .....Rev 17:16

BURNED
If anyone's work is *b* .....1 Cor 3:15
my body to be *b* .....1 Cor 13:3
whose end is to be *b* .....Heb 6:8
be touched and that *b* .....Heb 12:18
are *b* outside the camp ....Heb 13:11
in it will be *b* .....2 Pet 3:10
all green grass was *b* .....Rev 8:7

BURNING
*b* torch that passed .....Gen 15:17
with severe *b* fever .....Deut 28:22
on his lips like a *b* .....Prov 16:27
*b* fire shut up in my .....Jer 20:9
*b* jealousy against the .....Ezek 36:5
plucked from the *b* .....Amos 4:11
a great mountain *b* .....Rev 8:8
fell from heaven, *b* .....Rev 8:10

BURNT
offered *b* offerings .....Gen 8:20
lamb for a *b* offering .....Gen 22:7
and *b* offerings, that .....Ex 10:25
took a *b* offering and .....Ex 18:12
shall set the altar of the *b* ....Ex 40:6
is a *b* sacrifice of the herd ....Lev 1:3
And they offered on it *b* ....Josh 8:31
offer a *b* sacrifice with .....Judg 6:26
if you offer a *b* offering ...Judg 13:16
accepted a *b* offering .....Judg 13:23
*b* offerings on that altar ....1 Kin 3:4
offered *b* offerings .....1 Kin 9:25
offer *b* offerings on it, .....Ezra 3:2
delight in *b* offering .....Ps 51:16
*b* offerings are not .....Jer 6:20
sacrificing *b* offerings .....Ezek 43:18
Though you offer Me *b* ...Amos 5:22

BURST
it is ready to *b* .....Job 32:19
with doors, when it *b* .....Job 38:8
the new wine will *b* .....Luke 5:37
falling headlong, he *b* .....Acts 1:18

BURY
*b* your dead in the .....Gen 23:6
was no one to *b* them .....Ps 79:3
go and *b* my father .....Matt 8:21
and let the dead *b* .....Matt 8:22

BUSH
from the midst of a *b* .....Ex 3:2
Him who dwelt in the *b* ...Deut 33:16
to him in the *b* .....Acts 7:35

BUSINESS
in ships, who do *b* .....Ps 107:23
farm, another to his *b* .....Matt 22:5
about My Father's *b* .....Luke 2:49

BUSYBODIES
at all, but are *b* .....2 Thess 3:11
but also gossips and *b* ....1 Tim 5:13

BUT I SAY TO YOU
*B* that whoever is angry ....Matt 5:22
*B* that whoever looks .....Matt 5:28
*B* that whoever divorces ....Matt 5:32
*B*, do not swear at all .....Matt 5:34
*B*, love your enemies, .....Matt 5:44
*B*, it will be more .....Matt 11:22
*B* that for every idle .....Matt 12:36
*B* that Elijah has come ....Matt 17:12
*B*, I will not drink of .....Matt 26:29
*B* that Elijah has also .....Mark 9:13
*B* who hear: Love .....Luke 6:27
*B* that it will be more .....Luke 10:12

BUTLER
*b* did not remember .....Gen 40:23

BUTTER
So he took *b* and milk .....Gen 18:8
were smoother than *b* .....Ps 55:21
of milk produces *b* .....Prov 30:33

BUY
in Egypt to *b* grain .....Gen 41:57
*B* it back in the presence ....Ruth 4:4
*b* the threshing floor ....2 Sam 24:21
*B* the truth, and do not ....Prov 23:23
Yes, come, *b* wine and .....Is 55:1
*B* the field for money, and ..Jer 32:25
will *b* fields for money .....Jer 32:44
that we may *b* the poor ....Amos 8:6
*b* food for all these .....Luke 9:13
"*B* those things we .....John 13:29
rejoice, those who *b* .....1 Cor 7:30
spend a year there, *b* .....James 4:13
I counsel you to *b* .....Rev 3:18
and that no one may *b* .....Rev 13:17

BUYER
nothing," cries the *b* .....Prov 20:14
as with the *b*, so with .....Is 24:2
'Let not the *b* rejoice .....Ezek 7:12

BUYS
a field and *b* it .....Prov 31:16
has and *b* that field .....Matt 13:44
*b* their merchandise .....Rev 18:11

BYGONE
*b* generations .....Acts 14:16

BYWORD
But He has made me a *b* ....Job 17:6
You made us a *b* .....Ps 44:14

CAESAR
——— Augustus Caesar (31 B.C.–A.D. 14):
Decree of brings Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, Luke 2:1
——— Tiberius Caesar (A.D. 14–37):
Christ's ministry dated by, Luke 3:1–23
Tribute paid to, Matt 22:17–21
Jews side with, John 19:12
——— Claudius Caesar (A.D. 41–54):
Famine in time of, Acts 11:28
Banished Jews from Rome, Acts 18:2
——— Nero Caesar (A.D. 54–68):
Paul appealed to, Acts 25:8–12
Christian converts in household of, Phil 4:22
Paul tried before, 2 Tim 4:16–18
Called Augustus, Acts 25:21

CAESAREA
Roman capital of Palestine, Acts 12:19; 23:33
Paul escorted to, Acts 23:23–33
Paul imprisoned at; appeals to Caesar, Acts 25:4, 8–13
Peter preaches at, Acts 10:34–43
Paul preaches at, Acts 9:26–30; 18:22; 21:8

CAESAREA PHILIPPI
A city in northern Palestine; scene of Peter's great confession, Matt 16:13–20
Probable site of the transfiguration, Matt 17:1–3

CAGE
*c* is full of birds .....Jer 5:27
foul spirit, and a *c* .....Rev 18:2

CAIAPHAS
Son-in-law of Annas; high priest, John 18:13
Makes prophecy, John 11:49–52
Jesus appears before, John 18:23, 24
Apostles appear before, Acts 4:1–22

CAIN
Adam's first son, Gen 4:1
His offering rejected, Gen 4:2–7; Heb 11:4
Murders Abel; is exiled; settles in Nod, Gen 4:8–17
A type of evil, Jude 11

CAKE
Ephraim is a *c* .....Hos 7:8

CAKES
Sustain me with *c* .....Song 2:5
and love the raisin *c* .....Hos 3:1

CALAMITIES
refuge, until these *c* .....Ps 57:1

CALAMITY
for the day of their *c* .....Deut 32:35
will laugh at your *c* .....Prov 1:26
*c* shall come suddenly .....Prov 6:15
If there is *c* in a .....Amos 3:6

CALCULATED
*c* the dust of the .....Is 40:12

CALDRON
this city is the *c* .....Ezek 11:3

CALEB
Sent as spy; gives good report; rewarded, Num 13:2, 6, 27, 30; 14:5–9, 24–38

Inherits Hebron, Josh 14:6–15
Conquers his territory with Othniel's help, Josh 15:13–19

CALF
and made a molded c ..... Ex 32:4
They made a c in Horeb .... Ps 106:19
is, than a fatted c ..... Prov 15:17
like a stubborn c ..... Hos 4:16
Your c is rejected ..... Hos 8:5
And bring the fatted c .... Luke 15:23
creature like a c ..... Rev 4:7

CALL
Then men began to c ..... Gen 4:26
I c heaven and earth ..... Deut 4:26
I did not c, my son ..... 1 Sam 3:6
I will c to the LORD ..... 1 Sam 12:17
c their lands after ..... Ps 49:11
To you, O men, I c ..... Prov 8:4
c upon Him while He ..... Is 55:6
c the Sabbath a delight, ..... Is 58:13
'C to Me, and I will ..... Jer 33:3
Arise, c on your God ..... Jon 1:6
They will c on My name ... Zech 13:9
c His name JESUS ..... Matt 1:21
c the righteous ..... Matt 9:13
Why do you c Me good .. Mark 10:18
shall c his name John ..... Luke 1:13
shall c His name JESUS .... Luke 1:31
Lord our God will c ..... Acts 2:39
you must not c common ... Acts 10:15
c them My people ..... Rom 9:25
then shall they c ..... Rom 10:14
For God did not c ..... 1 Thess 4:7
Let him c for the elders ... James 5:14
c and election sure ..... 2 Pet 1:10

CALLED
c the light Day ..... Gen 1:5
c his wife's name Eve ..... Gen 3:20
"I, the LORD, have c ..... Is 42:6
I have c you by your ..... Is 43:1
The LORD has c Me from ..... Is 49:1
and out of Egypt I c ..... Hos 11:1
"Out of Egypt I c ..... Matt 2:15
a city c Nazareth ..... Matt 2:23
For many are c ..... Matt 20:16
to those who are the c ..... Rom 8:28
these He also c ..... Rom 8:30
But God has c us to ..... 1 Cor 7:15
praises of Him who c ..... 1 Pet 2:9
knowledge of Him who c .... 2 Pet 1:3
c children of God ..... 1 John 3:1

CALLED BY MY NAME
if My people who are c .... 2 Chr 7:14
everyone who is c, ..... Is 43:7
a nation that was not c ..... Is 65:1
this house which is c ..... Jer 7:10
the city which is c ..... Jer 25:29
house which is c ..... Jer 32:34
the Gentiles who are c .... Amos 9:12
the Gentiles who are c .... Acts 15:17

CALLING
the gifts and the c ..... Rom 11:29
For you see your c ..... 1 Cor 1:26
remain in the same c ..... 1 Cor 7:20
to walk worthy of the c ..... Eph 4:1
in one hope of your c ..... Eph 4:4
us with a holy c ..... 2 Tim 1:9
of the heavenly c ..... Heb 3:1

CALLS
c them all by name ..... Ps 147:4
there is no one who c ..... Is 64:7
David himself c ..... Mark 12:37
c his own sheep ..... John 10:3
For "whoever c ..... Rom 10:13

CALM
the sea will become c ..... Jon 1:12
there was a great c ..... Matt 8:26

CALMED
Surely I have c ..... Ps 131:2

CALVARY
Christ crucified there, Luke 23:33
Same as "Golgotha" in Hebrew, John 19:17

CALVES
made two c of gold ..... 1 Kin 12:28
their cow c without ..... Job 21:10
like stall-fed c ..... Mal 4:2
blood of goats and c ..... Heb 9:12
he took the blood of c ..... Heb 9:19

CAMEL
it is easier for a c ..... Matt 19:24
and swallow a c ..... Matt 23:24

CAMEL'S
John was clothed with c .... Mark 1:6

CAMP
"This is God's c ..... Gen 32:2
who went before the c ..... Ex 14:19
to Him, outside the c ..... Heb 13:13

CAN
I c do all things ..... Phil 4:13

CANA
A village of upper Galilee; home of Nathanael, John 21:2
Site of Christ's first miracle, John 2:1–11
Healing at, John 4:46–54

CANAAN
A son of Ham, Gen 10:6
Cursed by Noah, Gen 9:20–25
—— Promised Land, Gen 12:5
Boundaries of, Gen 10:19
God's promises concerning, given to Abraham, Gen 12:1–3
to Isaac, Gen 26:2, 3
to Jacob, Gen 28:10–13
to Israel, Ex 3:8
Conquest of, announced, Gen 15:7–21
preceded by spying expedition, Num 13:1–33
delayed by unbelief, Num 14:1–35
accomplished by the Lord, Josh 23:1–16
achieved only in part, Judg 1:21, 27–36

CANAANITES
Israelites commanded to:
drive them out; not serve their gods, Ex 23:23–33
shun their abominations, Lev 18:24–30
not make covenants or intermarry with them, Deut 7:1–3

CANCER
will spread like c ..... 2 Tim 2:17

CANE
bought Me no sweet c ..... Is 43:24
Sheba, and sweet c ..... Jer 6:20

CANOPIES
He made darkness c ..... 2 Sam 22:12

CANOPY
His c around Him was ..... Ps 18:11

CAPERNAUM
Simon Peter's home, Mark 1:21, 29
Christ performs healings there, Matt 8:5–17; 9:1–8; Mark 1:21–28; John 4:46–54
preaches there, Mark 9:33–50; John 6:24–71
uses as headquarters, Matt 4:13–17
pronounces judgment upon, Matt 11:23, 24

CAPPADOCIA
Jews from, at Pentecost, Acts 2:1, 9
Christians of, addressed by Peter, 1 Pet 1:1

CAPSTONE
bring forth the c ..... Zech 4:7

CAPTAIN
c of the guard, an ..... Gen 39:1
made Amasa c of the .... 2 Sam 17:25
Nebuzaradan the c ..... 2 Kin 25:11
which, having no c ..... Prov 6:7
of troops and the c ..... John 18:12
to the c of the guard ..... Acts 28:16

CAPTIVE
have led captivity c ..... Ps 68:18
of your neck, O c ..... Is 52:2
they shall now go c ..... Amos 6:7
and be led away c ..... Luke 21:24
He led captivity c ..... Eph 4:8

CAPTIVES
will bring back the c ..... Amos 9:14
and return their c ..... Zeph 2:7
make c of gullible women .. 2 Tim 3:6

CAPTIVITY
bring you back from c ..... Deut 30:3
high, You have led c ..... Ps 68:18
Judah has gone into c ..... Lam 1:3
from David until the c ..... Matt 1:17
and bringing me into c ..... Rom 7:23
every thought into c ..... 2 Cor 10:5
on high, He led c ..... Eph 4:8
shall go into c ..... Rev 13:10

CARCASS
honey were in the c ..... Judg 14:8
For wherever the c ..... Matt 24:28

CARE
and let her c for him ..... 1 Kin 1:2
into the c of Hegai the ..... Esth 2:8
Your c has preserved my .. Job 10:12
the LORD will take c of me... Ps 27:10
do You c about anyone, ... Matt 22:16
to an inn, and took c of ... Luke 10:34
"Lord, do You not c ..... Luke 10:40
not c about the sheep ..... John 10:13
you to be without c ..... 1 Cor 7:32
same c for one another ... 1 Cor 12:25
but that our c for you ..... 2 Cor 7:12
who will sincerely c ..... Phil 2:20
that now at last your c for .. Phil 4:10
how will he take c ..... 1 Tim 3:5
that You take c of him ..... Heb 2:6
casting all your c ..... 1 Pet 5:7

CARED
he said, not that he c ..... John 12:6

CAREFUL
c to observe all the ..... Deut 17:19
shall be c to observe ..... 2 Kin 17:37
c to maintain good works ... Titus 3:8

CAREFULLY
c keep all these ..... Deut 11:22
choose his friends c ..... Prov 12:26
than love c concealed ..... Prov 27:5
I shall walk c all my ..... Is 38:15
you have c followed ..... 1 Tim 4:6

CARELESS
but he who is c ..... Prov 19:16

CARES
no one c for my soul ..... Ps 142:4
and are choked with c ..... Luke 8:14
He who is unmarried c .... 1 Cor 7:32
for He c for you ..... 1 Pet 5:7

CARMEL
City of Judah, Josh 15:55
Site of Saul's victory, 1 Sam 15:12
—— A mountain of Palestine, Josh 19:26
Scene of Elijah's triumph, 1 Kin 18:19–45
Elisha visits, 2 Kin 2:25

CARNAL
spiritual, but I am c ..... Rom 7:14

c mind is enmity ..... Rom 8:7
for you are still c ..... 1 Cor 3:3
our warfare are not c ..... 2 Cor 10:4

CARNALLY
we may know them c ..... Gen 19:5
that we may know him c .. Judg 19:22
c minded is death ..... Rom 8:6

CAROUSE
count it pleasure to c ..... 2 Pet 2:13

CAROUSING
be weighed down with c .. Luke 21:34

CARPENTER
Is this not the c ..... Mark 6:3

CARRIED
the LORD your God c ..... Deut 1:31
and c our sorrows ..... Is 53:4
parted from them and c .. Luke 24:51
c me away in the ..... Rev 17:3

CARRY
shall c me out of Egypt .... Gen 47:30
you shall c up my bones .... Ex 13:19
longer c the tabernacle ... 1 Chr 23:26
their hands cannot c ..... Job 5:12
c them away like a ..... Ps 90:5
to gray hairs I will c you ..... Is 46:4
and c out great exploits ... Dan 11:32
I am not worthy to c ..... Matt 3:11
C neither money bag ..... Luke 10:4
for you to c your bed ..... John 5:10
c you where you do not ... John 21:18
it is certain we can c ..... 1 Tim 6:7

CARRYING
a man will meet you c .... Mark 14:13
always c about in the ..... 2 Cor 4:10

CART
ark of the LORD on the c .. 1 Sam 6:11
ark of God on a new c ..... 2 Sam 6:3
Every c had four bronze .. 1 Kin 7:30
and sin as if with a c rope .... Is 5:18
as a c is weighed down ... Amos 2:13

CARTS
and Joseph gave them c, .. Gen 45:21
made ten c of bronze ..... 1 Kin 7:27
the ten c, and ten lavers ... 1 Kin 7:43
one Sea, and the c ..... 2 Kin 25:16

CARVE
that its maker should c it ... Hab 2:18

CARVED
for yourself a c image ..... Ex 20:4
shall burn the c images .... Deut 7:25
the c images of their gods .. Deut 12:3
son, to make a c image .... Judg 17:3
Micah's c image which .... Judg 18:31
Then he c cherubim ..... 1 Kin 6:35
He even set a c image, .... 2 Chr 33:7
to shame who serve c ..... Ps 97:7
workman to prepare a c ..... Is 40:20
the c images of Babylon .... Jer 51:47
I will cut off the c image .... Nah 1:14

CASE
God has judged my c ..... Gen 30:6
c that is too hard ..... Deut 1:17
I have prepared my c ..... Job 13:18
I would present my c ..... Job 23:4
"Present your c ..... Is 41:21
plead His c with all flesh ... Jer 25:31
My c with you face to .... Ezek 20:35
plead your c before the ..... Mic 6:1
Him, until He pleads my c .... Mic 7:9
Festus laid Paul's c ..... Acts 25:14

CASSIA
myrrh and aloes and c ..... Ps 45:8

CAST
C out this bondwoman .... Gen 21:10
c him into this pit which ... Gen 37:22
c longing eyes on Joseph ... Gen 39:7
c it before Pharaoh, ..... Ex 7:9
army He has c into the sea ... Ex 15:4
that I may c lots for you .... Josh 18:6
c two pillars of bronze .... 1 Kin 7:15
they c lots for their duty, .. 1 Chr 25:8
they c Pur (that is, the lot) ... Esth 3:7
had c Pur (that is, the lot), .. Esth 9:24
When they c you down .... Job 22:29
c away Their cords from ..... Ps 2:3
c upon You from birth ..... Ps 22:10
for My clothing they c lots .. Ps 22:18
Why are you c down ..... Ps 42:5
But You have c us off ..... Ps 44:9
c me away from Your ..... Ps 51:11
C your burden on the ..... Ps 55:22
He c on them the ..... Ps 78:49
the LORD will not c ..... Ps 94:14
me up and c me away ..... Ps 102:10
The lot is c into the lap, ... Prov 16:33
the people c off restraint .. Prov 29:18
and the earth shall c ..... Is 26:19
My sight, as I have c ..... Jer 7:15
C away from you all ..... Ezek 18:31
Did we not c three men ..... Dan 3:24
brought Daniel and c ..... Dan 6:16
c all our sins into ..... Mic 7:19
whole body to be c ..... Matt 5:29
c out demons in Your ..... Matt 7:22
the kingdom will be c ..... Matt 8:12
spirits, to c them out ..... Matt 10:1
And if I c out demons by .. Matt 12:27
My clothing they c lots .... Matt 27:35
can Satan c out Satan ..... Mark 3:23
In My name they will c ... Mark 16:17
do your sons c them out .. Luke 11:19
has power to c into hell .... Luke 12:5
His garments and c lots .. Luke 23:34
by no means c out ..... John 6:37
C the net on the right ..... John 21:6
c away His people ..... Rom 11:1
C out the bondwoman ..... Gal 4:30
c away your confidence ... Heb 10:35
c their crowns before ..... Rev 4:10
the great dragon was c ..... Rev 12:9
c him into the bottomless ... Rev 20:3
was c into the lake of fire .. Rev 20:15

CAST OUT DEMONS
c in Your name, ..... Matt 7:22
raise the dead, c ..... Matt 10:8
"This fellow does not c ... Matt 12:24
heal sicknesses and to c ... Mark 3:15
In My name they will c ... Mark 16:17
And if I c by Beelzebub, .. Luke 11:19
that fox, 'Behold, I c ..... Luke 13:32

CASTING
nation which I am c ..... Lev 20:23
Andrew his brother, c ..... Matt 4:18
c down arguments ..... 2 Cor 10:5
c all your care ..... 1 Pet 5:7

CASTING OUT DEMONS
all Galilee, and c ..... Mark 1:39
who does not follow us c .. Mark 9:38
someone c in Your name, .. Luke 9:49

CASTLE
are like the bars of a c .... Prov 18:19

CASTS
If Satan c out Satan ..... Matt 12:26
perfect love c out ..... 1 John 4:18

CATASTROPHE
bring such a c on this place .. Jer 19:3
not rise from the c that I .... Jer 51:64

CATCH
in wait to c the poor ..... Ps 10:9
c Him in His words ..... Mark 12:13
down your nets for a c ..... Luke 5:4
From now on you will c ... Luke 5:10
seeking to c Him in ..... Luke 11:54
they could not c Him in .. Luke 20:26

CATCHES
and the wolf c the ..... John 10:12
c the wise in their ..... 1 Cor 3:19

CATERPILLAR
their crops to the c ..... Ps 78:46

CATTLE
c you shall take as ..... Josh 8:2
does not let their c ..... Ps 107:38

CAUGHT
behind him was a ram c ... Gen 22:13
and that night they c ..... John 21:3
Spirit of the Lord c ..... Acts 8:39
her Child was c up ..... Rev 12:5

CAUSE
I would commit my c ..... Job 5:8
my enemy without c ..... Ps 7:4
hate me without a c ..... Ps 35:19
c His face to shine ..... Ps 67:1
C me to know the way ..... Ps 143:8
one to plead his c ..... Prov 18:17
God, Who pleads the c ..... Is 51:22
He judged the c ..... Jer 22:16
brother without a c ..... Matt 5:22
hated Me without a c ..... John 15:25
For this c I was born ..... John 18:37

CAUSED
not c it to rain on the earth .. Gen 2:5
LORD God c a deep sleep .... Gen 2:21
LORD c the sea to go back ... Ex 14:21
Jonathan again c ..... 1 Sam 20:17
pagan women c even him .. Neh 13:26
c the dawn to know its ..... Job 38:12
which You have c me ..... Ps 119:49
I have c to be carried ..... Jer 29:4
the LORD has c the ..... Lam 2:6
He c me to eat that scroll ... Ezek 3:2

CAVALRY
and cities for his c ..... 1 Kin 9:19
on a horse with the c ..... 1 Kin 20:20
their c comes from afar ..... Hab 1:8

CAVE
daughters dwelt in a c ..... Gen 19:30
field and the c that is in ... Gen 23:11
him in the c of Machpelah .. Gen 25:9
in a c at Makkedah ..... Josh 10:16
escaped to the c of ..... 1 Sam 22:1
hidden them, fifty to a c ... 1 Kin 18:4
It was a c, and a stone .... John 11:38

CAVES
the people hid in c ..... 1 Sam 13:6
rocks, and into the c ..... Is 2:19
in dens and c of the ..... Heb 11:38

CEASE
and night shall not c ..... Gen 8:22
Why should the work c ..... Neh 6:3
There the wicked c ..... Job 3:17
He makes wars c ..... Ps 46:9
C listening to ..... Prov 19:27
when the grinders c ..... Eccl 12:3
C to do evil ..... Is 1:16
eyes flow and do not c, ..... Lam 3:49
cause all her mirth to c ..... Hos 2:11
they did not c teaching ..... Acts 5:42
tongues, they will c ..... 1 Cor 13:8
do not c to give ..... Eph 1:16
do not c to pray for ..... Col 1:9

CEASED
c building the city ..... Gen 11:8
the sea, and the sea c ..... Jon 1:15
this woman has not c to ... Luke 7:45
offense of the cross has c .... Gal 5:11

CEASES
for the godly man c ..... Ps 12:1

CEASING
c your work of faith ..... 1 Thess 1:3
thank God without c .... 1 Thess 2:13
pray without c ..... 1 Thess 5:17

CEDAR
dwell in a house of c ..... 2 Sam 7:2

He shall grow like a c ..... Ps 92:12
of our houses are c ..... Song 1:17
it, paneling it with c ..... Jer 22:14
Indeed Assyria was a c .... Ezek 31:3

## CEDARS
the LORD breaks the c ..... Ps 29:5
c of Lebanon which He .... Ps 104:16

## CELEBRATE
you shall c your sabbath ... Lev 23:32
You shall c it in the ..... Lev 23:41
to c the dedication with .... Neh 12:27
c yearly the fourteenth ..... Esth 9:21

## CELEBRATED
Herod's birthday was c ..... Matt 14:6

## CELESTIAL
but the glory of the c ..... 1 Cor 15:40

## CENCHREA
A harbor of Corinth, Acts 18:18
Home of Phoebe, Rom 16:1

## CENSER
Aaron, each took his c ..... Lev 10:1
Each man had a c ..... Ezek 8:11
which had the golden c ..... Heb 9:4
the angel took the c ..... Rev 8:5

## CENSUS
When you take the c of ..... Ex 30:12
"Take a c of all the ..... Num 1:2
Take a c of the people ..... Num 26:4
Israel because of this c ... 1 Chr 27:24
the c in which David ..... 2 Chr 2:17
c first took place while ..... Luke 2:2
in the days of the c ..... Acts 5:37

## CENTER
the sanctuary in the c ..... Ezek 48:8
side, and Jesus in the c ... John 19:18

## CENTURION
c came to Him, pleading .... Matt 8:5
when the c, who stood ... Mark 15:39
when the c saw what ..... Luke 23:47
Cornelius the c, a just ..... Acts 10:22
said to the c who stood .... Acts 22:25
a c of the Augustan ..... Acts 27:1

## CENTURION'S
a certain c servant, who .... Luke 7:2

## CEPHAS
Aramaic for Peter, John 1:42

## CERAMIC
the iron mixed with c clay .. Dan 2:41

## CEREMONIALLY
Israel and cleanse them c ... Num 8:6

## CEREMONIES
rites and c you shall keep ... Num 9:3
as in the c of your fathers, ... Jer 34:5

## CERTAIN
a c man of Bethlehem, ..... Ruth 1:1
Know for c that on the .... 1 Kin 2:42
a c man clothed in linen, ... Dan 10:5
was a c landowner ..... Matt 21:33
into the city to a c man ... Matt 26:18
But a c Samaritan, as he .. Luke 10:33
A c man had a fig tree ..... Luke 13:6
A c man gave a great ..... Luke 14:16
A c man had two sons .... Luke 15:11
There was a c rich man .... Luke 16:1
there was a c beggar ..... Luke 16:20
there was a c nobleman .... John 4:46
c we can carry nothing ..... 1 Tim 6:7
He designates a c day ..... Heb 4:7
a c fearful expectation ..... Heb 10:27

## CERTAINLY NOT
C! Indeed, let God be true ... Rom 3:4
C! For then how will God ... Rom 3:6
the law through faith? C! ... Rom 3:31
C! How shall we who died .. Rom 6:2
law but under grace? C .... Rom 6:15
Is the law sin? C ..... Rom 7:7
C! But sin, that it might .... Rom 7:13
with God? C ..... Rom 9:14
cast away His people? C ... Rom 11:1
C! But through their fall, .. Rom 11:11
members of a harlot? C ... 1 Cor 6:15
a minister of sin? C ..... Gal 2:17
C! For if there had been ..... Gal 3:21

## CERTAINTY
make you know the c ..... Prov 22:21
you may know the c ..... Luke 1:4

## CERTIFICATE
writes her a c of divorce ... Deut 24:1
Where is the c of your ..... Is 50:1
given her a c of divorce ..... Jer 3:8
a man to write a c ..... Mark 10:4

## CERTIFIED
His testimony has c ..... John 3:33

## CHAFF
c that a storm ..... Job 21:18
c which the wind ..... Ps 1:4
Let them be like c ..... Ps 35:5
be chased like the c ..... Is 17:13
You shall conceive c ..... Is 33:11
the day passes like c ..... Zeph 2:2
He will burn up the c ..... Matt 3:12

## CHAIN
He has made my c ..... Lam 3:7
pit and a great c ..... Rev 20:1

## CHAINED
of God is not c ..... 2 Tim 2:9
the prisoners as if c ..... Heb 13:3

## CHAINS
their kings with c ..... Ps 149:8
your neck with c ..... Song 1:10
And his c fell off ..... Acts 12:7
am, except for these c ..... Acts 26:29
Remember my c ..... Col 4:18
minister to me in my c ..... Philem 13
delivered them into c ..... 2 Pet 2:4

## CHAINWORK
with wreaths of c ..... 1 Kin 7:17
carved palm trees and c .... 2 Chr 3:5

## CHAIR
and a table and a c ..... 2 Kin 4:10

## CHALCEDONY
sapphire, the third c ..... Rev 21:19

## CHALDEA
Originally, the southern portion of Babylonia, Gen 11:31
Applied later to all Babylonia, Dan 3:8
Abram came from, Gen 11:28–31

## CHALDEANS
Attack Job, Job 1:17
Nebuchadnezzar, king of, 2 Kin 24:1
Jerusalem defeated by, 2 Kin 25:1–21
Babylon, "the glory of," Is 13:19
Predicted captivity of Jews among, Jer 25:1–26
God's agent, Hab 1:6

## CHALK
he marks one out with c ..... Is 44:13

## CHALKSTONES
c that are beaten to dust ..... Is 27:9

## CHAMBER
went into his c and wept .. Gen 43:30
in his cool private c) ..... Judg 3:20
into an inner c to hide ... 2 Chr 18:24
go out from his c ..... Joel 2:16

## CHAMBERS
and the c of the south ..... Job 9:9
brought me into his c ..... Song 1:4
and his c by injustice ..... Jer 22:13

## CHAMPION
And a c went out from .... 1 Sam 17:4

## CHANCE
time and c happen to ..... Eccl 9:11

## CHANGE
c his countenance ..... Job 14:20
c the night into day ..... Job 17:12
and who can make Him c .. Job 23:13
Because they do not c ..... Ps 55:19
a cloak You will c ..... Ps 102:26
with those given to c ..... Prov 24:21
Can the Ethiopian c ..... Jer 13:23
c times and law ..... Dan 7:25
c their glory into ..... Hos 4:7
the LORD, I do not c ..... Mal 3:6
now and to c my tone ..... Gal 4:20
there is also a c ..... Heb 7:12

## CHANGED
c my wages ten times, ..... Gen 31:7
c his clothing, and came ... Gen 41:14
them, and they will be c .... Ps 102:26
But My people have c ..... Jer 2:11
his countenance was c, ..... Dan 5:9
c the glory of the ..... Rom 1:23
but we shall all be c ..... 1 Cor 15:51
up, and they will be c ..... Heb 1:12
the priesthood being c ..... Heb 7:12

## CHANGERS'
and poured out the c ..... John 2:15

## CHANGES
c the times and the ..... Dan 2:21

## CHANNELS
c of the sea were seen ..... Ps 18:15

## CHANT
who c "Peace" while ..... Mic 3:5

## CHARACTER
and c, hope ..... Rom 5:4
you know his proven c ..... Phil 2:22

## CHARCOAL
As c is to burning coals, .. Prov 26:21

## CHARGE
My voice and kept My c .... Gen 26:5
shall not c him interest ..... Ex 22:25
You shall not c interest ... Deut 23:19
in c of the music ..... 1 Chr 15:22
kept the c of their God .... Neh 12:45
not sin nor c God with ..... Job 1:22
His angels c over you ..... Ps 91:11
His angels c over you ..... Matt 4:6
His angels c over You ..... Luke 4:10
not c them with this sin .... Acts 7:60
shall bring a c against ..... Rom 8:33
of Christ without c ..... 1 Cor 9:18
of God to you free of c .... 2 Cor 11:7
anyone's bread free of c .. 2 Thess 3:8
This c I commit to you, ... 1 Tim 1:18

## CHARGED
May it not be c ..... 2 Tim 4:16

## CHARIOT
He took off their c ..... Ex 14:25
that suddenly a c ..... 2 Kin 2:11
makes the clouds His c ..... Ps 104:3
and overtake this c ..... Acts 8:29

## CHARIOTEERS
killed seven hundred c .. 2 Sam 10:18

## CHARIOTS
the clatter of his c ..... Judg 5:28
Some trust in c ..... Ps 20:7
The c of God are ..... Ps 68:17

## CHARITABLE
you do not do your c ..... Matt 6:1
that your c deed ..... Matt 6:4
c deeds which she ..... Acts 9:36

## CHARM
C is deceitful and ..... Prov 31:30

## CHARMED
may bite when it is not c .. Eccl 10:11
vipers which cannot be c .... Jer 8:17

## CHARMERS
heed the voice of c ..... Ps 58:5

CHARMS
the perfume boxes, the c. ..... Is 3:20
have scattered your c to ..... Jer 3:13
who sew magic c ..... Ezek 13:18

CHASE
Five of you shall c ..... Lev 26:8
How could one c ..... Deut 32:30
angel of the LORD c ..... Ps 35:5

CHASTE
may present you as a c .... 2 Cor 11:2
to be discreet, c ..... Titus 2:5
c conduct accompanied ..... 1 Pet 3:2

CHASTEN
C your son while there .... Prov 19:18
is My desire, I will c ..... Hos 10:10
a father does not c ..... Heb 12:7
I love, I rebuke and c ..... Rev 3:19

CHASTENED
c my soul with fasting ..... Ps 69:10
c every morning ..... Ps 73:14
The LORD has c me ..... Ps 118:18
In vain I have c ..... Jer 2:30
c us as seemed best ..... Heb 12:10

CHASTENING
have not seen the c ..... Deut 11:2
do not despise the c ..... Job 5:17
'I have borne c ..... Job 34:31
a prayer when Your c ..... Is 26:16
if you are without c ..... Heb 12:8
Now no c seems to be ..... Heb 12:11

CHASTENS
the LORD your God c you .... Deut 8:5
the LORD loves He c ..... Heb 12:6

CHASTISE
and I, even I, will c ..... Lev 26:28
c them according ..... Hos 7:12
I will therefore c ..... Luke 23:22

CHASTISED
father c you with whips, .. 1 Kin 12:11
have c me, and I was c ..... Jer 31:18

CHASTISEMENT
the c for our peace ..... Is 53:5

CHATTER
c leads only to poverty .... Prov 14:23

CHEAT
'You shall not c ..... Lev 19:13
Beware lest anyone c ..... Col 2:8

CHEATED
let yourselves be c ..... 1 Cor 6:7
we have c no one ..... 2 Cor 7:2

CHEBAR
River in Babylonia, Ezek 1:3
Site of Ezekiel's visions, Ezek 10:15, 20

CHEDORLAOMER
A king of Elam; invaded Canaan, Gen 14:1–16

CHEEK
Let him give his c ..... Lam 3:30
with a rod on the c ..... Mic 5:1
on your right c ..... Matt 5:39

CHEEKBONE
my enemies on the c ..... Ps 3:7

CHEEKS
c are lovely with ..... Song 1:10
His c are like a bed ..... Song 5:13
struck Me, and My c ..... Is 50:6

CHEER
*See* BE OF GOOD CHEER
and let your heart c ..... Eccl 11:9
"Son, be of good c ..... Matt 9:2

CHEERFUL
makes a c countenance ... Prov 15:13
for God loves a c ..... 2 Cor 9:7
Is anyone c? Let him ..... James 5:13

CHEERFULNESS
shows mercy, with c ..... Rom 12:8

CHEESE
and curdle me like c ..... Job 10:10

CHEMOSH
The god of the Moabites, Num 21:29
Children sacrificed to, 2 Kin 3:26, 27
Solomon builds altars to, 1 Kin 11:7
Josiah destroys altars of, 2 Kin 23:13

CHERISHES
but nourishes and c ..... Eph 5:29
as a nursing mother c .... 1 Thess 2:7

CHERUB
Make one c at one end, ..... Ex 25:19
c at one end on this side ..... Ex 37:8
He rode upon a c ..... 2 Sam 22:11
other c was ten cubits ..... 1 Kin 6:25
And He rode upon a c, ..... Ps 18:10
the wheels, under the c .... Ezek 10:2
anointed c who covers .... Ezek 28:14
tree between c and c ..... Ezek 41:18

CHERUBIM
and He placed c ..... Gen 3:24
shall make two c of gold .... Ex 25:18
an artistic design of c ..... Ex 26:31
dwells between the c ..... 2 Sam 6:2
two c of olive wood ..... 1 Kin 6:23
out the wings of the c so .. 1 Kin 6:27
were lions, oxen, and c .... 1 Kin 7:29
its panels he engraved c ... 1 Kin 7:36
under the wings of the c .... 1 Kin 8:6
c overshadowed the ark .... 2 Chr 5:8
dwell between the c ..... Ps 80:1
who dwells between the c .... Is 37:16
fire from among the c ..... Ezek 10:2
above it were the c ..... Heb 9:5

CHEST
offering in a c by its side .. 1 Sam 6:8
the c with the gold rats ... 1 Sam 6:11
the priest took a c ..... 2 Kin 12:9
came and emptied the c .. 2 Chr 24:11

CHESTNUT
c trees, peeled white ..... Gen 30:37

CHEW
or does not c the cud, is .... Lev 11:26

CHEWING
What the c locust left, the .... Joel 1:4
the c locust, my great ..... Joel 2:25

CHICKS
gathers her c under her ... Matt 23:37

CHIEF
is white and ruddy, c ..... Song 5:10
of whom I am c ..... 1 Tim 1:15
Zion a c cornerstone ..... 1 Pet 2:6
has become the c ..... 1 Pet 2:7
C Shepherd appears ..... 1 Pet 5:4

CHILD
*See* WITH CHILD
she is with c by harlotry ... Gen 38:24
that he was a beautiful c ..... Ex 2:2
c grew, and she brought ..... Ex 2:10
the c shall be a Nazirite .... Judg 13:5
the c ministered to the .... 1 Sam 2:11
c Samuel grew in stature . 1 Sam 2:26
named the c Ichabod ..... 1 Sam 4:21
her dead c in my bosom ... 1 Kin 3:20
Divide the living c in two .. 1 Kin 3:25
soul of the c came back .. 1 Kin 17:22
flesh of the c became ..... 2 Kin 4:34
Like a weaned c ..... Ps 131:2
c is known by his ..... Prov 20:11
Train up a c in the ..... Prov 22:6
before the C shall know ..... Is 7:16
For unto us a C ..... Is 9:6
c shall lead them ..... Is 11:6
When Israel was a c ..... Hos 11:1
with c of the Holy Spirit .... Matt 1:18
virgin shall be with c ..... Matt 1:23
He took a little c ..... Mark 9:36
of God as a little c ..... Mark 10:15
kind of c will this be ..... Luke 1:66
So the c grew and ..... Luke 1:80
the circumcision of the C .. Luke 2:21
When I was a c ..... 1 Cor 13:11
She bore a male C ..... Rev 12:5

CHILDBEARING
she will be saved in c ..... 1 Tim 2:15

CHILDBIRTH
pain as a woman in c ..... Is 13:8

CHILDHOOD
from your flesh, for c ..... Eccl 11:10
And he said, "From c ..... Mark 9:21
c you have known ..... 2 Tim 3:15

CHILDISH
I put away c things ..... 1 Cor 13:11

CHILDLESS
give me, seeing I go c ..... Gen 15:2
this man down as c ..... Jer 22:30

CHILDREN
*See* LITTLE CHILDREN
she bore Jacob no c ..... Gen 30:1
and all of you are c ..... Ps 82:6
c are a heritage ..... Ps 127:3
He has blessed your c ..... Ps 147:13
let the c of Zion be ..... Ps 149:2
c are blessed after ..... Prov 20:7
c rise up and call her ..... Prov 31:28
c are their oppressors ..... Is 3:12
c whom the LORD has ..... Is 8:18
be the peace of your c ..... Is 54:13
they are My people, c ..... Is 63:8
the hearts of the c ..... Mal 4:6
c will rise up against ..... Matt 10:21
and become as little c ..... Matt 18:3
c were brought to Him .... Matt 19:13
"Let the little c ..... Matt 19:14
the right to become c ..... John 1:12
you were Abraham's c ..... John 8:39
spirit that we are c ..... Rom 8:16
but as my beloved c ..... 1 Cor 4:14
Brethren, do not be c ..... 1 Cor 14:20
c ought not to lay up ..... 2 Cor 12:14
and were by nature c ..... Eph 2:3
should no longer be c ..... Eph 4:14
Walk as c of light ..... Eph 5:8
and harmless, c of God ..... Phil 2:15
now we are c of God ..... 1 John 3:2
that we love the c ..... 1 John 5:2
to hear that my c ..... 3 John 4

CHILDREN'S
are really ours and our c .. Gen 31:16
the c children to the third .... Ex 34:7
His righteousness to c ..... Ps 103:17
you see your c children ..... Ps 128:6
inheritance to his c ..... Prov 13:22
C children are the crown ... Prov 17:6
the c teeth are set on edge .. Jer 31:29
good to take the c bread .. Matt 15:26
eat from the c crumbs ..... Mark 7:28

CHILION
Elimelech's son, Ruth 1:2
Orpah's deceased husband, Ruth 1:4, 5
Boaz redeems his estate, Ruth 4:9

CHINNERETH (or Chinneroth)
Fortified city in Naphtali, Deut 3:17
A region bordering the Sea of Galilee, 1 Kin 15:20
Same as the plain of Gennesaret, Matt 14:34
—— The O.T. name for the Sea of Galilee, Num 34:11
Also called Lake of Gennesaret, Luke 5:1

CHOICE
rather than c gold ..... Prov 8:10

CHOIR
c went the opposite way, . . Neh 12:38

CHOKE
things entering in c the . . . . Mark 4:19

CHOKED
thorns sprang up and c . . . . Matt 13:7
are c with cares, riches, . . . . Luke 8:14

CHOOSE
therefore c life . . . . . Deut 30:19
c none of his ways . . . . . Prov 3:31
evil and c the good . . . . . Is 7:15
will still c Israel . . . . . Is 14:1
will again c Jerusalem . . . . . Zech 1:17
You did not c Me, but I . . . John 15:16
yet what I shall c . . . . . Phil 1:22

CHOOSES
in the way He c . . . . . Ps 25:12

CHOSE
a good while ago God c . . . . Acts 15:7
just as He c us in Him . . . . . Eph 1:4
from the beginning c . . . . 2 Thess 2:13

CHOSEN
the LORD has c you to be . . . Deut 14:2
has c them to minister to . . . Deut 21:5
c the son of Jesse to . . . . . 1 Sam 20:30
of Jacob, His c . . . . . 1 Chr 16:13
I have c Jerusalem, that . . . . 2 Chr 6:6
I have c David to be over . . . 2 Chr 6:6
people He has c . . . . . Ps 33:12
a covenant with My c . . . . . Ps 89:3
c the way of truth . . . . . Ps 119:30
A good name is to be c . . . . Prov 22:1
servant whom I have c . . . . . Is 43:10
Is it a fast that I have c . . . . . Is 58:5
c that good part . . . . . Luke 10:42
I know whom I have c . . . . John 13:18
c you that you should . . . . . Acts 22:14
c the foolish things . . . . . 1 Cor 1:27
Has God not c the poor . . . . James 2:5
But you are a c . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9

CHRIST
*See* JESUS; LORD JESUS CHRIST; LOVE OF CHRIST; YOU ARE THE CHRIST
Preexistence of, Ps 2:7; John 8:58; Col 1:15–18
Birth of, from a virgin, Is 7:14; Matt 1:18–25
Deity of, Is 9:6; John 1:1, 14, 18; 20:28, 29; Rom 9:5; Heb 1:8
Humanity of, Gen 3:15; Matt 22:45; Luke 3:38; John 1:14; 1 Cor 15:45–47; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:5–11; 1 Tim 2:5
Character of:
omnipotent, Matt 28:18
omniscient, Col 2:3
omnipresent, Matt 18:20
eternal, John 1:1, 2, 15
holy, Luke 1:35
righteous, Is 53:11
just, Zech 9:9
guileless, 1 Pet 2:22
sinless, 2 Cor 5:21
spotless, 1 Pet 1:19
innocent, Matt 27:4
gentle, Matt 11:29
merciful, Heb 2:17
humble, Phil 2:8
forgiving, Luke 23:34
Mission of:
do God's will, John 6:38
save sinners, Luke 19:10
destroy Satan's works, Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8
fulfill the O.T., Matt 5:17
give life, John 10:10, 28
complete revelation, Heb 1:1
Worshiped by:
O.T. saints, Josh 5:13–15
demons, Mark 5:2, 6
men, John 9:38
angels, Heb 1:6
disciples, Luke 24:52
saints in glory, Rev 7:9, 10
all, Phil 2:10, 11
O.T. types of:
Adam, Rom 5:14
Abel, Heb 12:24
Moses, Deut 18:15
Passover, 1 Cor 5:7
manna, John 6:32
bronze serpent, John 3:14
genealogy of Jesus C . . . . . Matt 1:1
Jesus who is called C . . . . . Matt 1:16
"You are the C . . . . . Matt 16:16
do you think about the C . . Matt 22:42
if You are the C . . . . . Matt 26:63
of the gospel of Jesus C, . . . . Mark 1:1
You are the C . . . . . Mark 8:29
Are You the C, the Son . . Mark 14:61
a Savior, who is C . . . . . Luke 2:11
and said, "The C of God . . . Luke 9:20
that He Himself is C . . . . . Luke 23:2
is translated, the C) . . . . . John 1:41
the law that the C . . . . . John 12:34
believe that Jesus is the C . John 20:31
crucified, both Lord and C . . Acts 2:36
preaching Jesus as the C . . . Acts 5:42
he preached the C . . . . . Acts 9:20
that this Jesus is the C . . . . . Acts 9:22
Jesus the C heals . . . . . Acts 9:34
the C had to suffer and . . . . . Acts 17:3
that Jesus is the C . . . . . Acts 18:28
that the C would suffer, . . . Acts 26:23
His Son Jesus C our Lord . . . Rom 1:3
faith in Jesus C to all and . . Rom 3:22
through our Lord Jesus C . . . Rom 5:1
in due time C died for the . . . Rom 5:6
through our Lord Jesus C . . Rom 5:11
through the One, Jesus C . . Rom 5:17
that just as C was raised . . . . Rom 6:4
life in C Jesus our Lord . . . . Rom 6:23
law through the body of C . . Rom 7:4
those who are in C Jesus . . . . Rom 8:1
have the Spirit of C . . . . . Rom 8:9
and joint heirs with C . . . . . Rom 8:17
It is C who died . . . . . Rom 8:34
C came, who is over all . . . . . Rom 9:5
C is the end of the law . . . . . Rom 10:4
many, are one body in C . . . Rom 12:5
put on the Lord Jesus C . . . Rom 13:14
For to this end C died . . . . . Rom 14:9
C did not please . . . . . Rom 15:3
just as C also received us, . . Rom 15:7
serve our Lord Jesus C . . . Rom 16:18
are sanctified in C Jesus . . . . 1 Cor 1:2
Is C divided . . . . . 1 Cor 1:13
For C did not send me to . . 1 Cor 1:17
we preach C crucified . . . . . 1 Cor 1:23
Him you are in C Jesus . . . . 1 Cor 1:30
among you except Jesus C . . 1 Cor 2:2
is laid, which is Jesus C . . . 1 Cor 3:11
indeed C, our Passover, . . . . 1 Cor 5:7
bodies are members of C . . 1 Cor 6:15
Lord Jesus C, through . . . . . 1 Cor 8:6
you sin against C . . . . . 1 Cor 8:12
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C who strengthens . . . . . Phil 4:13
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every man perfect in C . . . . . Col 1:28
of the Father and of C . . . . . Col 2:2
received C Jesus the Lord . . . . Col 2:6
but the substance is of C . . . . Col 2:17
you were raised with C . . . . . Col 3:1
hidden with C in God . . . . . Col 3:3
C who is our life . . . . . Col 3:4
C is all and in all . . . . . Col 3:11
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I thank C Jesus our Lord . . 1 Tim 1:12
that C Jesus came into . . . . 1 Tim 1:15
first Jesus C might show . . 1 Tim 1:16
and men, the Man C . . . . . 1 Tim 2:5
in C Jesus before time . . . . . 2 Tim 1:9
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in C Jesus with eternal . . . . 2 Tim 2:10
in C Jesus will suffer . . . . . 2 Tim 3:12
faith which is in C Jesus . . 2 Tim 3:15
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For C has not entered the . . . Heb 9:24
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Spirit of C who was in . . . . . 1 Pet 1:11
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God and Savior Jesus C ..... 2 Pet 1:1
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denies that Jesus is the C . 1 John 2:22
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The Revelation of Jesus C .... Rev 1:1
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CHRISTIAN
me to become a C ..... Acts 26:28
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CHRISTIANS
were first called C ..... Acts 11:26

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We are fools for C sake, ... 1 Cor 4:10
are C at His coming ..... 1 Cor 15:23
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CHRISTS
For false c and ..... Matt 24:24

CHRYSOLITE
sardius, the seventh c ..... Rev 21:20

CHRYSOPRASE
ninth topaz, the tenth c .... Rev 21:20

CHURCH
rock I will build My c ..... Matt 16:18
them, tell it to the c ..... Matt 18:17
c daily those who were ..... Acts 2:47
elders in every c ..... Acts 14:23
do you despise the c ..... 1 Cor 11:22
persecuted the c of God ... 1 Cor 15:9
over all things to the c ..... Eph 1:22
be made known by the c .... Eph 3:10
also loved the c ..... Eph 5:25
Himself a glorious c ..... Eph 5:27
as the Lord does the c ..... Eph 5:29
no c shared with me ..... Phil 4:15
body, which is the c ..... Col 1:24
is the c of the living ..... 1 Tim 3:15
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general assembly and c .... Heb 12:23
To the angel of the c ..... Rev 2:1

CHURCHES
strengthening the c ..... Acts 15:41
The c of Christ greet ..... Rom 16:16
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CHURNING
For as the c of milk ..... Prov 30:33

CHURNS
My heart c within Me ..... Hos 11:8

CILICIA
Paul's homeland, Acts 21:39
Students from, argued with Stephen, Acts 6:9
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CINNAMON
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saffron, calamus and c, .... Song 4:14
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He walks above the c ..... Job 22:14
when He drew a c ..... Prov 8:27
who sits above the c ..... Is 40:22

CIRCUIT
of heaven, and its c ..... Ps 19:6
comes again on its c ..... Eccl 1:6

CIRCUMCISE
c the foreskin of your ..... Deut 10:16
LORD your God will c ..... Deut 30:6
C yourselves to the ..... Jer 4:4
is necessary to c them ..... Acts 15:5

CIRCUMCISED
among you shall be c ..... Gen 17:10
day Abraham was c ..... Gen 17:26
Abraham c his son Isaac .... Gen 21:4
every male was c, all ..... Gen 34:24
let all his males be c ..... Ex 12:48
of Egypt, had not been c .... Josh 5:5
c him on the eighth day ..... Acts 7:8
who will justify the c ..... Rom 3:30
While he was c ..... Rom 4:10
the gospel for the c ..... Gal 2:7
if you become c ..... Gal 5:2
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In Him you were also c ..... Col 2:11

CIRCUMCISION
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c that which is outward .... Rom 2:28
c is that of the heart ..... Rom 2:29
a servant to the c ..... Rom 15:8
C is nothing and ..... 1 Cor 7:19
Christ Jesus neither c ..... Gal 5:6
For we are the c ..... Phil 3:3
circumcised with the c ..... Col 2:11
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CIRCUMSPECTLY
then that you walk c ..... Eph 5:15

CISTERN
waters of his own c ..... 2 Kin 18:31
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CISTERNS
and hewn themselves c ..... Jer 2:13
went to the c and found ..... Jer 14:3

CITIES
He overthrew those c ..... Gen 19:25
repair the ruined c ..... Is 61:4
c are a wilderness ..... Is 64:10
c will be laid waste ..... Jer 4:7
three parts, and the c ..... Rev 16:19

CITIZEN
But I was born a c ..... Acts 22:28

CITIZENS
But his c hated him ..... Luke 19:14
but fellow c with the ..... Eph 2:19

CITIZENSHIP
sum I obtained this c ..... Acts 22:28
For our c is in heaven ..... Phil 3:20

CITY
*See* HOLY CITY
And he built a c ..... Gen 4:17
shall make glad the c ..... Ps 46:4
c shall flourish ..... Ps 72:16
They found no c ..... Ps 107:4
c that is compact ..... Ps 122:3
the LORD guards the c ..... Ps 127:1
at the entry of the c ..... Prov 8:3
c has become a harlot ..... Is 1:21
upon Zion, the c ..... Is 33:20
after the holy c ..... Is 48:2
How lonely sits the c ..... Lam 1:1
Nineveh, that great c ..... Jon 4:11
c that dwelt securely ..... Zeph 2:15
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c called Nazareth ..... Matt 2:23
c that is set on a ..... Matt 5:14
He has prepared a c ..... Heb 11:16
Zion and to the c ..... Heb 12:22
have no continuing c ..... Heb 13:14
will tread the holy c ..... Rev 11:2
fallen, that great c ..... Rev 14:8
and the beloved c ..... Rev 20:9
John, saw the holy c ..... Rev 21:2
c was pure gold ..... Rev 21:18
c had no need of the ..... Rev 21:23
the gates into the c ..... Rev 22:14

CITY OF DAVID
of Zion (that is, the C ..... 2 Sam 5:7
with him into the C ..... 2 Sam 6:10
was buried in the C ..... 1 Kin 2:10
of the Lord from the C ..... 1 Kin 8:1
was buried in the C ..... 1 Kin 11:43
for himself in the C ..... 1 Chr 15:1
the Millo in the C ..... 2 Chr 32:5
the west side of the C .... 2 Chr 32:30
that go down from the C .... Neh 3:15
up the stairs of the C. ..... Neh 12:37
the damage to the c, ..... Is 22:9
into Judea, to the c, ..... Luke 2:4
this day in the c a Savior, .. Luke 2:11

CLAD
was c with zeal as a cloak ... Is 59:17

CLAMOROUS
A foolish woman is c ..... Prov 9:13

CLANGING
brass or a c cymbal ..... 1 Cor 13:1

CLAP
c their hands at him ..... Job 27:23
Oh, c your hands ..... Ps 47:1
let the rivers c ..... Ps 98:8
of the field shall c ..... Is 55:12

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CLAY
dwell in houses of c ..... Job 4:19
have made me like c ..... Job 10:9
are defenses of c ..... Job 13:12
been formed out of c ..... Job 33:6
takes on form like c ..... Job 38:14
pit, out of the miry c ..... Ps 40:2
be esteemed as the c ..... Is 29:16
Shall the c say to him ..... Is 45:9
We are the c, and You ..... Is 64:8
"Look, as the c ..... Jer 18:6
iron and partly of c ..... Dan 2:33
blind man with the c ..... John 9:6
have power over the c ..... Rom 9:21
but also of wood and c .... 2 Tim 2:20

CLEAN
seven each of every c ..... Gen 7:2
outside the camp to a c ..... Lev 4:12
all who are c may eat of it .. Lev 7:19
between unclean and c .... Lev 10:10
shall be c from the flow ..... Lev 12:7
shall pronounce him c ..... Lev 13:23
wash his clothes and be c .. Lev 13:34
wash in them and be c .... 2 Kin 5:12
all of them were ritually c .. Ezra 6:20
pure, and I am c in your .... Job 11:4
Who can bring a c ..... Job 14:4
He who has c hands and ..... Ps 24:4
hyssop, and I shall be c ..... Ps 51:7
Create in me a c heart, ..... Ps 51:10
I have made my heart c, ... Prov 20:9
make yourselves c ..... Is 1:16
the midst of her, be c ..... Is 52:11
Then I will sprinkle c ..... Ezek 36:25
c out His threshing ..... Matt 3:12
You can make me c ..... Matt 8:2
outside of them may be c . Matt 23:26
wrapped it in a c linen .... Matt 27:59
all things are c ..... Luke 11:41
but is completely c ..... John 13:10
"You are not all c ..... John 13:11
You are already c ..... John 15:3
your own heads; I am c .... Acts 18:6

in fine linen, c ..... Rev 19:8

## CLEANNESS
according to the c of .... 2 Sam 22:21
According to the c of my .... Ps 18:20
Also I gave you c of teeth .. Amos 4:6

## CLEANSE
You shall c the altar ..... Ex 29:36
and c them ceremonially .... Num 8:6
and c my hands with soap, .. Job 9:30
C me from secret ..... Ps 19:12
and c me from my sin ..... Ps 51:2
How can a young man c .... Ps 119:9
I will c you from all ..... Ezek 36:25
they shall c the altar ..... Ezek 43:22
c the lepers, raise ..... Matt 10:8
For you c the outside ..... Matt 23:25
let us c ourselves from all .. 2 Cor 7:1
might sanctify and c ..... Eph 5:26
c your conscience ..... Heb 9:14
C your hands ..... James 4:8
us our sins and to c ..... 1 John 1:9

## CLEANSED
He who is to be c shall ..... Lev 14:8
Surely I have c ..... Ps 73:13
and you were not c ..... Ezek 24:13
the sanctuary shall be c .... Dan 8:14
I am willing; be c." ..... Matt 8:3
the lepers are c ..... Matt 11:5
they went, they were c ... Luke 17:14
"Were there not ten c .... Luke 17:17
God has c you must ..... Acts 10:15

## CLEANSES
Therefore if anyone c ..... 2 Tim 2:21
Jesus Christ His Son c .... 1 John 1:7

## CLEAR
c shining after rain ..... 2 Sam 23:4
fair as the moon, c ..... Song 6:10
yourselves to be c ..... 2 Cor 7:11
like a jasper stone, c ..... Rev 21:11
of life, c as crystal ..... Rev 22:1

## CLEARLY
I not c reveal Myself ..... 1 Sam 2:27
you will see c to remove .... Matt 7:5
hour of the day he saw c ... Acts 10:3
c portrayed among you ..... Gal 3:1
men's sins are c evident .. 1 Tim 5:24

## CLEARS
by no means c the guilty .. Num 14:18

## CLEFTS
to go into the c ..... Is 2:21
valleys and in the c ..... Is 7:19
you who dwell in the c ..... Jer 49:16

## CLERK
c had quieted the ..... Acts 19:35

## CLIFF
secret places of the c ..... Song 2:14

## CLIMB
go into thickets and c ..... Jer 4:29
mighty men, they c ..... Joel 2:7
though they c up to ..... Amos 9:2

## CLIMBED
c up into a sycamore tree .. Luke 19:4

## CLIMBS
c up some other way ..... John 10:1

## CLING
and that you may c ..... Deut 30:20
to her, "Do not c ..... John 20:17
C to what is good ..... Rom 12:9

## CLINGS
and My tongue c ..... Ps 22:15
My soul c to the dust ..... Ps 119:25

## CLOAK
c You will change them .... Ps 102:26
let him have your c ..... Matt 5:40
c You will fold them ..... Heb 1:12
using liberty as a c ..... 1 Pet 2:16

## CLODS
The c of the valley ..... Job 21:33

## CLOSE
c friends abhor me ..... Job 19:19
of Christ he came c ..... Phil 2:30

## CLOSED
c up the flesh in its place ... Gen 2:21
LORD had c her womb ..... 1 Sam 1:5
and has c your eyes ..... Is 29:10
for the words are c ..... Dan 12:9
the deep c around me ..... Jon 2:5
Then He c the book, and .. Luke 4:20
their eyes they have c ..... Acts 28:27

## CLOSER
sticks c than a brother .... Prov 18:24

## CLOTH
a piece of unshrunk c ..... Matt 9:16
in a clean linen c ..... Matt 27:59

## CLOTHE
c them with tunics ..... Ex 40:14
c me with skin and ..... Job 10:11
c her priests with ..... Ps 132:16
His enemies I will c ..... Ps 132:18
Though you c yourself ..... Jer 4:30
He not much more c ..... Matt 6:30

## CLOTHED
of skin, and c them ..... Gen 3:21
Have you c his neck ..... Job 39:19
off my sackcloth and c ..... Ps 30:11
The pastures are c ..... Ps 65:13
the LORD is c ..... Ps 93:1
You are c with honor ..... Ps 104:1
c himself with cursing ..... Ps 109:18
Let Your priests be c ..... Ps 132:9
all her household is c ..... Prov 31:21
c you with fine linen ..... Ezek 16:10
A man c in soft ..... Matt 11:8
I was naked and you c .... Matt 25:36
legion, sitting and c ..... Mark 5:15
And they c Him with ..... Mark 15:17
rich man who was c ..... Luke 16:19
desiring to be c ..... 2 Cor 5:2
that you may be c ..... Rev 3:18
a woman c with the sun .... Rev 12:1
He was c with a robe ..... Rev 19:13

## CLOTHES
*See* TORE HIS CLOTHES
c will abhor me ..... Job 9:31
c became shining ..... Mark 9:3
many spread their c ..... Luke 19:36
laid down their c ..... Acts 7:58
and tore off their c ..... Acts 22:23
a poor man in filthy c ..... James 2:2

## CLOTHING
c they cast lots ..... Ps 22:18
c is woven with gold ..... Ps 45:13
will provide your c ..... Prov 27:26
and honor are her c ..... Prov 31:25
of vengeance for c ..... Is 59:17
the body more than c ..... Matt 6:25
do you worry about c ..... Matt 6:28
to you in sheep's c ..... Matt 7:15
those who wear soft c ..... Matt 11:8
c as white as snow ..... Matt 28:3
c they cast lots ..... John 19:24
before me in bright c ..... Acts 10:30

## CLOTHS
wrapped in swaddling c ... Luke 2:12
in, saw the linen c ..... John 20:5

## CLOUD
My rainbow in the c ..... Gen 9:13
rainbow shall be in the c .... Gen 9:16
day in a pillar of c ..... Ex 13:21
c covered the mountain ..... Ex 24:15
c descended and stood ..... Ex 33:9
the c above the mercy seat .. Lev 16:2
that the c of incense may .. Lev 16:13
that the c filled the house .. 1 Kin 8:10
LORD, was filled with a c .. 2 Chr 5:13
would dwell in the dark c ... 2 Chr 6:1
c did not depart ..... Neh 9:19
He led them with the c ..... Ps 78:14
his favor is like a c ..... Prov 16:15
like a c of dew in the heat .... Is 18:4
these who fly like a c ..... Is 60:8
rainbow in a c on a ..... Ezek 1:28
like a morning c ..... Hos 6:4
behold, a bright c ..... Matt 17:5
c came and overshadowed . Luke 9:34
of Man coming in a c ..... Luke 21:27
c received Him out of ..... Acts 1:9
were under the c ..... 1 Cor 10:1
by so great a c ..... Heb 12:1
ascended to heaven in a c .. Rev 11:12

## CLOUDS
a morning without c ..... 2 Sam 23:4
c poured out water ..... Ps 77:17
and hail, snow and c ..... Ps 148:8
c drop down the dew ..... Prov 3:20
he who regards the c ..... Eccl 11:4
of Man coming on the c ... Matt 24:30
with them in the c ..... 1 Thess 4:17
are c without water ..... Jude 12
He is coming with c ..... Rev 1:7

## CLOUDY
them by day with a c ..... Neh 9:12
spoke to them in the c ..... Ps 99:7

## CLOVEN
the hoof, having c ..... Lev 11:3
chew the cud or have c .... Deut 14:7

## CLUNG
but Ruth c to her ..... Ruth 1:14
Solomon c to these in ..... 1 Kin 11:2

## CLUSTER
beloved is to me a c ..... Song 1:14
wine is found in the c ..... Is 65:8

## CNIDUS
City of Asia Minor on Paul's voyage. Acts 27:7

## COAL
in his hand a live c ..... Is 6:6
it shall not be a c ..... Is 47:14

## COALS
wicked He will rain c ..... Ps 11:6
c were kindled by it ..... Ps 18:8
let burning c fall ..... Ps 140:10
Can one walk on hot c ..... Prov 6:28
so you will heap c ..... Prov 25:22
doing you will heap c ..... Rom 12:20

## COARSE
robe of c hair to deceive ... Zech 13:4
nor c jesting, which are ..... Eph 5:4

## COBRA
it becomes c venom ..... Job 20:14
c that stops its ear ..... Ps 58:4
the lion and the c ..... Ps 91:13

## COBRA'S
shall play by the c ..... Is 11:8

## CODE
even with your written c ... Rom 2:27

## COFFIN
and he was put in a c ..... Gen 50:26
David followed the c ..... 2 Sam 3:31
touched the open c ..... Luke 7:14

## COIN
sold for a copper c ..... Matt 10:29
if she loses one c ..... Luke 15:8

## COLD
and harvest, c and ..... Gen 8:22
can stand before His c ..... Ps 147:17
Like the c of snow in ..... Prov 25:13
c water to a weary ..... Prov 25:25
c water in the name of .... Matt 10:42
of many will grow c ..... Matt 24:12

that you are neither c ..... Rev 3:15

COLLECTED
coming I might have c .... Luke 19:23

COLLECTION
from Jerusalem the c ..... 2 Chr 24:6
concerning the c ..... 1 Cor 16:1

COLLECTOR
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COLOR
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the c of burnished bronze ... Ezek 1:7
c of an awesome crystal ... Ezek 1:22
the c of a beryl stone ..... Ezek 10:9
all faces are drained of c ..... Joel 2:6

COLORS
him a tunic of many c ..... Gen 37:3
on a robe of many c ..... 2 Sam 13:18
stones of various c, all .... 1 Chr 29:2

COLOSSE
A city in Asia Minor, Col 1:2
Evangelized by Epaphras, Col 1:7
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COLT
and his donkey's c ..... Gen 49:11
on a donkey, a c ..... Zech 9:9
on a donkey, a c ..... Matt 21:5
own clothes on the c ..... Luke 19:35

COME
then does wisdom c ..... Job 28:20
of glory shall c ..... Ps 24:7
Our God shall c ..... Ps 50:3
You all flesh will c ..... Ps 65:2
C with me from Lebanon ... Song 4:8
He will c and save you ..... Is 35:4
who have no money, C ..... Is 55:1
Your kingdom c ..... Matt 6:10
C to Me ..... Matt 11:28
For many will c ..... Matt 24:5
Israel, let Him now c ..... Matt 27:42
If anyone desires to c ..... Luke 9:23
kingdom of God has c ..... Luke 10:9
I have c in My ..... John 5:43
and I have not c ..... John 7:28
thirsts, let him c ..... John 7:37
c that they may have ..... John 10:10
c as a light into the ..... John 12:46
I will c to you ..... John 14:18
If I had not c ..... John 15:22
savage wolves will c ..... Acts 20:29
O Lord, c ..... 1 Cor 16:22
the door, I will c ..... Rev 3:20
the bride say, "C ..... Rev 22:17

COMELINESS
He has no form or c ..... Is 53:2

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'Come,' and he c ..... Matt 8:9
Lord's death till He c ..... 1 Cor 11:26
Then c the end ..... 1 Cor 15:24

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daughters arose to c him .. Gen 37:35
speak c to your servants .. 2 Sam 19:7
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and Your staff, they c ..... Ps 23:4
And c me on every side ..... Ps 71:21
is my c in my affliction ..... Ps 119:50
kindness be for my c ..... Ps 119:76
When will you c ..... Ps 119:82
go up to the c of my bed .... Ps 132:3
yes, c My people ..... Is 40:1
For the LORD will c ..... Is 51:3
c all who mourn ..... Is 61:2
comforts, so I will c you ..... Is 66:13
she has none to c her ..... Lam 1:2
wilderness, and speak c to .. Hos 2:14
the LORD will again c ..... Zech 1:17
c them concerning their .. John 11:19
in the c of the Holy Spirit, .. Acts 9:31
c of the Scriptures might ... Rom 15:4
and exhortation and c to .. 1 Cor 14:3
and God of all c ..... 2 Cor 1:3
trouble, with the c ..... 2 Cor 1:4
that he may c your hearts ... Eph 6:22
in Christ, if any c ..... Phil 2:1
and c your hearts, ..... Col 4:8
c one another ..... 1 Thess 4:18
c each other and edify ... 1 Thess 5:11
c your hearts and ..... 2 Thess 2:17

COMFORTED
So Isaac was c after ..... Gen 24:67
c them and spoke kindly .. Gen 50:21
David c Bathsheba ..... 2 Sam 12:24
soul refused to be c ..... Ps 77:2
For the LORD has c ..... Is 49:13
refusing to be c ..... Jer 31:15
children, refusing to be c ... Matt 2:18
mourn, for they shall be c ... Matt 5:4
but now he is c ..... Luke 16:25
they were not a little c .... Acts 20:12
ourselves are c by God ..... 2 Cor 1:4

COMFORTER
but they have no c ..... Eccl 4:1
She had no c ..... Lam 1:9

COMFORTERS
because he has sent c to .. 2 Sam 10:3
miserable c are you all ..... Job 16:2
for c, but I found none ..... Ps 69:20

COMFORTS
the army, as one who c .... Job 29:25
I, even I, am He who c ..... Is 51:12
him, and restore c ..... Is 57:18
one whom his mother c ..... Is 66:13
who c us in all our ..... 2 Cor 1:4
who c the downcast ..... 2 Cor 7:6

COMING
your salvation is c ..... Is 62:11
behold, the day is c ..... Mal 4:1
but He who is c ..... Matt 3:11
"Are You the C ..... Matt 11:3
be the sign of Your c ..... Matt 24:3
is delaying his c ..... Matt 24:48
see the Son of Man c ..... Mark 13:26
mightier than I is c ..... Luke 3:16
are Christ's at His c ..... 1 Cor 15:23
to you the power and c .... 2 Pet 1:16
the promise of His c ..... 2 Pet 3:4
Behold, I am c ..... Rev 3:11
"Behold, I am c ..... Rev 22:7
"Surely I am c ..... Rev 22:20

COMMAND
in order that he may c ..... Gen 18:19
shall speak all that I c you .... Ex 7:2
transgress the c of the .... Num 14:41
add to the word which I c ... Deut 4:2
I c you today you must be ... Deut 8:1
Whatever I c you, be ..... Deut 12:32
therefore I c you, saying .. Deut 15:11
"The LORD will c ..... Deut 28:8
in that I c you ..... Deut 30:16
today, which you shall c .. Deut 32:46
c His lovingkindness ..... Ps 42:8
c victories for Jacob ..... Ps 44:4
you, and whatever I c you .... Jer 1:7
to them all that I c you ..... Jer 1:17
to all that I c ..... Jer 11:4
that I c you to speak to ..... Jer 26:2
c that these stones ..... Matt 4:3
if it is You, c ..... Matt 14:28
c fire to come down ..... Luke 9:54
c I have received ..... John 10:18
And I know that His c .... John 12:50
if you do whatever I c .... John 15:14
These things I c you, ..... John 15:17
do the things we c ..... 2 Thess 3:4
C those who are rich in ... 1 Tim 6:17
kept My c to persevere ..... Rev 3:10

COMMANDED
*See* LORD COMMANDED
the LORD God c the man .... Gen 2:16
to all that the LORD c him .... Gen 7:5
Joseph c his servants the ... Gen 50:2
just as the LORD c them,..... Ex 7:6
which the LORD c him..... Ex 19:7
just as the LORD my God c .. Deut 4:5
LORD c us to observe all .... Deut 6:24
Have I not c you ..... Josh 1:9
did so, as the LORD c ..... 2 Sam 5:25
which I c your fathers .... 2 Kin 17:13
to all that I have c them ... 2 Kin 21:8
do all that I have c them .. 2 Chr 33:8
"Have you c the ..... Job 38:12
He c, and it stood fast ..... Ps 33:9
Which He c our fathers, ..... Ps 78:5
c His covenant forever ..... Ps 111:9
For there the LORD c ..... Ps 133:3
of the LORD, for He c ..... Ps 148:5
things that I have c you ... Matt 28:20
Even so the Lord has c .... 1 Cor 9:14
it is the God who c ..... 2 Cor 4:6
not endure what was c .... Heb 12:20

COMMANDER
the c of his army, spoke ... Gen 21:22
but as C of the army of .... Josh 5:14
c of his army was Sisera, .... Judg 4:2
c over His inheritance .... 1 Sam 10:1
Abner, the c of the ..... 1 Sam 17:55
Joab the c of the army .... 1 Kin 1:19
have a message for you, C .. 2 Kin 9:5
Rehum the c and Shimshai .. Ezra 4:8
news came to the c of ..... Acts 21:31
But the c Lysias came by ... Acts 24:7

COMMANDMENT
to the c of the LORD, ..... Ex 17:1
numbered at the c of the ... Num 3:39
shall keep every c which ... Deut 11:8
heed to do the c ..... Josh 22:5
observe the law and the c . 2 Chr 14:4
according to the c of ..... 2 Chr 29:25
c of the LORD is pure ..... Ps 19:8
c is exceedingly broad ..... Ps 119:96
For the c is a lamp ..... Prov 6:23
Me is taught by the c ..... Is 29:13
which is the great c ..... Matt 22:36
is the first and great c .... Matt 22:38
no other c greater than ... Mark 12:31
according to the c ..... Luke 23:56
A new c I give to ..... John 13:34
the Father gave Me c ..... John 14:31
is My c, that you love ..... John 15:12
whom we gave no such c .. Acts 15:24
law, but when the c ..... Rom 7:9
the c might become ..... Rom 7:13
and if there is any other c .. Rom 13:9
as a concession, not as a c .. 1 Cor 7:6
I speak not by c, but ..... 2 Cor 8:8
which is the first c ..... Eph 6:2
have a c to receive tithes ..... Heb 7:5
the holy c delivered to ..... 2 Pet 2:21
of the c of us, the apostles .. 2 Pet 3:2
c is the word which ..... 1 John 2:7
And this is His c ..... 1 John 3:23
as we received c ..... 2 John 4
I wrote a new c to you ..... 2 John 5
This is the c that as you ..... 2 John 6

COMMANDMENTS
love Me and keep My c ..... Ex 20:6
c which I have written, ..... Ex 24:12
covenant, the Ten C ..... Ex 34:28
he gave them as c all that ... Ex 34:32
you shall keep My c ..... Lev 22:31
all the c of the LORD and .. Num 15:39
perform the Ten C ..... Deut 4:13
love Me and keep My c .... Deut 5:10
to observe all these c ..... Deut 6:25

love Him and Keep His c . . . . Deut 7:9
first writing, the Ten C . . . . . Deut 10:4
judgments, and His c . . . . . Deut 11:1
obey the c of the LORD . . . . Deut 11:27
c which I command you . . . . Deut 28:1
your God, to keep His c . . . Deut 30:10
His ways, to keep His c . . . . Josh 22:5
keep His statutes, His c . . . . . 1 Kin 2:3
ways, and to keep His c . . . 1 Kin 8:58
statutes and keep His c . . . . 1 Kin 8:61
steadfast to observe My c . 1 Chr 28:7
heart to keep Your c . . . . . 1 Chr 29:19
You and observe Your c . . . . . Neh 1:5
of God, but keep His c . . . . . Ps 78:7
who remember His c . . . . . Ps 103:18
delights greatly in His c . . . . . Ps 112:1
do not hide Your c . . . . . Ps 119:19
myself in Your c . . . . . Ps 119:47
for I believe Your c . . . . . Ps 119:66
Your c are faithful . . . . . Ps 119:86
c more than gold . . . . . Ps 119:127
Fear God and keep His c. . . Eccl 12:13
that you had heeded My c . . . Is 48:18
those who keep His c . . . . . Dan 9:4
one of the least of these c . . Matt 5:19
as doctrines the c . . . . . Matt 15:9
enter into life, keep the c . . Matt 19:17
c hang all the Law . . . . . Matt 22:40
You know the c . . . . . Mark 10:19
The first of all the c is . . . . Mark 12:29
God, walking in all the c . . . . Luke 1:6
You know the c . . . . . Luke 18:20
He who has My c . . . . . John 14:21
If you keep My c, you . . . . John 15:10
For the c, "You shall not . . . Rom 13:9
keeping the c of God is . . . . 1 Cor 7:19
the law of c contained in . . . . Eph 2:15
according to the c . . . . . Col 2:22
Him, if we keep His c . . . . . 1 John 2:3
because we keep His c . . . 1 John 3:22
he who keeps His c . . . . . 1 John 3:24
love God and keep His c . . 1 John 5:2
walk according to His c . . . . . 2 John 6
keep the c of God and . . . . . Rev 12:17
who keep the c of God . . . . . Rev 14:12

COMMANDS
treasure my c within you . . . . Prov 2:1
let your heart keep my c . . . . Prov 3:1
wise in heart will receive c . Prov 10:8
with authority He c . . . . . Mark 1:27
c all men everywhere . . . . . Acts 17:30

COMMEND
I c you to God and to the . . Acts 20:32
But food does not c . . . . . 1 Cor 8:8
begin again to c ourselves . . 2 Cor 3:1
those who c themselves . . 2 Cor 10:12

COMMENDABLE
For this is c, if because . . . . 1 Pet 2:19
patiently, this is c . . . . . 1 Pet 2:20

COMMENDED
A man will be c . . . . . Prov 12:8
c the unjust steward . . . . . Luke 16:8
where they had been c . . . . Acts 14:26

COMMENDING
of the truth c . . . . . 2 Cor 4:2

COMMENDS
but whom the Lord c . . . . . 2 Cor 10:18

COMMIT
"You shall not c . . . . . Ex 20:14
You shall not c adultery . . . . Deut 5:18
c a trespass in the . . . . . Josh 22:20
C your works to the . . . . . Prov 16:3
mammon, who will c . . . . . Luke 16:11
into Your hands I c . . . . . Luke 23:46
But Jesus did not c . . . . . John 2:24
c sexual immorality . . . . . 1 Cor 10:8
c these to faithful . . . . . 2 Tim 2:2
if you do not c adultery . . . James 2:11
c their souls to Him . . . . . 1 Pet 4:19
c sin not leading . . . . . 1 John 5:16
to c sexual immorality . . . . . Rev 2:14

COMMITS
to you, whoever c . . . . . John 8:34
sin also c lawlessness . . . . . 1 John 3:4

COMMITTED
For My people have c . . . . . Jer 2:13
c things deserving . . . . . Luke 12:48
For God has c them all . . . . Rom 11:32
Guard what was c . . . . . 1 Tim 6:20
"Who c no sin . . . . . 1 Pet 2:22
c Himself to Him who . . . . . 1 Pet 2:23

COMMON
of the c people sins . . . . . Lev 4:27
poor have this in c . . . . . Prov 22:2
c people heard Him . . . . . Mark 12:37
had all things in c . . . . . Acts 2:44
never eaten anything c . . . . Acts 10:14
not call any man c . . . . . Acts 10:28
a true son in our c . . . . . Titus 1:4
concerning our c . . . . . Jude 3

COMMOTION
there arose a great c . . . . . Acts 19:23

COMMUNED
I c with my heart . . . . . Eccl 1:16

COMMUNION
bless, is it not the c . . . . . 1 Cor 10:16
c has light with . . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
c of the Holy Spirit . . . . . 2 Cor 13:14

COMPANION
a man my equal, My c . . . . . Ps 55:13
I am a c of all who . . . . . Ps 119:63
the Man who is My C . . . . . Zech 13:7
urge you also, true c . . . . . Phil 4:3
your brother and c . . . . . Rev 1:9

COMPANIONS
are rebellious, and c . . . . . Is 1:23
and calling to their c . . . . . Matt 11:16
more than Your c . . . . . Heb 1:9
while you became c . . . . . Heb 10:33

COMPANY
great was the c . . . . . Ps 68:11
epistle not to keep c . . . . . 1 Cor 5:9
c corrupts good habits . . . . 1 Cor 15:33
and do not keep c . . . . . 2 Thess 3:14
to an innumerable c . . . . . Heb 12:22

COMPARABLE
make him a helper c to . . . . . Gen 2:18

COMPARE
may desire cannot c . . . . . Prov 3:15
likeness will you c to Him . . . Is 40:18
c ourselves with those . . . . 2 Cor 10:12

COMPARED
the heavens can be c . . . . . Ps 89:6
may desire cannot be c . . . . Prov 8:11
are not worthy to be c . . . . . Rom 8:18

COMPASSION
will have c on whom I will . . Ex 33:19
show you mercy, have c . . Deut 13:17
have c on you, and gather . . Deut 30:3
His people and have c . . . . Deut 32:36
yearned with c for her . . . . . 1 Kin 3:26
had c on them, and . . . . . 2 Kin 13:23
will be treated with c by . . 2 Chr 30:9
He, being full of c . . . . . Ps 78:38
are a God full of c . . . . . Ps 86:15
have c on Your servants . . . . Ps 90:13
He will have c on His . . . . . Ps 135:14
is gracious and full of c . . . . . Ps 145:8
not have c on the son of . . . . . Is 49:15
will return and have c . . . . . Jer 12:15
yet He will show c . . . . . Lam 3:32
for you, to have c on you . . Ezek 16:5
He will again have c on us . . Mic 7:19
c everyone to his . . . . . Zech 7:9
He was moved with c . . . . . Matt 9:36
moved with c for them . . . . Matt 14:14
have c on the multitude, . . Matt 15:32
was moved with c . . . . . Matt 18:27
also have had c . . . . . Matt 18:33
So Jesus had c and . . . . . Matt 20:34
Jesus, moved with c, put . . Mark 1:41
moved with c for them . . . . Mark 6:34
"I have c on the . . . . . Mark 8:2
saw him and had c . . . . . Luke 15:20
whomever I will have c . . . . Rom 9:15
He can have c on those . . . . . Heb 5:2
of one mind, having c . . . . . 1 Pet 3:8
And on some have c . . . . . Jude 22

COMPASSIONATE
c women have cooked . . . . . Lam 4:10
the Lord is very c . . . . . James 5:11

COMPASSIONS
because His c fail not . . . . . Lam 3:22

COMPEL
c them to come in . . . . . Luke 14:23
why do you c Gentiles to . . . . Gal 2:14

COMPELLED
they c to bear His cross . . . Matt 27:32
Macedonia, Paul was c . . . . . Acts 18:5
and c them to blaspheme . . Acts 26:11
was c to be circumcised . . . . . Gal 2:3

COMPELS
the spirit within me c . . . . . Job 32:18
And whoever c . . . . . Matt 5:41
the love of Christ c . . . . . 2 Cor 5:14

COMPETES
everyone who c for the . . . . 1 Cor 9:25
if anyone c in athletics . . . . . 2 Tim 2:5

COMPLACENCY
slay them, and the c . . . . . Prov 1:32
who are settled in c . . . . . Zeph 1:12

COMPLAIN
should a living man c . . . . . Lam 3:39

COMPLAINED
and you c in your . . . . . Deut 1:27
but c in their tents . . . . . Ps 106:25
some of them also c . . . . . 1 Cor 10:10

COMPLAINERS
These are grumblers, c . . . . . Jude 16

COMPLAINING
all things without c . . . . . Phil 2:14

COMPLAINT
"Even today my c . . . . . Job 23:2
I pour out my c . . . . . Ps 142:2
for the LORD has a c . . . . . Mic 6:2
if anyone has a c . . . . . Col 3:13

COMPLAINTS
Who has c . . . . . Prov 23:29
laid many serious c . . . . . Acts 25:7

COMPLETE
would also c this grace . . . . . 2 Cor 8:6
must c the doing of it . . . . . 2 Cor 8:11
that you may be made c . . . 2 Cor 13:9
work in you will c . . . . . Phil 1:6
and you are c in Him . . . . . Col 2:10
and c in all the will of God . . Col 4:12
of God may be c . . . . . 2 Tim 3:17
make you c in every . . . . . Heb 13:21
you may be perfect and c . . James 1:4
the wrath of God is c . . . . . Rev 15:1

COMPLETED
Moses had c writing . . . . . Deut 31:24
house of the LORD was c . . 2 Chr 8:16
is built and the walls c . . . . . Ezra 4:13
when these days were c . . . . . Esth 1:5
when seventy years are c . . . Jer 25:12
days were c for her to be . . . Luke 2:6
work which they had c . . . . Acts 14:26
killed as they were, was c . . . Rev 6:11

COMPLETELY
person shall be c cut off . . Num 15:31
did not c drive them out . . . . Judg 1:28

filthiness *c* from you ..... Ezek 22:15
I made a man *c* well ..... John 7:23
You were *c* born in sins, ... John 9:34
his feet, but is *c* clean .... John 13:10
Himself sanctify you *c* ... 1 Thess 5:23

COMPOSED
But God *c* the body ..... 1 Cor 12:24

COMPREHEND
which we cannot *c* ..... Job 37:5
*c* my path and my lying ..... Ps 139:3
the darkness did not *c* ..... John 1:5
may be able to *c* ..... Eph 3:18

CONCEAL
Almighty I will not *c* ..... Job 27:11
*c* pride from man ..... Job 33:17
of God to *c* a matter ..... Prov 25:2

CONCEALED
*c* Your lovingkindness ..... Ps 40:10
than love carefully *c* ..... Prov 27:5

CONCEIT
selfish ambition or *c* ..... Phil 2:3

CONCEITED
Let us not become *c* ..... Gal 5:26

CONCEIVE
the virgin shall *c* ..... Is 7:14
And behold, you will *c* .... Luke 1:31

CONCEIVED
in sin my mother *c* ..... Ps 51:5
when desire has *c* ..... James 1:15

CONCERN
Neither do I *c* myself ..... Ps 131:1
*c* for My holy name, ..... Ezek 36:21
may the dream *c* those ..... Dan 4:19
the things which *c* ..... Acts 28:31
my deep *c* for all the ..... 2 Cor 11:28

CONCERNED
Is it oxen God is *c* ..... 1 Cor 9:9
*c* only with foods and ..... Heb 9:10

CONCESSION
But I say this as a *c* ..... 1 Cor 7:6

CONCILIATION
*c* pacifies great ..... Eccl 10:4

CONCLUSION
Let us hear the *c* ..... Eccl 12:13

CONCUBINE
with Bilhah his father's *c* .. Gen 35:22
*c* who was in Shechem ..... Judg 8:31
He took for himself a *c* .... Judg 19:1
Saul had a *c*, whose ..... 2 Sam 3:7
to Keturah, Abraham's *c* .. 1 Chr 1:32

CONCUBINES
And David took more *c* ... 2 Sam 5:13
Go in to your father's *c* .. 2 Sam 16:21
and three hundred *c* ..... 1 Kin 11:3
eunuch who kept the *c* ..... Esth 2:14
sixty queens and eighty *c* ... Song 6:8

CONDEMN
say to God, 'Do not *c* ..... Job 10:2
Would you *c* Me that you ... Job 40:8
who is he who will *c* Me ..... Is 50:9
they will *c* Him to death, .. Matt 20:18
C not, and you shall not ... Luke 6:37
world to *c* the world ..... John 3:17
her, "Neither do I *c* ..... John 8:11
judge another you *c* ..... Rom 2:1
is he who does not *c* ..... Rom 14:22
I do not say this to *c* ..... 2 Cor 7:3
our heart does not *c* ..... 1 John 3:21

CONDEMNATION
will receive greater *c* ..... Matt 23:14
can you escape the *c* ..... Matt 23:33
subject to eternal *c* ..... Mark 3:29
And this is the *c* ..... John 3:19
the resurrection of *c* ..... John 5:29
Their *c* is just ..... Rom 3:8
therefore now no *c* ..... Rom 8:1
of *c* had glory ..... 2 Cor 3:9
having *c* because they .... 1 Tim 5:12
marked out for this *c* ..... Jude 4

CONDEMNED
David's heart *c* him ..... 2 Sam 24:10
words you will be *c* ..... Matt 12:37
and you shall not be *c* ..... Luke 6:37
does not believe is *c* ..... John 3:18
Has no one *c* you ..... John 8:10
*c* sin in the flesh ..... Rom 8:3
he who doubts is *c* if he ... Rom 14:23
last, as men *c* to death ..... 1 Cor 4:9
by which he *c* the world .... Heb 11:7
brethren, lest you be *c* ..... James 5:9
*c* them to destruction, ..... 2 Pet 2:6

CONDEMNS
Who is he who *c* ..... Rom 8:34
For if our heart *c* ..... 1 John 3:20

CONDUCT
*c* yourselves like men ..... 1 Sam 4:9
who are of upright *c* ..... Ps 37:14
*c* yourself in the ..... 1 Tim 3:15
*c* that his works are ..... James 3:13
to each one's work, *c* ..... 1 Pet 1:17
from your aimless *c* ..... 1 Pet 1:18
may be won by the *c* ..... 1 Pet 3:1

CONFERRED
*c* with the chief priests .... Luke 22:4
they *c* among themselves, .. Acts 4:15
when he had *c* with the ... Acts 25:12

CONFESS
*c* my transgressions ..... Ps 32:5
that if you *c* with ..... Rom 10:9
every tongue shall *c* ..... Rom 14:11
C your trespasses ..... James 5:16
If we *c* our sins ..... 1 John 1:9
but I will *c* his name ..... Rev 3:5

CONFESSED
stood and *c* their sins ..... Neh 9:2
did not deny, but *c*, "I ..... John 1:20
*c* that He was Christ ..... John 9:22
*c* the good confession ..... 1 Tim 6:12

CONFESSES
prosper, but whoever *c* ... Prov 28:13
Every spirit that *c* that .... 1 John 4:2
*c* that Jesus is the ..... 1 John 4:15

CONFESSION
of Israel, and make *c* ..... Josh 7:19
with the mouth *c* ..... Rom 10:10
*c* to the gospel of Christ ... 2 Cor 9:13
confessed the good *c* ..... 1 Tim 6:12
witnessed the good *c* ..... 1 Tim 6:13
High Priest of our *c* ..... Heb 3:1
let us hold fast our *c* ..... Heb 4:14

CONFIDENCE
fine gold, 'You are my *c*' ... Job 31:24
You who are the *c* ..... Ps 65:5
the LORD than to put *c* ..... Ps 118:8
the LORD will be your *c* .... Prov 3:26
*c* shall be your ..... Is 30:15
Jesus Christ with all *c* .... Acts 28:31
having *c* in you all that ..... 2 Cor 2:3
Jesus, and have no *c* ..... Phil 3:3
we have *c* in the Lord .... 2 Thess 3:4
if we hold fast the *c* ..... Heb 3:6
do not cast away your *c*, .. Heb 10:35
appears, we may have *c* .. 1 John 2:28
Now this is the *c* that .... 1 John 5:14

CONFIDENT
me, in this I will be *c* ..... Ps 27:3
I myself am *c* ..... Rom 15:14
so we are always *c* ..... 2 Cor 5:6
become *c* by my chains ..... Phil 1:14
we are *c* that we have a ... Heb 13:18

CONFINED
saying, "I am *c* ..... Jer 36:5
the Scripture has *c* ..... Gal 3:22

CONFIRM
*c* the promises ..... Rom 15:8
who will also *c* ..... 1 Cor 1:8

CONFIRMATION
*c* of the gospel, you all ..... Phil 1:7
an oath for *c* is for them .... Heb 6:16

CONFIRMED
covenant that was *c* ..... Gal 3:17
by the Lord, and was *c* ..... Heb 2:3
*c* it by an oath ..... Heb 6:17
prophetic word *c* ..... 2 Pet 1:19

CONFIRMING
*c* the word through the ... Mark 16:20

CONFLICT
having the same *c* ..... Phil 1:30
to know what a great *c* ..... Col 2:1

CONFLICTS
Outside were *c* ..... 2 Cor 7:5

CONFORMED
predestined to be *c* ..... Rom 8:29
And do not be *c* ..... Rom 12:2
sufferings, being *c* ..... Phil 3:10
body that it may be *c* ..... Phil 3:21

CONFOUNDED
who seek You be *c* ..... Ps 69:6
ashamed and *c* who seek ..... Ps 70:2
*c* the Jews who dwelt in .... Acts 9:22

CONFRONTED
They *c* me in the day .... 2 Sam 22:19
The snares of death *c* me ..... Ps 18:5
*c* Him as He was ..... Matt 21:23
with the elders, *c* Him ..... Luke 20:1

CONFUSE
*c* their language ..... Gen 11:7

CONFUSED
there the LORD *c* ..... Gen 11:9
the assembly was *c* ..... Acts 19:32

CONFUSION
I will cause *c* among all ..... Ex 23:27
blindness and *c* of heart .. Deut 28:28
*c* who plot my hurt ..... Ps 35:4
us drink the wine of *c* ..... Ps 60:3
strike every horse with *c* ... Zech 12:4
city was filled with *c* ..... Acts 19:29
author of *c* but of peace .. 1 Cor 14:33
and self-seeking exist, *c* .. James 3:16

CONGREGATION
Nor sinners in the *c* ..... Ps 1:5
the *c* of the wicked ..... Ps 22:16
God stands in the *c* ..... Ps 82:1
is he who was in the *c* ..... Acts 7:38
the *c* had broken up, ..... Acts 13:43

CONIAH
King of Judah, Jer 22:24, 28
Same as Jehoiachin, 2 Kin 24:8

CONJURES
or one who *c* spells, or a .. Deut 18:11

CONQUER
conquering and to *c* ..... Rev 6:2

CONQUERORS
we are more than *c* ..... Rom 8:37

CONSCIENCE
convicted by their *c* ..... John 8:9
strive to have a *c* ..... Acts 24:16
*c* also bearing witness, ..... Rom 2:15
I am not lying, my *c* ..... Rom 9:1
wrath but also for *c* ..... Rom 13:5
and their *c*, being weak, is .. 1 Cor 8:7
no questions for *c* ..... 1 Cor 10:25
by another man's *c* ..... 1 Cor 10:29
*c* in the sight of God ..... 2 Cor 4:2
faith with a pure *c* ..... 1 Tim 3:9
having their own *c* ..... 1 Tim 4:2
mind and *c* are defiled ..... Titus 1:15
to God, cleanse your *c* ..... Heb 9:14
from an evil *c* and our ..... Heb 10:22
having a good *c* ..... 1 Pet 3:16

CONSCIENCE'
wrath but also for c sake ... Rom 13:5
no questions for c sake ... 1 Cor 10:25

CONSECRATE
"C to Me all the ..... Ex 13:2
c himself this day ..... 1 Chr 29:5
the trumpet in Zion, c ..... Joel 2:15
c their gain to the ..... Mic 4:13

CONSECRATED
c this house which you ..... 1 Kin 9:3

CONSENT
entice you, do not c ..... Prov 1:10
and does not c to ..... 1 Tim 6:3

CONSENTED
you saw a thief, you c ..... Ps 50:18
He had not c to their ..... Luke 23:51

CONSENTING
Now Saul was c to his ..... Acts 8:1

CONSIDER
When I c Your heavens ..... Ps 8:3
c her palaces ..... Ps 48:13
c carefully what is ..... Prov 23:1
who weighs the hearts c .. Prov 24:12
not c that poverty will .... Prov 28:22
turned myself to c wisdom .. Eccl 2:12
C the work of God ..... Eccl 7:13
My people do not c ..... Is 1:3
c the operation ..... Is 5:12
your God will c ..... Jon 1:6
"C your ways ..... Hag 1:5
C the lilies of the ..... Matt 6:28
but do not c the plank in .... Matt 7:3
C the ravens ..... Luke 12:24
Let a man so c us ..... 1 Cor 4:1
c the Apostle and High ..... Heb 3:1
c how great this man ..... Heb 7:4
c one another in order ..... Heb 10:24
c Him who endured ..... Heb 12:3

CONSIDERS
c all their works ..... Ps 33:15
Blessed is he who c the ..... Ps 41:1
She c a field and buys it .. Prov 31:16

CONSIST
not c in the abundance ... Luke 12:15
in Him all things c ..... Col 1:17

CONSOLATION
waiting for the C ..... Luke 2:25
have received your c ..... Luke 6:24
abound in us, so our c ..... 2 Cor 1:5
if there is any c ..... Phil 2:1
given us everlasting c ... 2 Thess 2:16
we might have strong c ..... Heb 6:18

CONSOLATIONS
Are the c of God too ..... Job 15:11

CONSOLE
c those who mourn ..... Is 61:3

CONSPIRE
What do you c against ..... Nah 1:9

CONSTANT
c prayer was offered ..... Acts 12:5

CONSULT
They only c to cast ..... Ps 62:4

CONSULTED
c together against ..... Ps 83:3

CONSUME
your midst, lest I c ..... Ex 33:3
this great fire will c ..... Deut 5:25
C them in wrath ..... Ps 59:13
whom the Lord will c ..... 2 Thess 2:8

CONSUMED
but the bush was not c ..... Ex 3:2
c the burnt sacrifice ..... 1 Kin 18:38
For we have been c ..... Ps 90:7
mercies we are not c ..... Lam 3:22
beware lest you be c ..... Gal 5:15

CONSUMING
the LORD was like a c ..... Ex 24:17
before you as a c ..... Deut 9:3
our God is a c fire ..... Heb 12:29

CONSUMMATION
I have seen the c ..... Ps 119:96

CONSUMPTION
will strike you with c ..... Deut 28:22

CONTAIN
of heavens cannot c ..... 2 Chr 2:6
c the books that ..... John 21:25

CONTEMPT
He pours c on princes ..... Job 12:21
wicked comes, c comes .... Prov 18:3
and everlasting c ..... Dan 12:2
and be treated with c ..... Mark 9:12

CONTEMPTIBLE
of the LORD is c ..... Mal 1:7
also have made you c ..... Mal 2:9
and his speech c ..... 2 Cor 10:10

CONTEND
show me why You c ..... Job 10:2
Will you c for God ..... Job 13:8
let us c together ..... Is 43:26
for I will c with him ..... Is 49:25
then how can you c ..... Jer 12:5
c earnestly for the ..... Jude 3

CONTENDED
Therefore the people c ..... Ex 17:2

CONTENDING
in c with the devil, when ..... Jude 9

CONTENT
heard that, he was c ..... Lev 10:20
Oh, that we had been c, ..... Josh 7:7
and be c with your wages .. Luke 3:14
state I am, to be c ..... Phil 4:11
these we shall be c ..... 1 Tim 6:8
covetousness; be c ..... Heb 13:5

CONTENTION
lips enter into c ..... Prov 18:6
and c will leave ..... Prov 22:10
strife and a man of c ..... Jer 15:10

CONTENTIONS
Casting lots causes c ..... Prov 18:18
sorcery, hatred, c ..... Gal 5:20
genealogies, c ..... Titus 3:9

CONTENTIOUS
than with a c and ..... Prov 21:19
shared with a c woman ... Prov 25:24
anyone seems to be c .... 1 Cor 11:16

CONTENTMENT
c is great gain ..... 1 Tim 6:6

CONTINUAL
a merry heart has a c ..... Prov 15:15
in wrath with a c ..... Is 14:6
c coming she weary me .... Luke 18:5
c grief in my heart ..... Rom 9:2

CONTINUALLY
heart was only evil c ..... Gen 6:5
His praise shall c ..... Ps 34:1
and Your truth c ..... Ps 40:11
of God endures c ..... Ps 52:1
I keep Your law c ..... Ps 119:44
Before Me c are grief ..... Jer 6:7
and wait on your God c ..... Hos 12:6
will give ourselves c ..... Acts 6:4
remains a priest c ..... Heb 7:3
c offer the sacrifice ..... Heb 13:15

CONTINUE
kingdom shall not c ..... 1 Sam 13:14
c Your lovingkindness ..... Ps 36:10
tells lies shall not c ..... Ps 101:7
persuaded them to c ..... Acts 13:43
Shall we c in sin that ..... Rom 6:1
if you c in His goodness .. Rom 11:22
who does not c in all ..... Gal 3:10
if indeed you c in the faith .. Col 1:23
C earnestly in prayer ..... Col 4:2
if they c in faith, love, ..... 1 Tim 2:15
because they did not c ..... Heb 8:9
Let brotherly love c ..... Heb 13:1
asleep, all things c ..... 2 Pet 3:4
to c for forty-two months ... Rev 13:5

CONTINUED
c prospering until he ..... Gen 26:13
as she c praying before ... 1 Sam 1:12
for the sea c to grow more .. Jon 1:13
c with Me three days ..... Matt 15:32
c all night in prayer to ..... Luke 6:12
c steadfastly in the ..... Acts 2:42
Now Peter c knocking .... Acts 12:16
c his message until ..... Acts 20:7
and c without food, and ... Acts 27:33
us, they would have c .... 1 John 2:19

CONTINUES
But He, because He c ..... Heb 7:24
law of liberty and c ..... James 1:25

CONTINUING
c daily with one accord ..... Acts 2:46
c steadfastly in prayer .... Rom 12:12
here we have no c city .... Heb 13:14

CONTRADICTIONS
idle babblings and c ..... 1 Tim 6:20

CONTRARY
for the wind was c ..... Matt 14:24
to worship God c ..... Acts 18:13
me to be struck c to the .... Acts 23:3
c to hope, in hope ..... Rom 4:18
were grafted c to nature .. Rom 11:24
and these are c ..... Gal 5:17
against us, which was c to ... Col 2:14
please God and are c .... 1 Thess 2:15
other thing that is c ..... 1 Tim 1:10

CONTRIBUTION
to make a certain c ..... Rom 15:26

CONTRITE
saves such as have a c ..... Ps 34:18
a broken and a c ..... Ps 51:17
with him who has a c ..... Is 57:15
poor and of a c spirit ..... Is 66:2

CONTROVERSY
another, matters of c ..... Deut 17:8
For the LORD has a c ..... Jer 25:31
without c great is ..... 1 Tim 3:16

CONVERSION
describing the c ..... Acts 15:3

CONVERTED
unless you are c ..... Matt 18:3
Repent therefore and be c, ... Acts 3:19

CONVERTING
LORD is perfect, c the soul .... Ps 19:7

CONVEYED
of darkness and c ..... Col 1:13

CONVICT
He has come, He will c .... John 16:8
c those who contradict ..... Titus 1:9
c all who are ungodly ..... Jude 15

CONVICTED
c by their conscience, ..... John 8:9
sin, and are c by the law ... James 2:9

CONVICTS
Which of you c ..... John 8:46

CONVINCED
I am c that none of these .. Acts 26:26
Let each be fully c ..... Rom 14:5
he is c by all, he is ..... 1 Cor 14:24
If anyone is c in himself ... 2 Cor 10:7

CONVOCATION
day there shall be a holy c .. Ex 12:16
of solemn rest, a holy c ..... Lev 23:3
of trumpets, a holy c ..... Lev 23:24

CONVULSED
unclean spirit had c him . . . Mark 1:26
immediately the spirit c . . . Mark 9:20

COOKED
c their own children . . . . . Lam 4:10

COOL
in the garden in the c . . . . . Gen 3:8
and c my tongue . . . . . Luke 16:24

COPIES
necessary that the c . . . . . Heb 9:23
hands, which are c . . . . . Heb 9:24

COPPER
hills you can dig c . . . . . Deut 8:9
c in your money belts . . . . . Matt 10:9
of cups, pitchers, c . . . . . Mark 7:4
sold for two c coins . . . . . Luke 12:6

COPPERSMITH
c did me much harm . . . . . 2 Tim 4:14

COPY
who serve the c . . . . . Heb 8:5

CORBAN
from me is C (that is, . . . . . Mark 7:11

CORD
this line of scarlet c . . . . . Josh 2:18
And a threefold c . . . . . Eccl 4:12
before the silver c . . . . . Eccl 12:6

CORDS
cut in pieces the c . . . . . Ps 129:4
he is caught in the c . . . . . Prov 5:22
draw iniquity with c . . . . . Is 5:18
them with gentle c . . . . . Hos 11:4
had made a whip of c . . . . . John 2:15

CORIANDER
it was like white c seed . . . . . Ex 16:31
manna was like c seed . . . . . Num 11:7

CORINTH
Paul labors at, Acts 18:1–18
Site of church, 1 Cor 1:2
Visited by Apollos, Acts 19:1

CORNELIUS
A religious Gentile, Acts 10:1–48

CORNER
cut off a c of Saul's robe . . 1 Sam 24:4
Jerusalem at the C Gate . . . 2 Chr 26:9
dwell in a c of a housetop . . Prov 21:9
in the c of a bed and on . . . Amos 3:12
was not done in a c . . . . . Acts 26:26

CORNERS
its horns on its four c . . . . . Ex 27:2
in the tassels of the c . . . . . Num 15:38
sheet bound at the four c . . Acts 10:11
at the four c of the earth . . . . . Rev 7:1

CORNERSTONE
Or who laid its c . . . . . Job 38:6
has become the chief c . . . . . Ps 118:22
stone, a precious c . . . . . Is 28:16
become the chief c . . . . . Matt 21:42
has become the chief c . . . . . Acts 4:11
Himself being the chief c . . . Eph 2:20
in Zion a chief c . . . . . 1 Pet 2:6

CORPSE
c was thrown on the . . . . . 1 Kin 13:24
c trodden underfoot . . . . . Is 14:19

CORRECT
with rebukes You c . . . . . Ps 39:11
C your son, and he will . . . Prov 29:17
But I will c you in . . . . . Jer 30:11

CORRECTED
human fathers who c . . . . . Heb 12:9

CORRECTION
nor detest His c . . . . . Prov 3:11
but he who refuses c . . . . . Prov 10:17
but he who hates c . . . . . Prov 12:1
rod of c will drive it . . . . . Prov 22:15
Do not withhold c . . . . . Prov 23:13
they received no c . . . . . Jer 2:30
for reproof, for c . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16

CORRECTS
is the man whom God c . . . . . Job 5:17
the LORD loves He c. . . . . Prov 3:12

CORRODED
and silver are c . . . . . James 5:3

CORRUPT
earth also was c before . . . . . Gen 6:11
the sons of Eli were c . . . . . 1 Sam 2:12
have together become c . . . . . Ps 14:3
have together become c . . . . . Ps 53:3
old man which grows c . . . . . Eph 4:22
Let no c word . . . . . Eph 4:29
men of c minds . . . . . 2 Tim 3:8
in these things they c . . . . . Jude 10

CORRUPTED
for all flesh had c . . . . . Gen 6:12
we have c no one . . . . . 2 Cor 7:2
so your minds may be c . . . 2 Cor 11:3
Your riches are c . . . . . James 5:2
the great harlot who c . . . . . Rev 19:2

CORRUPTIBLE
For this c must put on . . . . 1 Cor 15:53
redeemed with c things . . . . 1 Pet 1:18

CORRUPTION
Your Holy One to see c . . . . . Ps 16:10
God raised up saw no c . . . Acts 13:37
from the bondage of c . . . . . Rom 8:21
The body is sown in c . . . . 1 Cor 15:42
c inherit incorruption . . . . 1 Cor 15:50
of the flesh reap c . . . . . Gal 6:8
having escaped the c . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
perish in their own c . . . . . 2 Pet 2:12

COST
and count the c . . . . . Luke 14:28

COSTLY
foundation was of c . . . . . 1 Kin 7:10
of very c oil of spikenard . . Mark 14:3
or pearls or c clothing . . . . . 1 Tim 2:9

COSTS
which c me nothing . . . . . 2 Sam 24:24

COUCH
He went up to my c . . . . . Gen 49:4
I drench my c with my . . . . . Ps 6:6
Behold, it is Solomon's c . . . . Song 3:7

COULD
has done what she c . . . . . Mark 14:8
c remove mountains . . . . . 1 Cor 13:2
which no one c number . . . . . Rev 7:9

COUNCIL
shall be in danger of the c . . Matt 5:22
all the c sought false . . . . . Matt 26:59
a prominent c member, . . Mark 15:43
Pharisees gathered a c . . . . John 11:47
and called the c together . . . Acts 5:21
all the c of the elders, . . . . . Acts 22:5

COUNCILS
deliver you up to c . . . . . Mark 13:9

COUNSEL
and strength, He has c . . . . . Job 12:13
the c of the wicked is . . . . . Job 21:16
when the friendly c . . . . . Job 29:4
is this who darkens c . . . . . Job 38:2
who walks not in the c . . . . . Ps 1:1
We took sweet c . . . . . Ps 55:14
guide me with Your c . . . . . Ps 73:24
you disdained all my c . . . . . Prov 1:25
have none of my c . . . . . Prov 1:30
Where there is no c . . . . . Prov 11:14
C in the heart of man . . . . . Prov 20:5
by wise c wage war . . . . . Prov 20:18
whom did He take c . . . . . Is 40:14
You are great in c . . . . . Jer 32:19
according to the c . . . . . Eph 1:11
immutability of His c . . . . . Heb 6:17
I c you to buy from . . . . . Rev 3:18

COUNSELOR
be called Wonderful, C . . . . . Is 9:6
but there was no c . . . . . Is 41:28
Has your c perished . . . . . Mic 4:9
who has become His c . . . . Rom 11:34

COUNSELORS
c there is safety . . . . . Prov 11:14

COUNT
c the people of Israel . . . . . 2 Sam 24:4
I can c all My bones . . . . . Ps 22:17
all c John as a prophet . . . . Matt 21:26
c my life dear to . . . . . Acts 20:24
c me as a partner . . . . . Philem 17
c it all joy when you fall . . . James 1:2
His promise, as some c . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9

COUNTED
Even a fool is c . . . . . Prov 17:28
c as the small dust . . . . . Is 40:15
the wages are not c . . . . . Rom 4:4
me, these I have c loss for . . . Phil 3:7
He c me faithful . . . . . 1 Tim 1:12
who rule well be c . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
c the blood of the . . . . . Heb 10:29

COUNTENANCE
The LORD lift up His c . . . . . Num 6:26
c they did not cast . . . . . Job 29:24
up the light of Your c . . . . . Ps 4:6
His c is like Lebanon . . . . . Song 5:15
hypocrites, with a sad c . . . . Matt 6:16
His c was like . . . . . Matt 28:3
of the glory of his c . . . . . 2 Cor 3:7
sword, and His c . . . . . Rev 1:16

COUNTRY
*See* FAR COUNTRY
"Get out of your c . . . . . Gen 12:1
but you shall go to my c . . . . Gen 24:4
us pass through your c . . . Num 20:17
Israel to search out the c . . . . Josh 2:2
an end of dividing the c . . . Josh 19:51
the c was quiet for forty . . . Judg 8:28
dwell in the c of Moab . . . . . Ruth 1:1
the c of the Philistines . . . 1 Sam 27:11
good news from a far c . . . Prov 25:25
you into a bountiful c. . . . . Jer 2:7
their own c another way . . . Matt 2:12
honor except in his own c . Matt 13:57
and went into a far c . . . . . Matt 21:33
the c of the Gadarenes . . . . . Mark 5:1
go into the surrounding c . . Mark 6:36
and went into a far c . . . . . Mark 12:1
there were in the same c . . . . Luke 2:8
journeyed to a far c. . . . . Luke 15:13
as in a foreign c . . . . . Heb 11:9
that is, a heavenly c . . . . . Heb 11:16

COUNTRYMEN
for my brethren, my c . . . . . Rom 9:3

COUNTS
c the number of the stars . . . . Ps 147:4

COURAGE
strong and of good c . . . . . Deut 31:6
c in anyone because of . . . . . Josh 2:11
the prophet, he took c . . . . . 2 Chr 15:8
Be of good c, and do it . . . . . Ezra 10:4
his c against the king of . . . Dan 11:25
thanked God and took c . . Acts 28:15

COURAGEOUS
Only be strong and very c. . . Josh 1:7
Be strong and c . . . . . 2 Chr 32:7

COURSE
and sets on fire the c . . . . . James 3:6

COURT
the c of the tabernacle . . . . . Ex 27:9
men, and they come to c. . . Deut 25:1
made the c of the priests . . . . 2 Chr 4:9
the inner c to the king . . . . . Esth 4:11
appoint my day in c . . . . . Job 9:19
many would c your favor . . Job 11:19
Do not go hastily to c . . . . . Prov 25:8

up in the *c* of the prison ..... Jer 32:2
cloud filled the inner *c* ..... Ezek 10:3
me into the outer *c* ..... Ezek 40:17
by you or by a human *c* .... 1 Cor 4:3
They zealously *c* you ..... Gal 4:17

COURTEOUS
be tenderhearted, be *c* ..... 1 Pet 3:8

COURTS
he may dwell in Your *c* ..... Ps 65:4
even faints for the *c* ..... Ps 84:2
flourish in the *c* ..... Ps 92:13
and into His *c* ..... Ps 100:4
drink it in My holy *c* ..... Is 62:9

COVENANT
*See* NEW COVENANT
I will establish My *c* ..... Gen 6:18
I establish My *c* with you .... Gen 9:9
the LORD made a *c* ..... Gen 15:18
I will make My *c* between .. Gen 17:2
for Me, behold, My *c* ..... Gen 17:4
My voice and keep My *c* ..... Ex 19:5
he took the Book of the *C* .... Ex 24:7
as a perpetual *c* ..... Ex 31:16
it is a *c* of salt ..... Num 18:19
*c* which He commanded .... Deut 4:13
the *c* which He made ..... Deut 29:1
never break My *c* with ..... Judg 2:1
a *c* before the LORD..... 1 Sam 23:18
is the *c* of the LORD ..... 1 Kin 8:21
You, who keep Your *c* ..... 1 Kin 8:23
of the Book of the *C* ..... 2 Kin 23:2
Remember His *c* forever . 1 Chr 16:15
You, who keep Your *c* .... 2 Chr 6:14
of the Book of the *C* ..... 2 Chr 34:30
You who keep Your *c* ..... Neh 1:5
"I have made a *c* ..... Job 31:1
will show them His *c* ..... Ps 25:14
*c* shall stand firm ..... Ps 89:28
has remembered His *c* ..... Ps 105:8
sons will keep My *c* ..... Ps 132:12
forgets the *c* of her God .... Prov 2:17
and give You as a *c* ..... Is 42:6
with them an everlasting *c* .... Is 61:8
the words of this *c* ..... Jer 11:2
I will make a new *c* ..... Jer 31:31
'I made a *c* with your ..... Jer 34:13
a *c* of peace with them .... Ezek 37:26
*c* with many for one week .. Dan 9:27
they transgressed the *c* ..... Hos 6:7
I might break the *c* ..... Zech 11:10
and your wife by *c* ..... Mal 2:14
the Messenger of the *c* ..... Mal 3:1
is My blood of the new *c* .. Matt 26:28
My blood of the new *c* ... Mark 14:24
cup is the new *c* ..... Luke 22:20
the new *c* in My blood .... 1 Cor 11:25
as ministers of the new *c* ... 2 Cor 3:6
*c* that was confirmed ..... Gal 3:17
Mediator of a better *c* ..... Heb 8:6
*c* had been faultless ..... Heb 8:7
He says, "A new *c* ..... Heb 8:13
the Mediator of the new *c* ... Heb 9:15
Mediator of the new *c* ..... Heb 12:24
of the everlasting *c* ..... Heb 13:20

COVENANTED
your kingdom, as I *c* ..... 2 Chr 7:18
to the word that I *c* ..... Hag 2:5

COVENANTS
the glory, the *c* ..... Rom 9:4
these are the two *c* ..... Gal 4:24

COVER
the rock, and will *c* ..... Ex 33:22
He shall *c* you with ..... Ps 91:4
*c* Yourself with light ..... Ps 104:2
LORD as the waters *c* ..... Is 11:9
and will no more *c* ..... Is 26:21
from the wind and a *c* ..... Is 32:2
and to the hills, 'C us ..... Luke 23:30
not to *c* his head ..... 1 Cor 11:7
*c* a multitude of sins ..... James 5:20
love will *c* a multitude of .... 1 Pet 4:8

COVERED
The depths have *c* ..... Ex 15:5
*c* my transgressions as ..... Job 31:33
Whose sin is *c* ..... Ps 32:1
the wings of a dove *c* ..... Ps 68:13
You have *c* all their sin ..... Ps 85:2
You *c* me in my ..... Ps 139:13
with two he *c* his face ..... Is 6:2
of Jacob will be *c* ..... Is 27:9
You have *c* Yourself ..... Lam 3:44
For there is nothing *c* ..... Matt 10:26

COVERING
spread a cloud for a *c* ..... Ps 105:39
make sackcloth their *c* ..... Is 50:3
given to her for a *c* ..... 1 Cor 11:15

COVERINGS
and made themselves *c* ..... Gen 3:7

COVET
"You shall not *c* ..... Ex 20:17
*c* fields and take them ..... Mic 2:2
You murder and *c* ..... James 4:2

COVETED
*c* no one's silver ..... Acts 20:33

COVETOUS
nor thieves, nor *c* ..... 1 Cor 6:10
trained in *c* practices ..... 2 Pet 2:14

COVETOUSNESS
but he who hates *c* ..... Prov 28:16
for nothing but your *c* ..... Jer 22:17
heed and beware of *c* ..... Luke 12:15
would not have known *c* .... Rom 7:7
all uncleanness or *c* ..... Eph 5:3
conduct be without *c* ..... Heb 13:5

COWARDLY
the *c*, unbelieving ..... Rev 21:8

COWS
out of the river seven *c* ..... Gen 41:2
*c* ate up the first seven .... Gen 41:20
take two milk *c* which ..... 1 Sam 6:7
you *c* of Bashan, who are .. Amos 4:1

CRAFTILY
His people, to deal *c* ..... Ps 105:25

CRAFTINESS
wise in their own *c* ..... Job 5:13
not walking in *c* ..... 2 Cor 4:2
deceived Eve by his *c* ..... 2 Cor 11:3
in the cunning *c* ..... Eph 4:14

CRAFTSMAN
instructor of every *c* ..... Gen 4:22
*c* encouraged the ..... Is 41:7
*c* stretches out his ..... Is 44:13

CRAFTSMEN
all the *c* who were doing ..... Ex 36:4
and the Valley of *C* ..... Neh 11:35
no small profit to the *c* .... Acts 19:24

CRAFTY
Jonadab was a very *c* ..... 2 Sam 13:3
the devices of the *c* ..... Job 5:12
They have taken *c* ..... Ps 83:3
of a harlot, and a *c* ..... Prov 7:10
Nevertheless, being *c* ..... 2 Cor 12:16

CRANE
Like a *c* or a swallow ..... Is 38:14

CRAVES
and his soul still *c* ..... Is 29:8

CRAVING
yielded to intense *c* ..... Num 11:4
who had yielded to *c* ..... Num 11:34

CREAM
she brought out *c* ..... Judg 5:25
were bathed with *c* ..... Job 29:6

CREATE
C in me a clean heart, ..... Ps 51:10
then the LORD will *c* above ..... Is 4:5
peace and *c* calamity ..... Is 45:7
Who did not *c* it in vain ..... Is 45:18
For behold, I *c* ..... Is 65:17
to *c* in Himself one new .... Eph 2:15

CREATED
God *c* the heavens ..... Gen 1:1
God *c* great sea creatures ... Gen 1:21
So God *c* man in His ..... Gen 1:27
earth when they were *c* ..... Gen 2:4
the day that God *c* man ..... Gen 5:1
man whom I have *c* ..... Gen 6:7
God *c* man on the earth .... Deut 4:32
south, You have *c* them ..... Ps 89:12
You *c* all the children of ..... Ps 89:47
*c* may praise the LORD ..... Ps 102:18
Spirit, they are *c* ..... Ps 104:30
and they were *c* ..... Ps 148:5
and see who has *c* ..... Is 40:26
of Israel has *c* ..... Is 41:20
LORD, Who *c* the heavens ..... Is 42:5
says the LORD, who *c* you ..... Is 43:1
I, the LORD, have *c* it ..... Is 45:8
They are *c* now and not ..... Is 48:7
I have *c* the blacksmith ..... Is 54:16
For the LORD has *c* ..... Jer 31:22
place where you were *c* ... Ezek 21:30
on the day you were *c* .... Ezek 28:13
Has not one God *c* ..... Mal 2:10
which God *c* until this .... Mark 13:19
nor any other *c* thing ..... Rom 8:39
Nor was man *c* for the .... 1 Cor 11:9
*c* in Christ Jesus ..... Eph 2:10
hidden in God who *c* ..... Eph 3:9
new man which was *c* ..... Eph 4:24
Him all things were *c* ..... Col 1:16
from foods which God *c* .... 1 Tim 4:3
for You *c* all things ..... Rev 4:11
who *c* heaven and the ..... Rev 10:6

CREATION
the beginning of the *c* ..... Mark 10:6
beginning of the *c* which . Mark 13:19
since the *c* of the world .... Rom 1:20
*c* was subjected ..... Rom 8:20
know that the whole *c* ..... Rom 8:22
Christ, he is a new *c* ..... 2 Cor 5:17
anything, but a new *c* ..... Gal 6:15
firstborn over all *c* ..... Col 1:15
that is, not of this *c* ..... Heb 9:11
from the beginning of *c* ..... 2 Pet 3:4
Beginning of the *c* of God ... Rev 3:14

CREATOR
Remember now your *C* ..... Eccl 12:1
God, the LORD, the *C* ..... Is 40:28
rather than the *C* ..... Rom 1:25
good, as to a faithful *C* .... 1 Pet 4:19

CREATURE
*See* LIVING CREATURE
every living *c* that is with ... Gen 9:12
living *c* with its four ..... Ezek 1:15
the gospel to every *c* ..... Mark 16:15
For every *c* of God is ..... 1 Tim 4:4
And there is no *c* ..... Heb 4:13
And every *c* which is ..... Rev 5:13
and every living *c* ..... Rev 16:3

CREATURES
*See* LIVING CREATURES
created great sea *c* ..... Gen 1:21
firstfruits of His *c* ..... James 1:18
were four living *c* ..... Rev 4:6

CREDIT
who love you, what *c* ..... Luke 6:32
For what *c* is it if ..... 1 Pet 2:20

CREDITOR
Every *c* who has lent ..... Deut 15:2
*c* is coming to take my ..... 2 Kin 4:1
*c* seize all that he ..... Ps 109:11
There was a certain *c* ..... Luke 7:41

CREEP
beasts of the forest *c* ..... Ps 104:20

sort are those who c .....2 Tim 3:6

CREEPING
c thing and beast of .....Gen 1:24
every sort of c thing .....Ezek 8:10
animals and c things .....Rom 1:23

CREPT
For certain men have c .....Jude 4

CRETE
Paul visits, Acts 27:7–21
Titus dispatched to, Titus 1:5
Inhabitants of, evil and lazy, Titus 1:12

CRIB
donkey its master's c .....Is 1:3

CRIED
he c with an exceedingly ..Gen 27:34
the poor who c out .....Job 29:12
They c to You .....Ps 22:5
of the depths I have c .....Ps 130:1
of the belly of Sheol I c .....Jon 2:2
beginning to sink he c ....Matt 14:30
Jesus c out and said .....John 12:44
they c out, "Away with ...John 19:15

CRIES
your brother's blood c .....Gen 4:10
with vehement c .....Heb 5:7

CRIMES
land is filled with c .....Ezek 7:23

CRIMINALS
also two others, c .....Luke 23:32

CRIMSON
blue, and purple, and c ....2 Chr 3:14
though they are red like c .....Is 1:18

CRIPPLE
c from his mother's womb ..Acts 14:8

CRISPUS
Chief ruler of synagogue of Corinth, Acts 18:8
Baptized by Paul, 1 Cor 1:14

CROOKED
perverse and c generation ..Deut 32:5
turn aside to their c .....Ps 125:5
whose ways are c .....Prov 2:15
What is c cannot be made ..Eccl 1:15
what He has made c .....Eccl 7:13
c places shall be made .....Is 40:4
c places straight .....Is 45:2
c places shall be made .....Luke 3:5
in the midst of a c .....Phil 2:15

CROSS
I would not c over the .....Deut 4:21
But when you c over the ..Deut 12:10
does not take his c .....Matt 10:38
and take up his c .....Matt 16:24
compelled to bear His c ...Matt 27:32
down from the c .....Matt 27:40
and take up his c .....Mark 8:34
and take up his c daily, ....Luke 9:23
does not bear his c .....Luke 14:27
And He, bearing His c, ...John 19:17
lest the c of Christ .....1 Cor 1:17
offense of the c has ceased ..Gal 5:11
persecution for the c .....Gal 6:12
boast except in the c .....Gal 6:14
one body through the c .....Eph 2:16
even the death of the c .....Phil 2:8
the enemies of the c .....Phil 3:18
through the blood of His c ...Col 1:20
having nailed it to the c .....Col 2:14
Him endured the c .....Heb 12:2

CROW
rooster will not c this .....Luke 22:34

CROWD
shall not follow a c .....Ex 23:2

CROWN
the holy c on the turban .....Ex 29:6
You set a c of pure .....Ps 21:3
c the year with Your .....Ps 65:11
have profaned his c .....Ps 89:39
upon Himself His c .....Ps 132:18
The c of the wise is .....Prov 14:24
head is a c of glory .....Prov 16:31
Woe to the c of pride .....Is 28:1
hosts will be for a c .....Is 28:5
c has fallen from our .....Lam 5:16
they had twisted a c .....Matt 27:29
wearing the c of thorns ....John 19:5
obtain a perishable c .....1 Cor 9:25
brethren, my joy and c .....Phil 4:1
or joy, or c of rejoicing ..1 Thess 2:19
laid up for me the c .....2 Tim 4:8
he will receive the c .....James 1:12
you will receive the c of .....1 Pet 5:4
I will give you the c of life ..Rev 2:10
no one may take your c .....Rev 3:11
on His head a golden c ....Rev 14:14

CROWNED
angels, and You have c .....Ps 8:5
but the prudent are c .....Prov 14:18
athletics, he is not c .....2 Tim 2:5
You have c him with glory ...Heb 2:7

CROWNS
and they had c of gold .....Rev 4:4
on his horns ten c .....Rev 13:1
His head were many c .....Rev 19:12

CRUCIFIED
be delivered up to be c .....Matt 26:2
"Let Him be c .....Matt 27:22
robbers were c with Him ..Matt 27:38
you seek Jesus who was c ..Matt 28:5
scourged Him, to be c ....Mark 15:15
third hour, and they c ....Mark 15:25
of Nazareth, who was c ...Mark 16:6
Calvary, there they c .....Luke 23:33
of sinful men, and be c ....Luke 24:7
to death, and c Him .....Luke 24:20
Him to them to be c .....John 19:16
c there was a garden .....John 19:41
lawless hands, have c .....Acts 2:23
of Nazareth, whom you c, ...Acts 4:10
that our old man was c .....Rom 6:6
Was Paul c for you .....1 Cor 1:13
but we preach Christ c, ....1 Cor 1:23
Jesus Christ and Him c .....1 Cor 2:2
they would not have c .....1 Cor 2:8
though He was c .....2 Cor 13:4
I have been c with Christ ....Gal 2:20
portrayed among you as c ....Gal 3:1
c the flesh with its passions .Gal 5:24
the world has been c to me ..Gal 6:14
where also our Lord was c ..Rev 11:8

CRUCIFY
and to scourge and to c ...Matt 20:19
them you will kill and c ...Matt 23:34
out again, "C Him .....Mark 15:13
saying, "C Him, c Him ....Luke 23:21
I have power to c You ....John 19:10
"Shall I c your King .....John 19:15
since they c again .....Heb 6:6

CRUEL
wrath, for it is c .....Gen 49:7
spirit and c bondage .....Ex 6:9
hate me with c hatred .....Ps 25:19
of the wicked are c .....Prov 12:10

CRUELTY
of c are in their .....Gen 49:5
the haunts of c .....Ps 74:20
c you have ruled .....Ezek 34:4

CRUMBS
eat from the children's c ..Mark 7:28
c which fell from the .....Luke 16:21

CRUSH
that a foot may c .....Job 39:15
that your foot may c .....Ps 68:23
the poor, who c .....Amos 4:1
of peace will c .....Rom 16:20

CRUSHED
in the dust, who are c .....Job 4:19
c my life to the .....Ps 143:3
every side, yet not c .....2 Cor 4:8

CRUST
man is reduced to a c .....Prov 6:26

CRY
and their c came up to .....Ex 2:23
of oppressions they c .....Job 35:9
heart and my flesh c .....Ps 84:2
I c out with my whole .....Ps 119:145
Does not wisdom c .....Prov 8:1
"What shall I c .....Is 40:6
nor lift up a c .....Jer 7:16
c mightily to God .....Jon 3:8
at midnight a c .....Matt 25:6
His own elect who c .....Luke 18:7

CRYING
"The voice of one c .....Matt 3:3
nor sorrow, nor c .....Rev 21:4

CRYSTAL
nor c can equal it .....Job 28:17
your gates of c .....Is 54:12
of an awesome c .....Ezek 1:22
a sea of glass, like c .....Rev 4:6

CUBIT
shall finish it to a c .....Gen 6:16
can add one c .....Matt 6:27

CUCUMBERS
in Egypt, the c .....Num 11:5
a hut in a garden of c .....Is 1:8

CUD
c or those that have cloven ..Lev 11:4
the c or have cloven .....Deut 14:7

CUMI
Talitha, c," which is .....Mark 5:41

CUNNING
the serpent was more c .....Gen 3:1
c comes quickly .....Job 5:13
c craftiness of deceitful .....Eph 4:14

CUP
My c runs over .....Ps 23:5
waters of a full c are .....Ps 73:10
the LORD there is a c .....Ps 75:8
I will take up the c .....Ps 116:13
the dregs of the c .....Is 51:17
men give them the c .....Jer 16:7
"Take this wine c .....Jer 25:15
The c of the LORD's .....Hab 2:16
make Jerusalem a c .....Zech 12:2
little ones only a c .....Matt 10:42
will indeed drink My c ....Matt 20:23
cleanse the inside of the c ..Matt 23:26
Then He took the c .....Matt 26:27
possible, let this c .....Matt 26:39
c of water to drink in My ..Mark 9:41
the outside of the c .....Luke 11:39
c is the new covenant ....Luke 22:20
this c away from Me .....Luke 22:42
cannot drink the c .....1 Cor 10:21
c is the new covenant ....1 Cor 11:25
the c of His indignation ....Rev 14:10
to give her the c .....Rev 16:19
c full of abominations .....Rev 17:4

CURE
but they could not c .....Matt 17:16
and to c diseases .....Luke 9:1

CURES
and perform c .....Luke 13:32

CURSE
c the ground for man's .....Gen 8:21
will c him who curses you ..Gen 12:3
your c be on me, my son ..Gen 27:13
c a ruler of your .....Ex 22:28
You shall not c the deaf ....Lev 19:14
c this people for me .....Num 22:6
Balaam, "Neither c .....Num 23:25

your God turned the *c* .....Deut 23:5
on Mount Ebal to *c* .....Deut 27:13
*c* which I have set before ..Deut 30:1
said to him, 'C David ....2 Sam 16:10
the *c* into a blessing .....Neh 13:2
C God and die .....Job 2:9
mouth, but they *c* .....Ps 62:4
Let them *c*, but You bless ..Ps 109:28
The *c* of the LORD is .....Prov 3:33
So a *c* without cause shall ..Prov 26:2
Do not *c* the king .....Eccl 10:20
the *c* has devoured .....Is 24:6
a byword, a taunt and a *c* ....Jer 24:9
This is the *c* that goes out ...Zech 5:3
a *c* among the nations .....Zech 8:13
"I will send a *c* .....Mal 2:2
are cursed with a *c* .....Mal 3:9
bless those who *c* you. .....Luke 6:28
bless and do not *c* .....Rom 12:14
law are under the *c* .....Gal 3:10
us from the *c* of the law, ....Gal 3:13
Father, and with it we *c* ...James 3:9
there shall be no more *c* ....Rev 22:3

## CURSED
*c* more than all cattle .....Gen 3:14
C is the man who .....Jer 17:5
*c* is he who keeps .....Jer 48:10
'Depart from Me, you *c* ...Matt 25:41
C is everyone who hangs ....Gal 3:13
and near to being *c* .....Heb 6:8

## CURSES
I will curse him who *c* .....Gen 12:3
'For everyone who *c* .....Lev 20:9
write these *c* in a book ....Num 5:23
*c* his father or his .....Prov 20:20
'He who *c* father or .....Mark 7:10

## CURSINGS
by the sword for the *c* .....Hos 7:16

## CURTAIN
of each *c* shall be .....Ex 26:2
the heavens like a *c* .....Ps 104:2

## CUSH
Ham's oldest son, 1 Chr 1:8–10
—— Another name for Ethiopia, Is 18:1

## CUSHAN-RISHATHAIM
Mesopotamian king; oppresses Israel, Judg 3:8
Othniel delivers Israel from, Judg 3:9, 10

## CUSTOM
to me, as Your *c* .....Ps 119:132
according to the *c* .....Acts 15:1
we have no such *c* .....1 Cor 11:16

## CUT
confidence shall be *c* .....Job 8:14
evildoers shall be *c* .....Ps 37:9
the wicked will be *c* .....Prov 2:22
*c* off your supply of bread ..Ezek 5:16
your navel cord was not *c* ..Ezek 16:4
stone was *c* out without ....Dan 2:34
that I will *c* off the names ..Zech 13:2
not bear good fruit is *c* .....Matt 3:10
causes you to sin, *c* .....Matt 5:30
and will *c* him in .....Matt 24:51
him whose ear Peter *c* ....John 18:26
He had his hair *c* .....Acts 18:18

## CYMBAL
or a clanging *c* .....1 Cor 13:1

## CYPRUS
Mentioned in prophecies, Num 24:24; Is 23:1–12; Jer 2:10
Christians preach to Jews of, Acts 11:19, 20
Paul and Barnabas visit, Acts 13:4–13; 15:39

## CYRENE
A Greek colonial city in North Africa; home of Simon the cross-bearer, Matt 27:32
Synagogue of, Acts 6:9
Christians from, become missionaries, Acts 11:20

## CYRUS
King of Persia, referred to as God's anointed, Is 44:28—45:1

## DAGON
The national god of the Philistines, Judg 16:23
Falls before ark, 1 Sam 5:1–5

## DAILY
much as they gather *d* .....Ex 16:5
*d* He shall be praised .....Ps 72:15
to me, watching *d* .....Prov 8:34
Yet they seek Me *d* .....Is 58:2
Give us this day our *d* .....Matt 6:11
I sat *d* with you .....Matt 26:55
take up his cross *d* .....Luke 9:23
the Scriptures *d* .....Acts 17:11
our Lord, I die *d* .....1 Cor 15:31
stands ministering *d* .....Heb 10:11

## DALMATIA
A region east of the Adriatic Sea; Titus departs for, 2 Tim 4:10

## DAMASCUS
Capital of Syria; captured by David; ruled by enemy kings, 2 Sam 8:5, 6; 1 Kin 11:23, 24; 15:18
Elisha's prophecy in, 2 Kin 8:7–15
Taken by Assyrians, 2 Kin 16:9
Prophecy concerning, Is 8:3, 4
Paul converted on road to; first preaches there, Acts 9:1–22
escapes from, 2 Cor 11:32, 33
revisits, Gal 1:17

## DAN
Jacob's son by Bilhah, Gen 30:5, 6
Prophecy concerning, Gen 49:16, 17
—— Tribe of:
Numbered, Num 1:38, 39
Blessed, Deut 33:22
Receive their inheritance, Josh 19:40–47
Fall into idolatry, Judg 18:1–31
—— Town, northern boundary of Israel, Judg 20:1
Called Leshem; captured by Danites, Josh 19:47
Center of idolatry, 1 Kin 12:28–30
Destroyed by Ben-Hadad, 1 Kin 15:20

## DANCE
and their children *d* .....Job 21:11
His name with the *d* .....Ps 149:3
mourn, and a time to *d* .....Eccl 3:4
*d* has turned into .....Lam 5:15
and you did not *d* .....Matt 11:17

## DANCED
Then David *d* before .....2 Sam 6:14
daughter of Herodias *d* .....Matt 14:6

## DANCING
saw the calf and the *d* .....Ex 32:19
me my mourning into *d* .....Ps 30:11
he heard music and *d* ....Luke 15:25

## DANIEL
Taken to Babylon; refuses Nebuchadnezzar's foods, Dan 1
Interprets dreams; honored by king, Dan 2
Interprets handwriting on wall; honored by Belshazzar, Dan 5:10–29
Appointed to high office; conspired against and thrown to lions, Dan 6:1–23
Visions of four beasts, ram and goat, Dan 7; 8
Intercedes for Israel, Dan 9:1–19
Further visions, Dan 9:20—12:13

## DARE
someone would even *d* .....Rom 5:7
*D* any of you .....1 Cor 6:1

## DARIUS
Darius the Mede, son of Ahasuerus; made king of the Chaldeans, Dan 9:1
Succeeds Belshazzar, Dan 5:30, 31
Co-ruler with Cyrus, Dan 6:28
—— Darius Hystaspis (522–486 B.C.), king of all Persia; temple work dated by his reign, Ezra 4:5, 24
Confirms Cyrus's royal edict, Ezra 6:1–14
—— Darius the Persian (423–404 B.C.); priestly records kept during his reign, Neh 12:22

## DARK
dwell in the *d* cloud .....1 Kin 8:12
I am *d*, but lovely .....Song 1:5
*d* place of the earth .....Is 45:19
*d* places like the dead .....Lam 3:6
and makes the day *d* .....Amos 5:8
and the day shall be *d* .....Mic 3:6
I tell you in the *d* .....Matt 10:27
while it was still *d* .....John 20:1
shines in a *d* place .....2 Pet 1:19

## DARKENED
so that the land was *d* .....Ex 10:15
Let their eyes be *d* .....Ps 69:23
their understanding *d* .....Eph 4:18

## DARKNESS
*d* He called Night .....Gen 1:5
shall enlighten my *d* .....2 Sam 22:29
through the deep *d* .....Job 22:13
Those who sat in *d* .....Ps 107:10
*d* shall not hide .....Ps 139:12
*d* have seen a great light .....Is 9:2
I will make *d* light .....Is 42:16
and deep *d* the people .....Is 60:2
Israel, or a land of *d* .....Jer 2:31
body will be full of *d* .....Matt 6:23
cast out into outer *d* .....Matt 8:12
and the power of *d* .....Luke 22:53
*d* rather than light .....John 3:19
*d* does not know .....John 12:35
For you were once *d* .....Eph 5:8
the rulers of the *d* .....Eph 6:12
us from the power of *d* .....Col 1:13
of the night nor of *d* .....1 Thess 5:5
and to blackness and *d* ....Heb 12:18
called you out of *d* .....1 Pet 2:9
blackness of *d* forever .....2 Pet 2:17
and in Him is no *d* .....1 John 1:5
Him, and walk in *d* .....1 John 1:6
*d* is passing away .....1 John 2:8
blackness of *d* forever .....Jude 13

## DARTS
quench all the fiery *d* .....Eph 6:16

## DASH
You shall *d* them to .....Ps 2:9
lest you *d* your foot .....Matt 4:6

## DASHED
hand, O LORD, has *d* .....Ex 15:6
also will be *d* to .....Is 13:16
infants shall be *d* .....Hos 13:16

## DATHAN
Joins Korah's rebellion, Num 16:1–35
Swallowed up by the earth, Ps 106:17

## DAUGHTER
I am the *d* of Bethuel, .....Gen 24:24
Dinah the *d* of Leah .....Gen 34:1
Jochebed the *d* of Levi ....Num 26:59
had neither son nor *d* .....Judg 11:34
cry of the *d* of my people ....Jer 8:19
the virgin *d* of my people ...Jer 14:17

O virgin, the *d* of Egypt ....Jer 46:11
"Rejoice greatly, O *d* .....Zech 9:9
My *d* has just died, .....Matt 9:18
Be of good cheer, *d* .....Matt 9:22
being a *d* of Abraham, ....Luke 13:16
"Fear not, *d* of Zion .....John 12:15
the son of Pharaoh's *d* .....Heb 11:24

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
Judah said to Tamar his *d* . Gen 38:11
the Moabitess her *d* with ... Ruth 1:22
lewdly defiles his *d* .....Ezek 22:11
*d* against her .....Mic 7:6
a *d* against her .....Matt 10:35

DAUGHTERS
he had sons and *d* .....Gen 5:4
of God saw the *d* .....Gen 6:2
Thus both the *d* of Lot .....Gen 19:36
years for your two *d* .....Gen 31:41
the *d* of Zelophehad .....Num 27:1
not give them our *d* as .....Judg 21:7
Turn back, my *d* .....Ruth 1:11
O *d* of Israel, weep over ..2 Sam 1:24
*d* wore such apparel .....2 Sam 13:18
beautiful as the *d* of Job ...Job 42:15
Kings' *d* are among Your .....Ps 45:9
Let the *d* of Judah be glad, ..Ps 48:11
The leech has two *d* .....Prov 30:15
"Many *d* have done well ..Prov 31:29
a bird, and all the *d* .....Eccl 12:4
O *d* of Jerusalem, like the ...Song 1:5
"Because the *d* of Zion are ....Is 3:16
*d* shall go into captivity ...Ezek 30:18
your *d* shall prophesy .....Joel 2:28
*D* of Jerusalem, do not ...Luke 23:28
*d* shall prophesy .....Acts 2:17
man had four virgin *d* .....Acts 21:9
shall be My sons and *d* ....2 Cor 6:18
whose *d* you are if you .....1 Pet 3:6

DAVID
*See* CITY OF DAVID; HOUSE OF DAVID; SEED OF DAVID; SON OF DAVID; THRONE OF DAVID
Anointed by Samuel, 1 Sam 16:1–13
Becomes royal harpist, 1 Sam 16:14–23
Defeats Goliath, 1 Sam 17
Makes covenant with Jonathan, 1 Sam 18:1–4
Honored by Saul; loved by the people; Saul becomes jealous, 1 Sam 18:5–16
Wins Michal as wife, 1 Sam 18:17–30
Flees from Saul, 1 Sam 19; 20; 21:10—22:5; 23:14–29
Eats the holy bread, 1 Sam 21:1–6; Matt 12:3, 4
Saves Keilah from Philistines, 1 Sam 23:1–13
Twice spares Saul's life, 1 Sam 24:1–22; 26:1–25
Anger at Nabal appeased by Abigail; marries her, 1 Sam 25:2–42
Allies with the Philistines, 1 Sam 27:1—28:2
Rejected by them, 1 Sam 29
Avenges destruction of Ziklag, 1 Sam 30
Mourns death of Saul and Jonathan, 2 Sam 1
Anointed king of Judah, 2 Sam 2:1–7
War with Saul's house; Abner defects to David, 2 Sam 3:1, 6–21
Mourns Abner's death, 2 Sam 3:28–39
Punishes Ishbosheth's murderers, 2 Sam 4
Anointed king of all Israel, 2 Sam 5:1–5
Conquers Jerusalem; makes it his capital, 2 Sam 5:6–16
Defeats Philistines, 2 Sam 5:17–25
Brings ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam 6
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garden in the cool of the *d* ...Gen 3:8
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and *d* and night .....Gen 8:22
"Swear to me as of this *d* ..Gen 25:33
shall observe this *d* .....Ex 12:17
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clothes on the seventh *d* ..Num 31:24
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This *d* you are to cross .....Deut 2:18
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grain, on the very same *d* ..Josh 5:11
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on the *d* of battle, that ...1 Sam 13:22
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This *d* is a *d* of good news, ..2 Kin 7:9
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of a pit on a snowy *d* .....1 Chr 11:22
*d* of the foundation of .....2 Chr 8:16
Be still, for the *d* is holy ....Neh 8:11
made it a *d* of feasting .....Esth 9:18
and cursed the *d* .....Job 3:1
for the *d* of battle and .....Job 38:23
*d* utters speech .....Ps 19:2
For a *d* in Your courts .....Ps 84:10
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*d* the LORD has made .....Ps 118:24
not strike you by *d* .....Ps 121:6
night shines as the *d* .....Ps 139:12
unto the perfect *d* .....Prov 4:18
do not know what a *d* .....Prov 27:1
the *d* when the keepers .....Eccl 12:3
Until the *d* breaks and .....Song 4:6
In that *d* the Branch of the .....Is 4:2
in the *d* of your fast you .....Is 58:3
tears, that I might weep *d* .....Jer 9:1
My covenant with the *d* ....Jer 33:20
a cloud on a rainy *d*, so ....Ezek 1:28
Behold, the *d* .....Ezek 7:10
on the *d* of the LORD .....Ezek 13:5
the *d* you were created ...Ezek 28:15
life, in the *d* of your fall ..Ezek 32:10
knees three times that *d* ....Dan 6:10
you shall stumble in the *d* ....Hos 4:5
a *d* of clouds and thick .....Joel 2:2
For the *d* of the LORD .....Joel 2:11
who put far off the *d* .....Amos 6:3
next *d* God prepared a .....Jon 4:7
the *d* of your watchman .....Mic 7:4
for the *d* of the LORD .....Zeph 1:7
who has despised the *d* ....Zech 4:10
neither *d* nor night .....Zech 14:7
who can endure the *d* .....Mal 3:2
*d* our daily bread .....Matt 6:11
and Gomorrah in the *d* ....Matt 10:15
*d* when I drink it new .....Matt 26:29
this *d* in the city of David ..Luke 2:11
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and the third *d* rise again ..Luke 24:7
sent Me while it is *d* .....John 9:4
great and awesome *d* .....Acts 2:20
person esteems one *d* .....Rom 14:5
*D* will declare it .....1 Cor 3:13
again the third *d* .....1 Cor 15:4
*d* I have been in the .....2 Cor 11:25
perfectly that the *d* .....1 Thess 5:2
and sons of the *d* .....1 Thess 5:5
He designates a certain *d* ....Heb 4:7
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with the Lord one *d* .....2 Pet 3:8
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DAY OF THE LORD
For the *d* of hosts shall .....Is 2:12
Wail, for the *d* is at hand .....Is 13:6
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stand in battle on the *d* ....Ezek 13:5
is near, even the *d* .....Ezek 30:3
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for the *d* is at hand, .....Zeph 1:7
the great and dreadful *d* .....Mal 4:5
the great and awesome *d* ...Acts 2:20
may be saved in the *d* .....1 Cor 5:5
also are ours, in the *d* .....2 Cor 1:14
*d* will come as a thief .....2 Pet 3:10

DAYS
*See* ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE; LAST DAYS
seasons, and for *d* .....Gen 1:14
rain on the earth forty *d* .....Gen 7:4
He who is eight *d* old .....Gen 17:12
Seven *d* you shall eat .....Ex 12:15
Six *d* you shall gather it, ....Ex 16:26
Six *d* you shall labor .....Ex 20:9
that your *d* may be long ....Deut 5:16
*d* are swifter than a .....Job 7:6
Let me alone, for my *d* .....Job 7:16
of woman is of few *d* .....Job 14:1
blessed the latter *d* .....Job 42:12
me all the *d* of my life .....Ps 23:6
The *d* of our lives are .....Ps 90:10
teach us to number our *d* ....Ps 90:12
For my *d* are consumed .....Ps 102:3
I remember the *d* of old .....Ps 143:5
for length of *d* and long .....Prov 3:2
of the LORD prolongs *d* ....Prov 10:27
evil all the *d* of her life ....Prov 31:12
"Why were the former *d* ....Eccl 7:10
Before the difficult *d* .....Eccl 12:1
and tested them ten *d* .....Dan 1:14
He had fasted forty *d* .....Matt 4:2
But the *d* will come when ..Matt 9:15
those *d* were shortened ...Matt 24:22
had shortened those *d* ....Mark 13:20
the *d* were completed .....Luke 2:6
But the *d* will come when ..Luke 5:35
raise it up in three *d* .....John 2:20
he has been dead four *d* ..John 11:39
by them during forty *d* .....Acts 1:3

You observe *d* and ..... Gal 4:10
life and see good *d* ..... 1 Pet 3:10
will come in the last *d*, ..... 2 Pet 3:3
two hundred and sixty *d*. ..... Rev 11:3

DAYSPRING
with which the *D* ..... Luke 1:78

DEACONS
with the bishops and *d* ..... Phil 1:1
*d* must be reverent ..... 1 Tim 3:8
*d* be the husbands ..... 1 Tim 3:12

DEAD
*See* RAISED FROM THE DEAD; RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD
"We shall all be *d* ..... Ex 12:33
he stood between the *d* ... Num 16:48
work wonders for the *d* ..... Ps 88:10
who have long been *d* ..... Ps 143:3
But the *d* know nothing ..... Eccl 9:5
shall cast out the *d* ..... Is 26:19
*d* bury their own *d* ..... Matt 8:22
*d* are raised up and ..... Matt 11:5
not the God of the *d* ..... Matt 22:32
for this my son was *d* .... Luke 15:24
*d* will hear the voice ..... John 5:25
was raised from the *d* ..... Rom 6:4
yourselves to be *d* ..... Rom 6:11
from the law sin was *d* ..... Rom 7:8
be Lord of both the *d* ..... Rom 14:9
resurrection of the *d* ..... 1 Cor 15:12
baptized for the *d* ..... 1 Cor 15:29
made alive, who were *d* ..... Eph 2:1
And the *d* in Christ ..... 1 Thess 4:16
*d* while she lives ..... 1 Tim 5:6
without works is *d* ..... James 2:26
*d* did not live again ..... Rev 20:5
And the *d* were judged ..... Rev 20:12

DEAD SEA
Called the:
Salt Sea, Gen 14:3
Sea of the Arabah, Deut 3:17

DEADLY
they drink anything *d* .... Mark 16:18
evil, full of *d* poison ..... James 3:8
*d* wound was healed ..... Rev 13:3

DEADNESS
the *d* of Sarah's womb ..... Rom 4:19

DEAF
makes the mute, the *d* ..... Ex 4:11
*d* shall hear the words ..... Is 29:18
*d* shall be unstopped ..... Is 35:5
*d* as My messenger ..... Is 42:19
*d* who have ears ..... Is 43:8
their ears shall be *d* ..... Mic 7:16
are cleansed and the *d* ..... Matt 11:5

DEAL
Do you thus *d* with the ..... Deut 32:6
My Servant shall *d* ..... Is 52:13

DEAR
servant, who was *d* to him .. Luke 7:2
count my life *d* to myself .. Acts 20:24
of God as *d* children ..... Eph 5:1
you had become *d* to us .. 1 Thess 2:8

DEARLY
I have given the *d* beloved ... Jer 12:7
rulers *d* love dishonor ..... Hos 4:18

DEATH
*See* SECOND DEATH; SHADOW OF DEATH
Let me die the *d* ..... Num 23:10
*d* parts you and me ..... Ruth 1:17
and the shadow of *d* ..... Job 10:21
You will bring me to *d* ..... Job 30:23
For in *d* there is no ..... Ps 6:5
I sleep the sleep of *d* ..... Ps 13:3
of the shadow of *d* ..... Ps 23:4
my soul from *d* ..... Ps 56:13
can live and not see *d* ..... Ps 89:48
house leads down to *d* ..... Prov 2:18
who hate me love *d* ..... Prov 8:36
*D* and life are in the ..... Prov 18:21
swallow up *d* forever ..... Is 25:8
no pleasure in the *d* ..... Ezek 18:32
redeem them from *d* ..... Hos 13:14
turns the shadow of *d* ..... Amos 5:8
who shall not taste *d* ..... Matt 16:28
but has passed from *d* ..... John 5:24
he shall never see *d* ..... John 8:51
Nevertheless *d* reigned ..... Rom 5:14
as sin reigned in *d* ..... Rom 5:21
*D* no longer has ..... Rom 6:9
the wages of sin is *d* ..... Rom 6:23
to bear fruit to *d* ..... Rom 7:5
proclaim the Lord's *d* .... 1 Cor 11:26
since by man came *d* ..... 1 Cor 15:21
*D* is swallowed up in ..... 1 Cor 15:54
The sting of *d* is sin ..... 1 Cor 15:56
we are the aroma of *d* ..... 2 Cor 2:16
*d* is working in us ..... 2 Cor 4:12
the world produces *d* ..... 2 Cor 7:10
to the point of *d* ..... Phil 2:8
*d* crowned with glory ..... Heb 2:9
who had the power of *d* .... Heb 2:14
that he did not see *d* ..... Heb 11:5
brings forth *d* ..... James 1:15
to God, being put to *d* ..... 1 Pet 3:18
is sin leading to *d* ..... 1 John 5:16
Be faithful until *d* ..... Rev 2:10
Over such the second *d* ..... Rev 20:6
shall be no more *d* ..... Rev 21:4
which is the second *d* ..... Rev 21:8

DEBATE
*D* your case with your ..... Prov 25:9
you fast for strife and *d* ..... Is 58:4

DEBIR
City of Judah; captured by Joshua, Josh 10:38, 39
Recaptured by Othniel; formerly called Kirjath Sepher, Josh 15:15–17; Judg 1:11–13

DEBORAH
A prophetess and judge, Judg 4:4–14
Composed song of triumph, Judg 5:1–31

DEBT
everyone who was in *d* ... 1 Sam 22:2
sell the oil and pay your *d* .. 2 Kin 4:7
the exacting of every *d* .... Neh 10:31
and forgave him the *d* .... Matt 18:27
counted as grace but as *d* ... Rom 4:4

DEBTOR
I am a *d* both to ..... Rom 1:14
that he is a *d* to keep ..... Gal 5:3

DEBTORS
as we forgive our *d* ..... Matt 6:12
of his master's *d* ..... Luke 16:5
brethren, we are *d* ..... Rom 8:12
and they are their *d* ..... Rom 15:27

DEBTS
forgive us our *d*, as we ..... Matt 6:12

DECAPOLIS
Multitudes from follow Jesus, Matt 4:25
Jesus heals demon-possessed, preaches in, Mark 5:20

DECEIT
spirit there is no *d* ..... Ps 32:2
from speaking *d* ..... Ps 34:13
*d* shall not dwell ..... Ps 101:7
*D* is in the heart of ..... Prov 12:20
Nor was any *d* in His ..... Is 53:9
They hold fast to *d* ..... Jer 8:5
in whom is no *d* ..... John 1:47
"O full of all *d* ..... Acts 13:10
philosophy and empty *d* ..... Col 2:8
no sin, nor was *d* ..... 1 Pet 2:22
mouth was found no *d* ..... Rev 14:5

DECEITFUL
deliver me from the *d* ..... Ps 43:1
*d* men shall not ..... Ps 55:23
of the wicked are *d* ..... Prov 12:5
of an enemy are *d* ..... Prov 27:6
"The heart is *d* ..... Jer 17:9
are false apostles, *d* ..... 2 Cor 11:13

DECEITFULLY
an idol, nor sworn *d* ..... Ps 24:4
the word of God *d* ..... 2 Cor 4:2

DECEITFULNESS
this world and the *d* ..... Matt 13:22
hardened through the *d* ..... Heb 3:13

DECEIVE
'Do not *d* yourselves ..... Jer 37:9
rise up and *d* many ..... Matt 24:11
signs and wonders to *d* ... Matt 24:24
Let no one *d* himself ..... 1 Cor 3:18
Let no one *d* you with ..... Eph 5:6
we have no sin, we *d* ..... 1 John 1:8
children, let no one *d* you .. 1 John 3:7
go out to *d* the nations ..... Rev 20:8

DECEIVED
"The serpent *d* ..... Gen 3:13
Why then have you *d* me .. Gen 29:25
Why have you *d* us ..... Josh 9:22
*d* heart has turned him ..... Is 44:20
heed that you not be *d* ..... Luke 21:8
Are you also *d* ..... John 7:47
by the commandment, *d* ... Rom 7:11
Do not be *d* ..... 1 Cor 6:9
as the serpent *d* ..... 2 Cor 11:3
Do not be *d*, God is not ..... Gal 6:7
but the woman being *d* .... 1 Tim 2:14
deceiving and being *d* ..... 2 Tim 3:13
Do not be *d*, my beloved .. James 1:16
all the nations were *d* ..... Rev 18:23
who *d* them ..... Rev 20:10

DECEIVER
"But cursed be the *d* ..... Mal 1:14
how that *d* said ..... Matt 27:63
This is a *d* and an ..... 2 John 7

DECEIVES
heed that no one *d* ..... Matt 24:4
*d* his own heart ..... James 1:26
Satan, who *d* the whole ..... Rev 12:9

DECEIVING
giving heed to *d* spirits ..... 1 Tim 4:1
and worse, *d* and being ... 2 Tim 3:13
hearers only, *d* ..... James 1:22

DECENTLY
all things be done *d* ..... 1 Cor 14:40

DECEPTION
*d* all the day long ..... Ps 38:12

DECEPTIVE
you with *d* words ..... 2 Pet 2:3

DECISION
but its every *d* ..... Prov 16:33
in the valley of *d* ..... Joel 3:14

DECLARE
*D* His glory among the ... 1 Chr 16:24
I will *d* the decree ..... Ps 2:7
The heavens *d* the ..... Ps 19:1
*d* Your name to My ..... Ps 22:22
*d* what He had done ..... Ps 66:16
*d* that the LORD is ..... Ps 92:15
*d* His generation ..... Is 53:8
what is Mine and *d* it to .. John 16:14
who will *d* His generation .. Acts 8:33
we *d* to you glad tidings ... Acts 13:32
"I will *d* Your name ..... Heb 2:12
seen and heard we *d* ..... 1 John 1:3

DECLARED
the Father, He has *d* ..... John 1:18
and *d* to be the Son of ..... Rom 1:4

DECREE
King Cyrus issued a *d* to ... Ezra 5:13
Moreover I issue a *d* as to ... Ezra 6:8
let a royal *d* go out from .... Esth 1:19

let a *d* be written that they .. Esth 3:9
"I will declare the *d* ..... Ps 2:7
*d* which shall not pass ..... Ps 148:6
Woe to those who *d* ..... Is 10:1
by a perpetual *d* ..... Jer 5:22
is by the *d* of the watchers .. Dan 4:17
Nineveh by the *d* of the ..... Jon 3:7
in those days that a *d* ..... Luke 2:1

DEDICATED
house and has not *d* ..... Deut 20:5
every *d* thing in ..... Ezek 44:29
first covenant was *d* ..... Heb 9:18

DEDICATION
sacrifices at the *d* ..... Ezra 6:17
it was the Feast of *D* ..... John 10:22

DEED
What *d* is this you have ... Gen 44:15
*d* has been done ..... Judg 19:30
So I took the purchase *d*, ... Jer 32:11
you do a charitable *d* ..... Matt 6:2
a Prophet mighty in *d* .... Luke 24:19
you do in word or *d* ..... Col 3:17
us from every lawless *d* .... Titus 2:14
your good *d* might not ..... Philem 14
or in tongue, but in *d* ..... 1 John 3:18

DEEDS
works and Your mighty *d* .. Deut 3:24
make known His *d* ..... 1 Chr 16:8
Declare His *d* among ..... Ps 9:11
them according to their *d* ..... Ps 28:4
*d* You did in their days, ..... Ps 44:1
awesome *d* in righteousness .. Ps 65:5
vengeance on their *d* ..... Ps 99:8
Make known His *d* ..... Ps 105:1
harlot by their own *d* ..... Ps 106:39
against the *d* of the wicked .. Ps 141:5
man according to his *d* .... Prov 24:12
declare His *d* among ..... Is 12:4
they surpass the *d* ..... Jer 5:28
their *d* on their own head .. Ezek 9:10
charitable *d* before men ..... Matt 6:1
the *d* of your fathers ..... Luke 11:48
because their *d* ..... John 3:19
You do the *d* of your ..... John 8:41
mighty in words and *d* ..... Acts 7:22
one according to his *d* ..... Rom 2:6
apart from the *d* of the law . Rom 3:28
you put to death the *d* ..... Rom 8:13
off the old man with his *d* .... Col 3:9
shares in his evil *d* ..... 2 John 11
that you hate the *d* of the .... Rev 2:6
did not repent of their *d* .... Rev 16:11

DEEP
LORD God caused a *d* ..... Gen 2:21
He lays up the *d* ..... Ps 33:7
*D* calls unto *d* ..... Ps 42:7
In His hand are the *d* ..... Ps 95:4
His wonders in the *d* ..... Ps 107:24
put out in *d* darkness ..... Prov 20:20
led them through the *d* ..... Is 63:13
*d* closed around me ..... Jon 2:5
*d* uttered its voice ..... Hab 3:10
"Launch out into the *d* ..... Luke 5:4
I have been in the *d* ..... 2 Cor 11:25

DEEPER
*D* than Sheol ..... Job 11:8

DEEPLY
Drink, yes, drink *d* ..... Song 5:1
But He sighed *d* ..... Mark 8:12

DEER
"Naphtali is a *d* ..... Gen 49:21
my feet like the feet of *d* .... Ps 18:33
As the *d* pants for the ..... Ps 42:1
shall leap like a *d* ..... Is 35:6

DEER'S
will make my feet like *d* .... Hab 3:19

DEFEATED
and Israel was *d* ..... 1 Sam 4:10

DEFECT
who has any *d* ..... Lev 21:17

DEFEND
'For I will *d* this ..... 2 Kin 19:34
*d* my own ways before ..... Job 13:15
for joy, because You *d* ..... Ps 5:11
of the God of Jacob *d* you .... Ps 20:1
*D* the poor and ..... Ps 82:3
*d* the fatherless ..... Is 1:17
of hosts *d* Jerusalem ..... Is 31:5
The LORD of hosts will *d* ... Zech 9:15

DEFENDER
a *d* of widows ..... Ps 68:5

DEFENSE
For wisdom is a *d* ..... Eccl 7:12
*d* will be the fortress ..... Is 33:16
am appointed for the *d* ..... Phil 1:17
*d* no one stood with me ... 2 Tim 4:16
be ready to give a *d* ..... 1 Pet 3:15

DEFERRED
Hope *d* makes the heart ... Prov 13:12

DEFILE
the heart, and they *d* ..... Matt 15:18
also these dreamers *d* ..... Jude 8

DEFILED
had *d* Dinah his daughter ... Gen 34:5
*d* the dwelling place ..... Ps 74:7
For your hands are *d* ..... Is 59:3
lest they should be *d* ..... John 18:28
and has *d* this holy place .. Acts 21:28
being weak, is *d* ..... 1 Cor 8:7
and conscience are *d* ..... Titus 1:15
even the garment *d* ..... Jude 23
have not *d* their garments .... Rev 3:4

DEFILES
mouth, this *d* a man ..... Matt 15:11
*d* the temple of God ..... 1 Cor 3:17
it anything that *d* ..... Rev 21:27

DEFRAUD
*d* his brother in this ..... 1 Thess 4:6

DEGENERATE
before Me into the *d* ..... Jer 2:21
*d* is your heart ..... Ezek 16:30

DEGREES
go forward ten *d* ..... 2 Kin 20:9

DELAIAH
Son of Shemaiah; urges Jehoiakim not to burn Jeremiah's scroll. Jer 36:12, 25

DELICACIES
let me eat of their *d* ..... Ps 141:4
Do not desire his *d* ..... Prov 23:3
of the king's *d* ..... Dan 1:5

DELICATE
Leah's eyes were *d*, but .... Gen 29:17
be called tender and *d* ..... Is 47:1
a lovely and *d* woman ..... Jer 6:2

DELIGHT
the LORD as great *d* ..... 1 Sam 15:22
And his heart took *d* ..... 2 Chr 17:6
your *d* in the Almighty ..... Job 22:26
Will he *d* himself in ..... Job 27:10
But his *d* is in the ..... Ps 1:2
ones, in whom is all my *d* .... Ps 16:3
*D* yourself also in the ..... Ps 37:4
I *d* to do Your will ..... Ps 40:8
You do not *d* in burnt ..... Ps 51:16
They *d* in lies ..... Ps 62:4
the peoples who *d* in war .... Ps 68:30
I will *d* myself in Your ..... Ps 119:16
commandments, For I *d* .... Ps 119:35
For Your law is my *d* ..... Ps 119:77
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And Your law is my *d* .... Ps 119:174
does not *d* in the strength .. Ps 147:10
For scorners *d* in their ..... Prov 1:22
*d* in the perversity of the ... Prov 2:14
*d* ourselves with love ..... Prov 7:18
And I was daily His *d* ..... Prov 8:30
but a just weight is His *d* ... Prov 11:1
truthfully are His *d* ..... Prov 12:22
will give *d* to your soul .... Prov 29:17
in his shade with great *d* .... Song 2:3
His *d* is in the fear of the ..... Is 11:3
gold, they will not *d* in it ..... Is 13:17
And let your soul *d* ..... Is 55:2
call the Sabbath a *d* ..... Is 58:13
that in which I do not *d* ..... Is 65:12
For in these I *d*," says the .... Jer 9:24
eyes, the *d* of your soul ... Ezek 24:21
For I *d* in the law of ..... Rom 7:22
taking *d* in false humility .... Col 2:18

DELIGHTED
The LORD *d* only in ..... Deut 10:15
*d* greatly in David ..... 1 Sam 19:1
because He *d* in me ..... 2 Sam 22:20
who *d* in you, setting you ... 2 Chr 9:8
me because He *d* in me ..... Ps 18:19

DELIGHTS
whom the king *d* to honor ... Esth 6:6
Him, since He *d* in Him ..... Ps 22:8
the LORD, and He *d* in his.... Ps 37:23
the son in whom he *d* ..... Prov 3:12
O love, with your *d* ..... Song 7:6
For the LORD *d* in you..... Is 62:4
forever, because He *d* ..... Mic 7:18

DELILAH
Deceives Samson, Judg 16:4–22

DELIVER
*d* them out of the hand ..... Ex 3:8
will *d* him into your hand' ... Judg 4:7
The LORD will *d* us ..... 2 Kin 18:32
He shall *d* you in six ..... Job 5:19
is no one who can *d* ..... Job 10:7
'*D* him from going down ... Job 33:24
Let Him *d* Him ..... Ps 22:8
*d* their soul from ..... Ps 33:19
I will *d* him and honor ..... Ps 91:15
*d* you from the immoral .... Prov 2:16
wickedness will not *d* ..... Eccl 8:8
have I no power to *d* ..... Is 50:2
we serve is able to *d* ..... Dan 3:17
into temptation, but *d* ..... Matt 6:13
let Him *d* Him now if ..... Matt 27:43
*d* such a one to Satan ..... 1 Cor 5:5
And the Lord will *d* ..... 2 Tim 4:18
*d* the godly out of ..... 2 Pet 2:9

DELIVERANCE
*d* He gives to His king ..... Ps 18:50
but *d* is of the LORD ..... Prov 21:31
not accepting *d* ..... Heb 11:35

DELIVERED
*d* the poor who cried ..... Job 29:12
for You have *d* my soul ..... Ps 56:13
For He has *d* the life ..... Jer 20:13
All things have been *d* .... Matt 11:27
who was *d* up because ..... Rom 4:25
But now we have been *d* .... Rom 7:6
who *d* us from so great .... 2 Cor 1:10
was once for all *d* ..... Jude 3

DELIVERER
the LORD raised up a *d* ..... Judg 3:9
LORD raised up a *d* for ..... Judg 3:15
my fortress and my *d* ..... 2 Sam 22:2
LORD gave Israel a *d*..... 2 Kin 13:5
You are my help and my *d* .. Ps 40:17
My high tower and my *d* .... Ps 144:2
*d* by the hand of the Angel . Acts 7:35
*D* will come out of ..... Rom 11:26

DELIVERERS
*d* who saved them ..... Neh 9:27

DELIVERS
*d* the kingdom to God .... 1 Cor 15:24
even Jesus who *d* ..... 1 Thess 1:10

DELUSION
send them strong *d* ..... 2 Thess 2:11

DEMAS
Follows Paul, Col 4:14
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DEMETRIUS
A silversmith at Ephesus, Acts 19:24–31
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DEMON
when the *d* was cast out ....Matt 9:33
they say, 'He has a *d* .....Matt 11:18
Jesus rebuked the *d*.....Matt 17:18
the *d* out of her daughter ..Mark 7:26
a spirit of an unclean *d* ....Luke 4:33
you say, 'He has a *d* .....Luke 7:33
was driven by the *d* into ...Luke 8:29
*d* threw him down and ....Luke 9:42
He was casting out a *d* ...Luke 11:14
You have a *d*.....John 7:20
and have a *d* .....John 8:48
He has a *d* and is mad ....John 10:20

DEMON-POSSESSED
and those who were *d*.....Matt 4:24
to Him many who were *d* ..Matt 8:16
there met Him two *d* men, ..Matt 8:28
Him a man, mute and *d* ....Matt 9:32
to Him who was *d* .....Matt 12:22
daughter is severely *d* ....Matt 15:22
and those who were *d* .....Mark 1:32
one who had been *d*.....Mark 5:15
had been *d* was healed ....Luke 8:36

DEMONIC
is earthly, sensual, *d* .....James 3:15

DEMONS
*See* CAST OUT DEMONS; CASTING OUT DEMONS
They sacrificed to *d*.....Deut 32:17
their daughters to *d* .....Ps 106:37
cast out *d* in Your name ....Matt 7:22
*d* begged Him, saying, .....Matt 8:31
He casts out *d* .....Matt 9:34
raise the dead, cast out *d* ...Matt 10:8
except by Beelzebub .....Matt 12:24
and cast out many *d* .....Mark 1:34
and to cast out *d* .....Mark 3:15
*d* begged Him, saying, .....Mark 5:12
they cast out many *d* .....Mark 6:13
out *d* in Your name .....Mark 9:38
He had cast seven *d*.....Mark 16:9
name they will cast out *d* .Mark 16:17
And *d* also came out of ....Luke 4:41
whom had come seven *d* ....Luke 8:2
many *d* had entered .....Luke 8:30
authority over all *d* .....Luke 9:1
casting out *d* in Your .....Luke 9:49
the *d* are subject .....Luke 10:17
casts out *d* by Beelzebub .Luke 11:15
fox, 'Behold, I cast out *d* ..Luke 13:32
Lord and the cup of *d* ....1 Cor 10:21
spirits and doctrines of *d* ...1 Tim 4:1
Even the *d* believe.....James 2:19
they should not worship *d* ..Rev 9:20
For they are spirits of *d* ....Rev 16:14
a dwelling place of *d* .....Rev 18:2

DEMONSTRATE
faith, to *d* His .....Rom 3:25

DEMONSTRATES
*d* His own love toward .....Rom 5:8

DEMONSTRATION
but in *d* of the Spirit and ...1 Cor 2:4

DEN
in the viper's *d* .....Is 11:8
by My name, become a *d* ....Jer 7:11
cast him into the *d* .....Dan 6:16
it a '*d* of thieves .....Matt 21:13

DENARIUS
the laborers for a *d* .....Matt 20:2
they brought Him a *d* .....Matt 22:19
quart of wheat for a *d* .....Rev 6:6

DENIED
before men will be *d*.....Luke 12:9
Peter then *d* again .....John 18:27
*d* the Holy One and the .....Acts 3:14
things cannot be *d* .....Acts 19:36
household, he has *d* .....1 Tim 5:8
word, and have not *d* .....Rev 3:8

DENIES
But whoever *d* Me .....Matt 10:33
*d* that Jesus is the .....1 John 2:22

DENS
lie down in their *d* .....Ps 104:22
and mountains, in *d* .....Heb 11:38

DENY
lest you *d* your God .....Josh 24:27
place, then it will *d* him .....Job 8:18
lest I be full and *d* .....Prov 30:9
him I will also *d* before ...Matt 10:33
let him *d* himself .....Matt 16:24
will *d* Me three times .....Matt 26:34
who *d* that there is a .....Luke 20:27
confessed, and did not *d* ...John 1:20
He cannot *d* Himself .....2 Tim 2:13
in works they *d* .....Titus 1:16
*d* the only Lord .....Jude 4
*d* My faith even .....Rev 2:13

DENYING
but *d* its power .....2 Tim 3:5
*d* ungodliness and .....Titus 2:12
*d* the Lord who bought .....2 Pet 2:1

DEPART
scepter shall not *d* .....Gen 49:10
they say to God, '*D* .....Job 21:14
*D* from evil and do good ....Ps 34:14
fear the LORD and *d*.....Prov 3:7
the mountains, shall *d* .....Is 54:10
on the left hand, '*D* .....Matt 25:41
will *d* from the faith .....1 Tim 4:1

DEPARTED
the day that you *d* .....Deut 9:7

DEPARTING
heart of unbelief in *d* .....Heb 3:12

DEPARTS
His spirit *d*, he returns to ....Ps 146:4
But if the unbeliever *d* .....1 Cor 7:15

DEPARTURE
*d* savage wolves will .....Acts 20:29
and the time of my *d* .....2 Tim 4:6

DEPRESSION
of man causes *d* .....Prov 12:25

DEPRIVE
*d* myself of good .....Eccl 4:8
*d* one another except .....1 Cor 7:5

DEPRIVED
like a bear *d* of her cubs ....Hos 13:8

DEPTH
because they had no *d* .....Matt 13:5
nor height nor *d* .....Rom 8:39
Oh, the *d* of the .....Rom 11:33
width and length and *d* .....Eph 3:18

DEPTHS
*d* have covered them .....Ex 15:5
The *d* also trembled .....Ps 77:16
my soul from the *d* .....Ps 86:13
led them through the *d* .....Ps 106:9
go down again to the *d* .....Ps 107:26
*d* I was brought forth .....Prov 8:24
our sins into the *d* .....Mic 7:19
have not known the *d*.....Rev 2:24

DERANGED
the nations are *d* .....Jer 51:7

DERBE
Paul visits, Acts 14:6, 20
Paul meets Timothy at, Acts 16:1

DERISION
shall hold them in *d* .....Ps 2:4
I am in *d* daily .....Jer 20:7

DESCEND
His glory shall not *d* .....Ps 49:17
*d* now from the cross ....Mark 15:32
Lord Himself will *d* .....1 Thess 4:16
This wisdom does not *d* ..James 3:15

DESCENDANTS
All you *d* of Jacob .....Ps 22:23
*d* shall inherit the .....Ps 25:13
pour My Spirit on your *d* .....Is 44:3
In the LORD all the *d*.....Is 45:25
none of his *d* shall prosper ..Jer 22:30
"We are Abraham's *d* .....John 8:33
So shall your *d* be .....Rom 4:18

DESCENDED
because the LORD *d*.....Ex 19:18
that He also first *d* .....Eph 4:9
He who *d* is also the .....Eph 4:10

DESCENDING
were ascending and *d* .....Gen 28:12
"I saw the Spirit *d* .....John 1:32
God ascending and *d* .....John 1:51
the holy Jerusalem, *d* .....Rev 21:10

DESERT
And tested God in the *d* ....Ps 106:14
*d* shall rejoice and blossom ...Is 35:1
and rivers in the *d*.....Is 43:19
her *d* like the garden of .....Is 51:3
'Look, He is in the *d* .....Matt 24:26
ate the manna in the *d* .....John 6:31

DESERTED
*d* place by Himself .....Matt 14:13

DESERTS
led them through the *d* .....Is 48:21
They wandered in *d* .....Heb 11:38

DESERVE
to them what they *d* .....Ps 28:4
*d* I will judge them .....Ezek 7:27

DESIGN
with an artistic *d* .....Ex 26:31
may keep its whole *d* .....Ezek 43:11

DESIRABLE
the eyes, and a tree *d* .....Gen 3:6
*d* that we should leave .....Acts 6:2

DESIRE
*d* shall be for your .....Gen 3:16
and you shall not *d* your ...Deut 5:21
is all the *d* of Israel .....1 Sam 9:20
salvation and all my *d* ....2 Sam 23:5
I *d* to reason with God .....Job 13:3
for we do not *d* .....Job 21:14
boasts of his heart's *d* .....Ps 10:3
heard the *d* of the humble ...Ps 10:17
him his heart's *d* .....Ps 21:2
and offering You did not *d* ...Ps 40:6
Behold, You *d* truth in .....Ps 51:6
confused Who *d* my hurt .....Ps 70:2
upon earth that I *d* .....Ps 73:25
the *d* of the wicked .....Ps 112:10
and satisfy the *d* .....Ps 145:16
all the things you may *d* ...Prov 3:15
all the things one may *d* ...Prov 8:11
*d* of the righteous will ....Prov 10:24
The *d* of the righteous is ..Prov 11:23
The *d* of the lazy .....Prov 21:25
nor *d* to be with them .....Prov 24:1
a burden, and *d* fails .....Eccl 12:5
and his *d* is toward me ....Song 7:10
the *d* of our soul is .....Is 26:8
beauty that we should *d* .....Is 53:2
the *d* of their eyes, and ...Ezek 24:25
For I *d* mercy and not .....Hos 6:6
great man utters his evil *d* ....Mic 7:3
*d* mercy and not sacrifice ..Matt 9:13
*d* I have desired .....Luke 22:15
"Father, I *d* that .....John 17:24
all manner of evil *d* .....Rom 7:8
Brethren, my heart's *d* .....Rom 10:1

*d* the best gifts ..... 1 Cor 12:31
*d* spiritual gifts ..... 1 Cor 14:1
was a readiness to *d* ..... 2 Cor 8:11
the two, having a *d* ..... Phil 1:23
passion, evil *d* ..... Col 3:5
offering You did not *d* ..... Heb 10:5
But now they *d* a better .... Heb 11:16
*d* has conceived ..... James 1:15
angels *d* to look into ..... 1 Pet 1:12
*d* the pure milk of the ..... 1 Pet 2:2

DESIRED
*d* are they than gold ..... Ps 19:10
One thing I have *d* ..... Ps 27:4
guides them to their *d* ..... Ps 107:30
What is *d* in a man is ..... Prov 19:22
Whatever my eyes *d* ..... Eccl 2:10
desire I have *d* ..... Luke 22:15

DESIRES
all that your heart *d* ..... 2 Sam 3:21
Who is the man who *d* ..... Ps 34:12
shall give you the *d* ..... Ps 37:4
the *d* of the wicked ..... Ps 140:8
soul of a lazy man *d* ..... Prov 13:4
for himself of all he *d* ..... Eccl 6:2
*d* to come after Me. ..... Matt 16:24
*d* to become great ..... Matt 20:26
the *d* for other things ..... Mark 4:19
wine, immediately *d* new .. Luke 5:39
the devil, and the *d* ..... John 8:44
with its passions and *d* ..... Gal 5:24
fulfulling the *d* of the flesh ... Eph 2:3
If a man *d* the position ..... 1 Tim 3:1
according to their own *d* ... 2 Tim 4:3
away by his own *d* ..... James 1:14
not come from your *d* ..... James 4:1
Whoever *d*, let him take ... Rev 22:17

DESIRING
earnestly *d* to be clothed .... 2 Cor 5:2
*d* to be teachers of the ..... 1 Tim 1:7
in all things *d* to live ..... Heb 13:18

DESOLATE
on me, for I am *d* ..... Ps 25:16
the wilderness in a *d* ..... Ps 107:4
my children and am *d* ..... Is 49:21
any more be termed *D* ..... Is 62:4
to make your land *d* ..... Jer 4:7
house is left to you *d* ..... Matt 23:38
one hour she is made *d* .... Rev 18:19

DESOLATION
the 'abomination of *d* ..... Matt 24:15
then know that its *d* ..... Luke 21:20

DESOLATIONS
LORD, who has made *d* ..... Ps 46:8

DESPAIRED
turned my heart and *d* ..... Eccl 2:20
strength, so that we *d* ..... 2 Cor 1:8

DESPERATELY
he flees *d* from its ..... Job 27:22

DESPISE
if you *d* My statutes ..... Lev 26:15
*d* Me shall be lightly ..... 1 Sam 2:30
I *d* my life ..... Job 9:21
but fools *d* wisdom ..... Prov 1:7
People do not *d* a thief if ... Prov 6:30
*d* your mother when she .. Prov 23:22
Because you *d* this word ..... Is 30:12
*d* your feast days ..... Amos 5:21
to you priests who *d* ..... Mal 1:6
one and *d* the other ..... Matt 6:24
*d* one of these little ones .. Matt 18:10
*d* the riches of His ..... Rom 2:4
*d* the church of God ..... 1 Cor 11:22
Therefore let no one *d* .... 1 Cor 16:11
Do not *d* prophecies ..... 1 Thess 5:20
Let no one *d* your youth .. 1 Tim 4:12
do not *d* the chastening of .. Heb 12:5
and *d* authority ..... 2 Pet 2:10

DESPISED
mistress became *d* in her ... Gen 16:4
Esau *d* his birthright ..... Gen 25:34
you have *d* the LORD ..... Num 11:20
she *d* him in her heart .... 2 Sam 6:16
men, and *d* by the people ..... Ps 22:6
*d* the counsel of the Most ... Ps 107:11
perverse heart will be *d* .... Prov 12:8
poor man's wisdom is *d* .... Eccl 9:16
it would be utterly *d* ..... Song 8:7
*d* the word of the Holy ..... Is 5:24
He is *d* and rejected ..... Is 53:3
have *d* My holy things ..... Ezek 22:8
For who has *d* the day of .. Zech 4:10
righteous, and *d* others .... Luke 18:9
the things which are *d* ..... 1 Cor 1:28

DESPISES
wisdom *d* his neighbor .... Prov 11:12
*d* the word will be ..... Prov 13:13
*d* his neighbor sins ..... Prov 14:21
but a foolish man *d* ..... Prov 15:20
*d* the scepter of My ..... Ezek 21:10

DESPISING
the cross, *d* the shame ..... Heb 12:2

DESTINED
this Child is *d* for the fall .. Luke 2:34

DESTINY
did not consider her *d* ..... Lam 1:9

DESTITUTE
the prayer of the *d* ..... Ps 102:17
of corrupt minds and *d* ..... 1 Tim 6:5
sister is naked and *d* ..... James 2:15

DESTROY
*d* the righteous ..... Gen 18:23
*d* all the wicked ..... Ps 101:8
of the LORD I will *d* ..... Ps 118:10
the wicked He will *d* ..... Ps 145:20
Why should you *d* ..... Eccl 7:16
shall not hurt nor *d* ..... Is 11:9
have mercy, but will *d* ..... Jer 13:14
*d* them with double ..... Jer 17:18
I did not come to *d* ..... Matt 5:17
where moth and rust *d* ..... Matt 6:19
Him who is able to *d* ..... Matt 10:28
I am able to *d* the temple .. Matt 26:61
Barabbas and *d* Jesus ..... Matt 27:20
You who *d* the temple .... Matt 27:40
'I will *d* this temple ..... Mark 14:58
to save life or to *d* ..... Luke 6:9
*d* men's lives but to ..... Luke 9:56
*D* this temple, and in ..... John 2:19
and to kill, and to *d* ..... John 10:10
*d* the work of God for ..... Rom 14:20
*d* the wisdom of the ..... 1 Cor 1:19
God will *d* him ..... 1 Cor 3:17
foods, but God will *d* ..... 1 Cor 6:13
*d* with the brightness of .. 2 Thess 2:8
able to save and to *d* ..... James 4:12
He might *d* the works ..... 1 John 3:8

DESTROYED
*d* all living things ..... Gen 7:23
*d* those who hated me ... 2 Sam 22:41
My people are *d* ..... Hos 4:6
"O Israel, you are *d* ..... Hos 13:9
house, this tent, is *d* ..... 2 Cor 5:1

DESTROYER
the paths of the *d* ..... Ps 17:4
him who is a great *d* ..... Prov 18:9
destroyed by the *d* ..... 1 Cor 10:10

DESTRUCTION
not be afraid of *d* ..... Job 5:21
*D* has no covering ..... Job 26:6
*d* come upon him ..... Ps 35:8
cast them down to *d* ..... Ps 73:18
You turn man to *d* ..... Ps 90:3
*d* that lays waste ..... Ps 91:6
your life from *d* ..... Ps 103:4
*d* will come to the ..... Prov 10:29
Pride goes before *d* ..... Prov 16:18
*d* the heart of a man ..... Prov 18:12
called the City of *D* ..... Is 19:18
neither wasting nor *d* ..... Is 60:18
heifer, but *d* comes ..... Jer 46:20
wrath prepared for *d* ..... Rom 9:22
one to Satan for the *d* ..... 1 Cor 5:5
whose end is *d* ..... Phil 3:19
then sudden *d* ..... 1 Thess 5:3
with everlasting *d* ..... 2 Thess 1:9
which drown men in *d* ..... 1 Tim 6:9
twist to their own *d* ..... 2 Pet 3:16

DESTRUCTIVE
bring in *d* heresies ..... 2 Pet 2:1

DETERMINED
Since his days are *d* ..... Job 14:5
of hosts will make a *d* ..... Is 10:23
"Seventy weeks are *d* ..... Dan 9:24
*d* their preappointed ..... Acts 17:26
For I *d* not to know ..... 1 Cor 2:2

DETESTABLE
shall not eat any *d* ..... Deut 14:3

DEVICE
there is no work or *d* ..... Eccl 9:10

DEVICES
not ignorant of his *d* ..... 2 Cor 2:11

DEVIL
*See* SATAN
Titles of:
Abaddon, Apollyon, angel of the bottomless pit, Rev 9:11
accuser, Rev 12:10
adversary, 1 Pet 5:8
Beelzebub, prince of demons, Matt 12:24
Belial, 2 Cor 6:15
evil one, Matt 6:13; Luke 11:4
god of this age, 2 Cor 4:4
murderer, father of lies, John 8:44
prince of the power of the air, Eph 2:2
ruler of darkness, Eph 6:12
ruler of this world, John 14:30
Satan, Luke 10:18
serpent, Gen 3:4
serpent of old, Rev 20:2
wicked one, Matt 13:19
Origin of, in heaven, Is 14:12–20; Rev 12:7–9
Power and activities of:
tempted Eve, Gen 3:1
tempted David, 1 Chr 21:1
accused and tormented Job, Job 1:6—2:10
opposed Joshua the high priest, Zech 3:1
tempted Jesus, Matt 4:1–11; Mark 3:22–28; Luke 22:31
entered Judas at betrayal, Luke 22:3; John 13:27
deceives and ensnares, 2 Cor 11:3–15; 1 Tim 3:6, 7; Rev 20:7, 8
works in evildoers, Acts 13:8–10; Eph 2:2
accuses believers before God, Rev 12:10
Believers must resist, 2 Cor 2:10, 11; Eph 6:11–16; James 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8, 9; 1 John 2:13
His defeat by Christ, Gen 3:15; Rev 12:10–12; 20:7–10

to be tempted by the *d* ..... Matt 4:1
who sowed them is the *d* .. Matt 13:39
prepared for the *d* ..... Matt 25:41
forty days by the *d* ..... Luke 4:2
then the *d* comes and ..... Luke 8:12
and one of you is a *d* ..... John 6:70
of your father the *d* ..... John 8:44
*d* having already put ..... John 13:2
oppressed by the *d* ..... Acts 10:38
fraud, you son of the *d* .... Acts 13:10

give place to the *d* . . . . . Eph 4:27
the wiles of the *d* . . . . . Eph 6:11
condemnation as the *d* . . . . . 1 Tim 3:6
the snare of the *d* . . . . . 2 Tim 2:26
of death, that is, the *d* . . . . . Heb 2:14
Resist the *d* and he . . . . . James 4:7
*d* walks about like a . . . . . 1 Pet 5:8
the works of the *d* . . . . . 1 John 3:8
contending with the *d* . . . . . Jude 9
Indeed, the *d* is about . . . . . Rev 2:10
serpent of old, called the *D* . . Rev 12:9
the *d* has come down to . . . . Rev 12:12
serpent of old, who is the *D* . Rev 20:2
*d*, who deceived them . . . . . Rev 20:10

DEVIOUS
crooked, and who are *d* . . . . Prov 2:15

DEVISE
Do not *d* evil against . . . . . Prov 3:29
Woe to those who *d* . . . . . Mic 2:1

DEVISES
*d* wickedness on his . . . . . Ps 36:4
he *d* evil continually . . . . . Prov 6:14
*d* wicked plans to . . . . . Is 32:7
But a generous man *d* . . . . . Is 32:8

DEVOID
He who is *d* of wisdom . . . . Prov 11:12

DEVOTE
*d* rashly something as . . . . Prov 20:25

DEVOTED
*d* offering is most . . . . . Lev 27:28
"Every *d* thing in . . . . . Num 18:14
Your servant, who is *d* . . . . . Ps 119:38

DEVOUR
A fire shall *d* before . . . . . Ps 50:3
For you *d* widows' . . . . . Matt 23:14
bite and *d* one another . . . . . Gal 5:15
seeking whom he may *d* . . . . 1 Pet 5:8
*d* her Child as . . . . . Rev 12:4

DEVOURED
Some wild beast has *d* . . . . . Gen 37:20
rebel, you shall be *d* . . . . . Is 1:20
the curse has *d* . . . . . Is 24:6
Your sword has *d* . . . . . Jer 2:30
For shame has *d* . . . . . Jer 3:24
have *d* their judges . . . . . Hos 7:7
trees, the locust *d* . . . . . Amos 4:9
birds came and *d* them . . . . . Matt 13:4
of heaven and *d* them . . . . . Rev 20:9

DEVOURER
I will rebuke the *d* . . . . . Mal 3:11

DEVOURING
You love all *d* words . . . . . Ps 52:4
the flame of *d* fire . . . . . Is 29:6

DEVOUT
man was just and *d* . . . . . Luke 2:25
*d* men carried Stephen . . . . . Acts 8:2
*d* soldier from among . . . . . Acts 10:7
*d* proselytes followed Paul . Acts 13:43

DEW
God give you of the *d* . . . . . Gen 27:28
shall also drop *d* . . . . . Deut 33:28
have the *d* of Your youth . . . . Ps 110:3
his favor is like *d* . . . . . Prov 19:12
a cloud of *d* in the heat . . . . . Is 18:4
your *d* is like the *d* . . . . . Is 26:19
like the early *d* . . . . . Hos 6:4
many peoples, like *d* . . . . . Mic 5:7

DIADEM
LORD, and a royal *d*. . . . . Is 62:3

DIADEMS
ten horns, and seven *d* . . . . . Rev 12:3

DIAL
*d* by which it had gone . . . . . Is 38:8

DIAMOND
a sapphire, and a *d* . . . . . Ex 28:18
*d* it is engraved . . . . . Jer 17:1
the sardius, topaz, and *d* . . Ezek 28:13

DIANA
Worship of at Ephesus creates uproar, Acts 19:23–41

DIBON
Amorite town, Num 21:30
Taken by Israel, Num 32:2–5
Destruction of, foretold, Jer 48:18, 22

DICTATES
according to the *d* . . . . . Jer 23:17

DIE
it you shall surely *d* . . . . . Gen 2:17
you touch it, lest you *d* . . . . . Gen 3:3
the land of Egypt shall *d* . . . . . Ex 11:5
Where you *d*, I will *d*, . . . . . Ruth 1:17
but a person shall *d* . . . . . 2 Chr 25:4
Curse God and *d* . . . . . Job 2:9
sees wise men *d* . . . . . Ps 49:10
I shall not *d*, but live . . . . . Ps 118:17
He shall *d* for lack of . . . . . Prov 5:23
but fools *d* for lack of . . . . . Prov 10:21
hates correction will *d* . . . . Prov 15:10
with a rod, he will not *d* . . Prov 23:13
who are appointed to *d* . . . . Prov 31:8
how does a wise man *d* . . . . . Eccl 2:16
born, and a time to *d* . . . . . Eccl 3:2
why should you *d* . . . . . Eccl 7:17
drink, for tomorrow we *d* . . . . Is 22:13
their worm does not *d* . . . . . Is 66:24
every one shall *d* for his . . . . Jer 31:30
wicked way, he shall *d* . . . . . Ezek 3:19
the soul who sins shall *d* . . . Ezek 18:4
man, you shall surely *d* . . . . Ezek 33:8
"Even if I have to *d* . . . . . Matt 26:35
'their worm does not *d* . . . . Mark 9:44
nor can they *d* . . . . . Luke 20:36
eat of it and not *d* . . . . . John 6:50
to you that you will *d* . . . . . John 8:24
though he may *d* . . . . . John 11:25
that one man should *d* . . . . John 11:50
that Jesus would *d* . . . . . John 11:51
our law He ought to *d* . . . . . John 19:7
righteous man will one *d* . . . . Rom 5:7
the flesh you will *d* . . . . . Rom 8:13
if we *d*, we *d* to the Lord . . . Rom 14:8
For as in Adam all *d* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:22
Jesus our Lord, I *d* daily . . 1 Cor 15:31
and to *d* is gain . . . . . Phil 1:21
for men to *d* once . . . . . Heb 9:27
are the dead who *d* . . . . . Rev 14:13

DIED
And all flesh *d* . . . . . Gen 7:21
"Oh, that we had *d* . . . . . Ex 16:3
himself with fire, and *d* . . . 1 Kin 16:18
Hadad *d* also . . . . . 1 Chr 1:51
So Saul *d* for his . . . . . 1 Chr 10:13
was that the beggar *d* . . . . Luke 16:22
in due time Christ *d* . . . . . Rom 5:6
Christ *d* for us . . . . . Rom 5:8
For he who has *d* . . . . . Rom 6:7
Now if we *d* with . . . . . Rom 6:8
sin revived and I *d* . . . . . Rom 7:9
For to this end Christ *d* . . . . Rom 14:9
perish, for whom Christ *d* . 1 Cor 8:11
that Christ *d* for our sins . . 1 Cor 15:3
that if One *d* for all . . . . . 2 Cor 5:14
and He *d* for all . . . . . 2 Cor 5:15
through the law *d* . . . . . Gal 2:19
if you *d* with Christ from . . . . Col 2:20
For you *d*, and your life is . . . . Col 3:3
believe that Jesus *d* . . . . . 1 Thess 4:14
who *d* for us . . . . . 1 Thess 5:10
for if we *d* with Him . . . . . 2 Tim 2:11
These all *d* in faith . . . . . Heb 11:13
having *d* to sins . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24

DIES
If a man *d*, shall he live . . . . Job 14:14
When a wicked man *d* . . . . . Prov 11:7
into the ground and *d* . . . . . John 12:24
if the husband *d*, she is . . . . . Rom 7:2
and no one *d* to himself . . . . Rom 14:7
made alive unless it *d* . . . . 1 Cor 15:36

DIFFERENCE
the LORD will make a *d* . . . . . Ex 9:4
*d* between the unclean . . . . Ezek 22:26
the *d* between the holy . . . . Ezek 44:23
For there is no *d* . . . . . Rom 3:22
were, it makes no *d* to me . . . . Gal 2:6

DIFFERENCES
There are *d* of ministries, . . 1 Cor 12:5

DIFFERENT
he has a *d* spirit in him . . . Num 14:24
with *d* kinds of seed . . . . . Deut 22:9
each *d* from the other . . . . . Dan 7:3
*d* kinds of tongues . . . . . 1 Cor 12:10
if you receive a *d* spirit . . . . 2 Cor 11:4
of Christ, to a *d* gospel, . . . . . Gal 1:6

DIFFERING
Having then gifts *d* . . . . . Rom 12:6

DIFFERS
for one star *d* from . . . . . 1 Cor 15:41

DIFFICULT
*d* is the way which leads . . . Matt 7:14

DIFFUSED
By what way is light *d* . . . . . Job 38:24

DIFFUSES
us *d* the fragrance . . . . . 2 Cor 2:14

DIG
wells which you did not *d* . . Deut 6:11
Son of man, *d* into the . . . . . Ezek 8:8
Though they *d* into hell . . . . Amos 9:2
I cannot *d*; I am ashamed . . Luke 16:3

DIGNITARIES
afraid to speak evil of *d* . . . . 2 Pet 2:10
and speak evil of *d* . . . . . Jude 8

DILIGENCE
your heart with all *d* . . . . . Prov 4:23
*d* is man's precious . . . . . Prov 12:27
he who leads, with *d* . . . . . Rom 12:8
not lagging in *d*, fervent . . Rom 12:11
*d* it produced in you . . . . . 2 Cor 7:11
of your love by the *d* . . . . . 2 Cor 8:8
giving all *d*, add to your . . . . . 2 Pet 1:5

DILIGENT
*d* in sanctifying . . . . . 2 Chr 29:34
and my spirit makes *d* . . . . . Ps 77:6
hand of the *d* makes rich . . . Prov 10:4
of the *d* will rule . . . . . Prov 12:24
*d* shall be made rich . . . . . Prov 13:4
proved *d* in many things . . . 2 Cor 8:22
*d* to come to me quickly . . . . 2 Tim 4:9
Let us therefore be *d* . . . . . Heb 4:11
be *d* to be found by Him . . . 2 Pet 3:14

DILIGENTLY
if you *d* obey the voice of . . Deut 28:1
seek me *d* will find me . . . . . Prov 8:17
*d* followed every good . . . . 1 Tim 5:10
he sought it *d* with tears . . . Heb 12:17

DIM
His eyes were not *d* . . . . . Deut 34:7
the windows grow *d* . . . . . Eccl 12:3
the gold has become *d* . . . . . Lam 4:1

DIMINISH
stars *d* their brightness . . . . . Joel 2:10
the lights will *d* . . . . . Zech 14:6

DIMLY
we see in a mirror, *d* . . . . . 1 Cor 13:12

DINAH
Daughter of Leah, Gen 30:20, 21
Defiled by Shechem, Gen 34:1–24
Avenged by brothers, Gen 34:25–31

DINE
asked Him to *d* with . . . . . Luke 11:37
come in to him and *d* . . . . . Rev 3:20

DINNER
Better is a *d* of herbs . . . . . Prov 15:17

I have prepared my *d* .....Matt 22:4
invites you to *d* .....1 Cor 10:27

DIOTREPHES
Unruly church member, 3 John 9, 10

DIP
*d* them in the blood .....Lev 14:51
*d* it in the water, .....Num 19:18
let him *d* his foot in oil ....Deut 33:24
*d* your piece of bread .....Ruth 2:14
*d* the tip of his finger in ..Luke 16:24

DIPPED
*d* the tunic in the blood ....Gen 37:31
*d* his finger in the .....Lev 9:9
*d* seven times in the .....2 Kin 5:14
of bread when I have *d* ...John 13:26
clothed with a robe *d* .....Rev 19:13

DIRECT
the morning I will *d* .....Ps 5:3
and He shall *d* your paths ...Prov 3:6
*d* their work in truth .....Is 61:8
Now may the Lord *d* .....2 Thess 3:5

DIRT
I cast them out like *d* .....Ps 18:42
cast up mire and *d* .....Is 57:20

DISAPPEARS
As water *d* from the .....Job 14:11

DISARMED
*d* principalities .....Col 2:15

DISARMS
and *d* the mighty .....Job 12:21

DISASTER
bring *d* on the house .....1 Kin 14:10
I am fashioning a *d* .....Jer 18:11
war and *d* and pestilence ....Jer 28:8
*D* will come upon .....Ezek 7:26
you shall see *d* .....Zeph 3:15
voyage will end with *d* ....Acts 27:10

DISCERN
Can I *d* between the .....2 Sam 19:35
Then you shall again *d* .....Mal 3:18
*d* the face of the sky .....Matt 16:3
senses exercised to *d* .....Heb 5:14

DISCERNED
they are spiritually *d* .....1 Cor 2:14

DISCERNER
*d* of the thoughts .....Heb 4:12

DISCERNING
not *d* the Lord's body ....1 Cor 11:29
another *d* of spirits, to ....1 Cor 12:10

DISCERNMENT
and takes away the *d* .....Job 12:20

DISCERNS
a wise man's heart *d* .....Eccl 8:5

DISCIPLE
*d* is not above his .....Matt 10:24
in the name of a *d* .....Matt 10:42
he cannot be My *d* .....Luke 14:26
the *d* whom He loved .....John 19:26
*d* whom Jesus loved .....John 21:7
the *d* whom Jesus loved ..John 21:20

DISCIPLES
*See* TWELVE DISCIPLES
but Your *d* do not fast .....Matt 9:14
called His twelve *d* to .....Matt 10:1
*d* transgress the .....Matt 15:2
took the twelve *d* .....Matt 20:17
all the *d* forsook Him .....Matt 26:56
make *d* of all the nations, .Matt 28:19
with His *d* to the sea .....Mark 3:7
called His *d* to Himself ....Luke 6:13
His *d* believed in Him .....John 2:11
many of His *d* went back ..John 6:66
My word, you are My *d* ....John 8:31
to become His *d* .....John 9:27
but we are Moses' *d* .....John 9:28
His *d* did not understand ..John 12:16
know that you are My *d* ...John 13:35
so you will be My *d* .....John 15:8
Then the *d* were glad .....John 20:20
of the *d* was multiplying, ....Acts 6:1
the *d* were first called .....Acts 11:26
souls of the *d*, exhorting ..Acts 14:22
strengthening all the *d* ....Acts 18:23

DISCIPLES'
began to wash the *d* feet ...John 13:5

DISCIPLINE
Harsh *d* is for him who ...Prov 15:10
I *d* my body and bring .....1 Cor 9:27

DISCIPLINES
but he who loves him *d* ...Prov 13:24

DISCLOSE
*d* my dark saying .....Ps 49:4

DISCORD
and one who sows *d* .....Prov 6:19

DISCOURAGE
why will you *d* the heart ...Num 32:7

DISCOURAGED
do not fear or be *d* .....Deut 1:21
will not fail nor be *d* .....Is 42:4
lest they become *d* .....Col 3:21
you become weary and *d* ...Heb 12:3
*d* when you are rebuked ....Heb 12:5

DISCREET
*d*, chaste, homemakers, .....Titus 2:5

DISCRETION
*D* will preserve you .....Prov 2:11
out knowledge and *d* .....Prov 8:12
woman who lacks *d* .....Prov 11:22
The *d* of a man makes ....Prov 19:11
the heavens at His *d* .....Jer 10:12

DISEASE
Shall I recover from this *d* ..2 Kin 8:8
in his *d* he did not seek ..2 Chr 16:12
all kinds of *d* among the ...Matt 4:23
every *d* among the people ..Matt 9:35
well of whatever *d* he had ...John 5:4

DISEASES
Who heals all your *d*, .....Ps 103:3
afflicted with various *d* .....Matt 4:24
various *d* brought them ....Luke 4:40
all demons, and to cure *d* ...Luke 9:1
*d* left them and the evil ....Acts 19:12

DISFIGURE
nor shall you *d* the edges ..Lev 19:27
*d* their faces that .....Matt 6:16

DISGRACE
plead my *d* against me, .....Job 19:5
do not *d* the throne of .....Jer 14:21

DISGRACEFUL
he had done a *d* thing .....Gen 34:7
done a *d* thing in Israel ....Josh 7:15
Do not do this *d* thing ...2 Sam 13:12

DISGUISES
and he *d* his face .....Job 24:15
He who hates, *d* .....Prov 26:24

DISHONEST GAIN
turned aside after *d* .....1 Sam 8:3
for the sake of *d* .....Titus 1:11
not for *d* but eagerly .....1 Pet 5:2

DISHONESTY
Wealth gained by *d* will ...Prov 13:11

DISHONOR
*d* who wish me evil .....Ps 40:14
with *d* comes reproach .....Prov 18:3
*d* the pride of all .....Is 23:9
Her rulers dearly love *d* ....Hos 4:18
My Father, and you *d* Me ..John 8:49
*d* their bodies among .....Rom 1:24
and another for *d* .....Rom 9:21
long hair, it is a *d* to .....1 Cor 11:14
It is sown in *d* .....1 Cor 15:43
by honor and *d* .....2 Cor 6:8
honor and some for *d* .....2 Tim 2:20

DISHONORED
but we are *d* .....1 Cor 4:10
But you have *d* the .....James 2:6

DISHONORS
For son *d* father .....Mic 7:6
covered, *d* his head .....1 Cor 11:4

DISOBEDIENCE
*d* many were made .....Rom 5:19
works in the sons of *d* .....Eph 2:2
*d* received a just .....Heb 2:2

DISOBEDIENT
Nevertheless they were *d* ...Neh 9:26
the *d* to the wisdom of .....Luke 1:17
out My hands to a *d* .....Rom 10:21
you were once *d* to God ...Rom 11:30
*d* to parents, unthankful, ...2 Tim 3:2
*d*, deceived, serving .....Titus 3:3
They stumble, being *d* .....1 Pet 2:8
who formerly were *d* .....1 Pet 3:20

DISORDERLY
for this *d* gathering .....Acts 19:40
brother who walks *d* .....2 Thess 3:6

DISPENSATION
*d* of the fullness of .....Eph 1:10
*d* of the grace of God .....Eph 3:2

DISPERSE
*d* them throughout the ....Ezek 20:23

DISPERSION
intend to go to the *D* .....John 7:35
the pilgrims of the *D* .....1 Pet 1:1

DISPLEASE
LORD see it, and it *d*. .....Prov 24:18

DISPLEASED
that David had done *d* ...2 Sam 11:27
You have been *d* .....Ps 60:1
they were greatly *d* .....Matt 20:24
it, He was greatly *d* .....Mark 10:14

DISPUTE
Now there was also a *d* ...Luke 22:24

DISPUTED
when he *d* about the body ....Jude 9

DISPUTER
Where is the *d* of this .....1 Cor 1:20

DISPUTES
*d* rather than godly .....1 Tim 1:4
but is obsessed with *d* .....1 Tim 6:4
foolish and ignorant *d* ....2 Tim 2:23
But avoid foolish *d* .....Titus 3:9

DISQUALIFIED
myself should become *d* ...1 Cor 9:27
indeed you are *d* .....2 Cor 13:5
though we may seem *d* ....2 Cor 13:7

DISQUIETED
And why are you *d* .....Ps 42:5

DISSENSION
had no small *d* and .....Acts 15:2
this, a *d* arose between .....Acts 23:7
a creator of *d* among all ....Acts 24:5

DISSENSIONS
selfish ambitions, *d* .....Gal 5:20

DISSIPATION
not accused of *d* .....Titus 1:6
in the same flood of *d* .....1 Pet 4:4

DISSOLVED
of heaven shall be *d* .....Is 34:4
the heavens will be *d* .....2 Pet 3:12

DISTINCTION
and made no *d* .....Acts 15:9
For there is no *d* .....Rom 10:12
compassion, making a *d* .....Jude 22

DISTRACTED
But Martha was *d* with ...Luke 10:40

DISTRESS
me in the day of my *d* ..... Gen 35:3
When you are in *d* ..... Deut 4:30
my life from every *d* ..... 1 Kin 1:29
you out of dire *d* ..... Job 36:16
keep you from *d* ..... Job 36:19
*d* them in His deep ..... Ps 2:5
on the LORD in *d* ..... Ps 118:5
a whirlwind, when *d* ..... Prov 1:27
and on the earth *d* ..... Luke 21:25
tribulation, or *d* ..... Rom 8:35
of the present *d* ..... 1 Cor 7:26

DISTRESSED
was greatly afraid and *d* .... Gen 32:7
Israel was severely *d* ..... Judg 10:9
David was greatly *d* ..... 1 Sam 30:6
the queen was deeply *d* ..... Esth 4:4
heart within me is *d* ..... Ps 143:4
not be upon her who is *d* ..... Is 9:1
troubled and deeply *d* .... Mark 14:33
and how *d* I am till it is ... Luke 12:50

DISTRESSES
bring me out of my *d* ..... Ps 25:17

DISTRESSING
*d* spirit from the LORD ... 1 Sam 16:14
Now the *d* spirit from ..... 1 Sam 19:9

DISTRIBUTE
that you have and *d* ..... Luke 18:22

DISTRIBUTED
and they *d* to each as ..... Acts 4:35
But as God has *d* ..... 1 Cor 7:17

DISTRIBUTING
*d* to the needs of the ..... Rom 12:13

DITCH
will fall into a *d* ..... Matt 15:14

DIVERSE
*D* weights are an ..... Prov 20:23

DIVERSITIES
There are *d* of gifts ..... 1 Cor 12:4
there are *d* of activities, ... 1 Cor 12:6

DIVIDE
*D* the living child ..... 1 Kin 3:25
*d* My garments among ..... Ps 22:18
*d* their tongues ..... Ps 55:9
*d* the spoil with the ..... Prov 16:19
*d* the inheritance ..... Luke 12:13
"Take this and *d* ..... Luke 22:17

DIVIDED
and the waters were *d* ..... Ex 14:21
death they were not *d* .... 2 Sam 1:23
And You *d* the sea ..... Neh 9:11
"Who has *d* a channel ..... Job 38:25
shall they ever be *d* ..... Ezek 37:22
kingdom has been *d* ..... Dan 5:28
your land shall be *d* ..... Amos 7:17
"Every kingdom *d* ..... Matt 12:25
and a house *d* against .... Luke 11:17
in one house will be *d* .... Luke 12:52
So he *d* to them his ..... Luke 15:12
they *d* His garments and .. Luke 23:34
*d* My garments among .... John 19:24
appeared to them *d* ..... Acts 2:3
*d* them among all ..... Acts 2:45
Is Christ *d*? Was Paul ..... 1 Cor 1:13
the great city was *d* ..... Rev 16:19

DIVIDES
at home *d* the spoil ..... Ps 68:12

DIVIDING
rightly *d* the word of ..... 2 Tim 2:15

DIVINATION
shall you practice *d* ..... Lev 19:26
*D* is on the lips of ..... Prov 16:10
darkness without *d* ..... Mic 3:6
a spirit of *d* met us ..... Acts 16:16

DIVINE
futility and who *d* ..... Ezek 13:9
and her prophets *d* ..... Mic 3:11
*d* service and the ..... Heb 9:1
*d* power has given ..... 2 Pet 1:3

DIVINERS
your prophets, your *d* ..... Jer 27:9

DIVISION
So there was a *d* ..... John 7:43
piercing even to the *d* ..... Heb 4:12

DIVISIONS
note those who cause *d* ... Rom 16:17
and that there be no *d* ..... 1 Cor 1:10
envy, strife, and *d* ..... 1 Cor 3:3
hear that there are *d* ..... 1 Cor 11:18
persons, who cause *d* ..... Jude 19

DIVISIVE
Reject a *d* man after ..... Titus 3:10

DIVORCE
cannot *d* her all his days .. Deut 22:19
her a certificate of *d* ..... Deut 24:1
of your mother's *d* ..... Is 50:1
given her a certificate of *d* .... Jer 3:8
Israel says that He hates *d* .. Mal 2:16
give her a certificate of *d* ... Matt 5:31
to *d* his wife for just any ... Matt 19:3
a certificate of *d* ..... Mark 10:4
husband is not to *d* his .... 1 Cor 7:11

DIVORCED
*d* from her husband ..... Lev 21:7
A widow or a *d* woman .... Lev 21:14
daughter is a widow or *d* .. Lev 22:13
vow of a widow or a *d* ..... Num 30:9
*d* her must not take her .... Deut 24:4
a widow or a *d* woman ... Ezek 44:22
is *d* commits adultery ..... Matt 5:32
is *d* from her husband .... Luke 16:18

DIVORCES
say, 'If a man *d* his wife ..... Jer 3:1
said, 'Whoever *d* his wife .. Matt 5:31
whoever *d* his wife ..... Matt 19:9
Whoever *d* his wife ..... Mark 10:11
Whoever *d* his wife ..... Luke 16:18

DO
set in them to *d* evil ..... Eccl 8:11
I will also *d* it ..... Is 46:11
men to *d* to you, *d* ..... Matt 7:12
*d* this and you will ..... Luke 10:28
He sees the Father *d* ..... John 5:19
without Me you can *d* ..... John 15:5
"Sirs, what must I *d* ..... Acts 16:30
*d* evil that good may ..... Rom 3:8
For what I will to *d* ..... Rom 7:15
good that I will to *d* ..... Rom 7:19
or whatever you *d*, *d* ..... 1 Cor 10:31
*d* all things through ..... Phil 4:13
*d* in word or deed, *d* ..... Col 3:17
*d* good and to share ..... Heb 13:16
and *d* this or that ..... James 4:15

DO NOT BE AFRAID
vision, saying, "*D*, Abram .. Gen 15:1
said to the people, "*D* ..... Ex 14:13
*d*, and do not tremble ..... Deut 20:3
Lord said to Joshua, "*D* .... Josh 11:6
*d* of him." So he arose ..... 2 Kin 1:15
*D* of the words ..... 2 Kin 19:6
*D* of sudden terror, ..... Prov 3:25
*D* of their faces, for ..... Jer 1:8
"*D* to serve the Chaldeans ... Jer 40:9
And you, son of man, *d* ..... Ezek 2:6
*D*, you beasts of the ..... Joel 2:22
"Joseph, son of David, *d* ... Matt 1:20
It is I; *d* ..... Matt 14:27
"Arise, and *d* ..... Matt 17:7
said to the women, "*D* ..... Matt 28:5
of the synagogue, "*D* ..... Mark 5:36
angel said to him, "*D* ..... Luke 1:13
"*D*, Mary, for you have .... Luke 1:30
angel said to them, "*D*, .... Luke 2:10
Jesus said to Simon, "*D* ... Luke 5:10
*d* of those who kill the ..... Luke 12:4
"*D*, but speak ..... Acts 18:9
"*D*, Paul; you must ..... Acts 27:24
saying to me, "*D* ..... Rev 1:17

DO NOT FEAR
*d*, for I am with you. ..... Gen 26:24
*d* to go down to Egypt, ..... Gen 46:3
*D*; for God has come ..... Ex 20:20
*d* or be discouraged ..... Deut 1:21
*d* the gods of the ..... Judg 6:10
*d*, you shall not die ..... Judg 6:23
*D*. You have done all .... 1 Sam 12:20
*D*, for I will surely ..... 2 Sam 9:7
Elijah said to her, "*D*: .... 1 Kin 17:13
*D*, for those who are with .. 2 Kin 6:16
*d* or be fainthearted ..... Is 7:4
fearful-hearted, "Be strong, *d* . Is 35:4
*d* the reproach of men, ..... Is 51:7
*d*, O My servant Jacob,' .... Jer 30:10
said to me, "*D*, Daniel ..... Dan 10:12
remains among you; *d* ..... Hag 2:5
*D*, let your hands be ..... Zech 8:13
*d* them. For there is ..... Matt 10:26
*D* therefore; you are of .... Luke 12:7
*D* any of those things ..... Rev 2:10

DOCTRINE
said, 'My *d* is pure ..... Job 11:4
for I give you good *d* ..... Prov 4:2
idol is a worthless *d* ..... Jer 10:8
of bread, but of the *d* ..... Matt 16:12
What new *d* is this ..... Mark 1:27
"My *d* is not Mine ..... John 7:16
Jerusalem with your *d* ..... Acts 5:28
heart that form of *d* ..... Rom 6:17
with every wind of *d* ..... Eph 4:14
is contrary to sound *d* ..... 1 Tim 1:10
followed my *d* ..... 2 Tim 3:10
is profitable for *d* ..... 2 Tim 3:16
not endure sound *d* ..... 2 Tim 4:3
in *d* showing integrity ..... Titus 2:7
they may adorn the *d* ..... Titus 2:10
not abide in the *d* ..... 2 John 9

DOCTRINES
the commandments and *d* ... Col 2:22
spirits and *d* of demons .... 1 Tim 4:1
various and strange *d* ..... Heb 13:9

DOEG
An Edomite; chief of Saul's herdsmen, 1 Sam 21:7
Betrays David, 1 Sam 22:9, 10
Kills 85 priests, 1 Sam 22:18, 19

DOERS
of God, but the *d* ..... Rom 2:13
But be *d* of the word ..... James 1:22

DOG
to David, "Am I a *d* ..... 1 Sam 17:43
they growl like a *d* ..... Ps 59:6
*d* returns to his own ..... Prov 26:11
*d* is better than a ..... Eccl 9:4
*d* returns to his own ..... 2 Pet 2:22

DOGS
you shall throw it to the *d* ... Ex 22:31
The *d* shall eat whoever .. 1 Kin 14:11
The *d* shall eat Jezebel .... 2 Kin 9:10
Yes, they are greedy *d* ..... Is 56:11
what is holy to the *d* ..... Matt 7:6
*d* eat the crumbs which ... Matt 15:27
Moreover the *d* came ..... Luke 16:21
But outside are *d* ..... Rev 22:15

DOMINION
let them have *d* ..... Gen 1:26
"*D* and fear belong ..... Job 25:2
made him to have *d* ..... Ps 8:6
let them not have *d* ..... Ps 19:13
besides You have had *d* ..... Is 26:13
*d* is an everlasting ..... Dan 4:34
sin shall not have *d* ..... Rom 6:14
Not that we have *d* ..... 2 Cor 1:24
glory and majesty, *d* ..... Jude 25

DONKEY
*d* saw the Angel ..... Num 22:23
Does the wild *d* ..... Job 6:5
*d* its master's crib ..... Is 1:3
and riding on a *d* ..... Zech 9:9
colt, the foal of a *d* ..... Matt 21:5
He had found a young *d* .. John 12:14
*d* speaking with a ..... 2 Pet 2:16

DONKEY'S
*d* colt is born a man ..... Job 11:12

DONKEYS
*d* quench their thirst ..... Ps 104:11
a chariot of *d* ..... Is 21:7
And the wild *d* stood ..... Jer 14:6

DOOM
for the day of *d* ..... Prov 16:4

DOOR
sin lies at the *d* ..... Gen 4:7
keep watch over the *d* ..... Ps 141:3
*d* turns on its hinges ..... Prov 26:14
stone against the *d* ..... Matt 27:60
to you, I am the *d* ..... John 10:7
and effective *d* ..... 1 Cor 16:9
*d* was opened to me by .... 2 Cor 2:12
would open to us a *d* ..... Col 4:3
is standing at the *d* ..... James 5:9
before you an open *d* ..... Rev 3:8
I stand at the *d* ..... Rev 3:20
and behold, a *d* ..... Rev 4:1

DOORKEEPER
I would rather be a *d* ..... Ps 84:10
To him the *d* ..... John 10:3

DOORPOSTS
write them on the *d* ..... Deut 6:9
"Strike the *d* ..... Amos 9:1

DOORS
up, you everlasting *d* ..... Ps 24:7
the entrance of the *d* ..... Prov 8:3
when the *d* are shut in ..... Eccl 12:4
who would shut the *d* ..... Mal 1:10

DOR
City captured by Joshua and assigned to Manasseh, Josh 12:23; 17:11; Judg 1:27

DORCAS
Disciple at Joppa, also called Tabitha; raised to life, Acts 9:36–42

DOTHAN
Ancient town where Joseph was sold, Gen 37:14–25
Elisha strikes Syrians at, 2 Kin 6:8–23

DOUBLE
Please let a *d* portion of .... 2 Kin 2:9
from the LORD's hand *d* ..... Is 40:2
first I will repay *d* ..... Jer 16:18
worthy of *d* honor ..... 1 Tim 5:17
and repay her *d* ..... Rev 18:6

DOUBLE-MINDED
I hate the *d* ..... Ps 119:113
he is a *d* man ..... James 1:8
your hearts, you *d* ..... James 4:8

DOUBT
life shall hang in *d* ..... Deut 28:66
faith, why did you *d* ..... Matt 14:31
does not *d* in his heart ... Mark 11:23
No *d* this man is a ..... Acts 28:4

DOUBTING
without wrath and *d* ..... 1 Tim 2:8
in faith, with no *d* ..... James 1:6

DOUBTS
And why do *d* arise in .... Luke 24:38
for I have *d* about you ..... Gal 4:20
doubting, for he who *d* .... James 1:6

DOUGH
*d* before it was leavened, .... Ex 12:34

DOVE
*d* found no resting ..... Gen 8:9
I had wings like a *d* ..... Ps 55:6
I mourned like a *d* ..... Is 38:14
also is like a silly *d* ..... Hos 7:11
descending like a *d* ..... Matt 3:16

DOVES
and moan sadly like *d* ..... Is 59:11
and harmless as *d* ..... Matt 10:16
of those who sold *d* ..... Matt 21:12

DOWNCAST
who comforts the *d* ..... 2 Cor 7:6

DRAGNET
gather them in their *d* ..... Hab 1:15
*d* that was cast ..... Matt 13:47

DRAGON
a great, fiery red *d* ..... Rev 12:3
fought with the *d* ..... Rev 12:7
they worshiped the *d* ..... Rev 13:4
He laid hold of the *d* ..... Rev 20:2

DRAIN
wicked of the earth *d* ..... Ps 75:8

DRAINED
all faces are *d* ..... Joel 2:6

DRANK
them, and they all *d* ..... Mark 14:23
*d* with Him after He ..... Acts 10:41
*d* the same spiritual ..... 1 Cor 10:4

DRAW
*d* honey from the rock .... Deut 32:13
me to *d* near to God ..... Ps 73:28
and the years *d* ..... Eccl 12:1
*D* me away ..... Song 1:4
Woe to those who *d* ..... Is 5:18
with joy you will *d* ..... Is 12:3
"*D* some out now ..... John 2:8
You have nothing to *d* ..... John 4:11
will *d* all peoples ..... John 12:32
let us *d* near with a ..... Heb 10:22
who *d* back to perdition ... Heb 10:39
*D* near to God and He ..... James 4:8

DRAWN
The wicked have *d* ..... Ps 37:14
tempted when he is *d* ..... James 1:14

DRAWS
and my life *d* near to ..... Ps 88:3
your redemption *d* ..... Luke 21:28
the Father who sent Me *d* .. John 6:44
but if anyone *d* back ..... Heb 10:38

DREAD
fear of you and the *d* ..... Gen 9:2
begin to put the *d* ..... Deut 2:25

DREADFUL
of the great and *d* ..... Mal 4:5

DREAM
Now Joseph had a *d* ..... Gen 37:5
We each have had a *d* ..... Gen 40:8
I speak to him in a *d* ..... Num 12:6
will fly away like a *d* ..... Job 20:8
As a *d* when one awakes .... Ps 73:20
like those who *d* ..... Ps 126:1
For a *d* comes through ..... Eccl 5:3
her, shall be as a *d* ..... Is 29:7
prophet who has a *d* ..... Jer 23:28
do not let the *d* ..... Dan 4:19
your old men shall *d* ..... Joel 2:28
to Joseph in a *d* ..... Matt 2:13
things today in a *d* ..... Matt 27:19
your old men shall *d* ..... Acts 2:17

DREAMERS
*d* defile the flesh ..... Jude 8

DREAMS
in the multitude of *d* ..... Eccl 5:7
when a hungry man *d* ..... Is 29:8
Nebuchadnezzar had *d* ..... Dan 2:1

DREGS
*d* shall all the wicked ..... Ps 75:8
has settled on his *d* ..... Jer 48:11

DREW
and *d* for all his camels .... Gen 24:20
Because I *d* him out of ..... Ex 2:10
*d* me out of many waters .... Ps 18:16
and *d* his sword, struck ... Matt 26:51

DRIED
My strength is *d* ..... Ps 22:15
of her blood was *d* ..... Mark 5:29
saw the fig tree *d* ..... Mark 11:20
and its water was *d* ..... Rev 16:12

DRIFT
have heard, lest we *d* ..... Heb 2:1

DRINK
"What shall we *d* ..... Ex 15:24
"Do not *d* wine or ..... Lev 10:9
and let him *d* of the ..... Job 21:20
gave me vinegar to *d* ..... Ps 69:21
*D* water from your own .... Prov 5:15
mocker, strong *d* ..... Prov 20:1
lest they *d* and forget ..... Prov 31:5
Give strong *d* to him ..... Prov 31:6
Let him *d* and forget ..... Prov 31:7
*d* your wine with a ..... Eccl 9:7
follow intoxicating *d* ..... Is 5:11
mixing intoxicating *d* ..... Is 5:22
*d* the milk of the ..... Is 60:16
My servants shall *d* ..... Is 65:13
bosom, that you may *d* ..... Is 66:11
*d* water by measure ..... Ezek 4:11
"Bring wine, let us *d* ..... Amos 4:1
to you of wine and *d* ..... Mic 2:11
and you gave Me no *d* .... Matt 25:42
that day when I *d* ..... Matt 26:29
mingled with gall to *d* .... Matt 27:34
with myrrh to *d* ..... Mark 15:23
to her, "Give Me a *d* ..... John 4:7
him come to Me and *d* ..... John 7:37
*d* wine nor do anything ... Rom 14:21
do, as often as you *d* ..... 1 Cor 11:25
all been made to *d* ..... 1 Cor 12:13
No longer *d* only water .... 1 Tim 5:23
has made all nations *d* ..... Rev 14:8

DRINKS
to her, "Whoever *d* ..... John 4:13
*d* My blood has eternal .... John 6:54
For he who eats and *d* .... 1 Cor 11:29
For the earth which *d* ..... Heb 6:7

DRIP
immoral woman *d* honey .... Prov 5:3
*d* as the honeycomb ..... Song 4:11
shall *d* with new wine, the .. Joel 3:18

DRIPPED
my hands *d* with myrrh, .... Song 5:5

DRIPPING
wife are a continual *d* ..... Prov 19:13
His lips are lilies, *d* ..... Song 5:13

DRIVE
Little by little I will *d* ..... Ex 23:30
then you shall *d* out all ... Num 33:52
not utterly *d* them out ..... Josh 17:13
but they could not *d* out .... Judg 1:19
of the wicked *d* ..... Ps 36:11
so *d* them away ..... Ps 68:2
will *d* it far from him ..... Prov 22:15
They shall *d* you from ..... Dan 4:25
I will *d* them from My ..... Hos 9:15
temple and began to *d* ... Mark 11:15

DRIVEN
They were *d* out from ..... Job 30:5
Let them be *d* backward .... Ps 40:14
sail and so were *d* ..... Acts 27:17
a wave of the sea *d* ..... James 1:6

DROP
They *d* on the pastures ..... Ps 65:12
the nations are as a *d* ..... Is 40:15

DROSS
of the earth like *d* ..... Ps 119:119
Take away the *d* ..... Prov 25:4
purge away your *d* ..... Is 1:25
of Israel has become *d* .... Ezek 22:18

DROUGHT
through a land of *d* ..... Jer 2:6
in the year of *d* ..... Jer 17:8
For I called for a *d* ..... Hag 1:11

DROVE
So He *d* out the man ..... Gen 3:24
temple of God and *d* ..... Matt 21:12
a whip of cords, He *d* ..... John 2:15

DROWN
nor can the floods *d* ..... Song 8:7
harmful lusts which *d* ..... 1 Tim 6:9

DROWSINESS
*d* will clothe a ..... Prov 23:21

DRUNK
of the wine and was *d* ..... Gen 9:21
*d* my wine with my milk .... Song 5:1
you afflicted, and *d* ..... Is 51:21
My anger, made them *d* ..... Is 63:6
be satiated and made *d* ..... Jer 46:10
the guests have well *d* ..... John 2:10
For these are not *d* ..... Acts 2:15
and another is *d* ..... 1 Cor 11:21
And do not be *d* ..... Eph 5:18
and those who get *d* ..... 1 Thess 5:7
the earth were made *d* ..... Rev 17:2
I saw the woman, *d* ..... Rev 17:6

DRUNKARD
*d* could be included ..... Deut 29:19
*d* is a proverb in the ..... Prov 26:9
to and fro like a *d* ..... Is 24:20
or a reviler, or a *d* ..... 1 Cor 5:11

DRUNKEN
I am like a *d* man ..... Jer 23:9

DRUNKENNESS
will be filled with *d* ..... Ezek 23:33
Jerusalem a cup of *d* ..... Zech 12:2
with carousing, *d* ..... Luke 21:34
not in revelry and *d* ..... Rom 13:13
envy, murders, *d* ..... Gal 5:21
lusts, *d*, revelries ..... 1 Pet 4:3

DRUSILLA
Wife of Felix; hears Paul, Acts 24:24, 25

DRY
place, and let the *d* ..... Gen 1:9
made the sea into *d* ..... Ex 14:21
It was *d* on the fleece ..... Judg 6:40
I will *d* up her sea ..... Jer 51:36
*d* tree flourish ..... Ezek 17:24
will make the rivers *d* .... Ezek 30:12
will be done in the *d* ..... Luke 23:31

DUE
because it is your *d* ..... Lev 10:13
their food in *d* season ..... Ps 104:27
pay all that was *d* ..... Matt 18:34
*d* time Christ died ..... Rom 5:6
to whom taxes are *d* ..... Rom 13:7
*d* season we shall ..... Gal 6:9
exalt you in *d* time ..... 1 Pet 5:6

DUG
that I have *d* this well ..... Gen 21:30
father's servants had *d* .... Gen 26:15
in my grave which I *d* for ... Gen 50:5
They have *d* a pit before ..... Ps 57:6
the pit is *d* for the wicked ... Ps 94:13
proud have *d* pits for me ... Ps 119:85
He *d* it up and cleared out ..... Is 5:2
to the Euphrates and *d* ..... Jer 13:7
*d* a winepress in it and .... Matt 21:33
*d* in the ground, and hid .. Matt 25:18
who *d* deep and laid ..... Luke 6:48

DULL
heart of this people *d* ..... Is 6:10
people have grown *d* ..... Matt 13:15
you have become *d* ..... Heb 5:11

DUMB
the tongue of the *d* ..... Is 35:6
"Deaf and *d* spirit ..... Mark 9:25

DUNGHILL
the land nor for the *d* ..... Luke 14:35

DUST
formed man of the *d* ..... Gen 2:7
*d* you shall return ..... Gen 3:19
descendants as the *d* ..... Gen 13:16
now, I who am but *d* ..... Gen 18:27
"Who can count the *d* .... Num 23:10
lay your gold in the *d* ..... Job 22:24
and repent in *d* ..... Job 42:6
Will the *d* praise You ..... Ps 30:9
like the whirling *d* ..... Ps 83:13
show favor to her *d* ..... Ps 102:14
remembers that we are *d* ... Ps 103:14
or the primal *d* ..... Prov 8:26
all are from the *d* ..... Eccl 3:20
counted as the small *d* ..... Is 40:15
They shall lick the *d* ..... Mic 7:17
city, shake off the *d* ..... Matt 10:14
image of the man of *d* .... 1 Cor 15:49

DUTY
the *d* of a husband's ..... Deut 25:5
*d* of a close relative ..... Ruth 3:13
done what was our *d* ..... Luke 17:10

DWELL
O LORD, make me *d* ..... Ps 4:8
Who may *d* in Your holy ..... Ps 15:1
He himself shall *d* ..... Ps 25:13
*d* in the land, and feed on .... Ps 37:3
the LORD God might *d* ..... Ps 68:18
of my God than *d* ..... Ps 84:10
Him, that glory may *d* ..... Ps 85:9
Woe is me, that I *d* ..... Ps 120:5
better to *d* in a corner ..... Prov 25:24
he will *d* on high ..... Is 33:16
into Egypt to *d* there ..... Is 52:4
"I *d* in the high and ..... Is 57:15
Restorer of Streets to *D* In ... Is 58:12
"They shall no longer *d* .... Lam 4:15
they enter and *d* there .... Matt 12:45
of Judea and all who *d* ..... Acts 2:14
"I will *d* in them ..... 2 Cor 6:16
that Christ may *d* ..... Eph 3:17
the fullness should *d* ..... Col 1:19
the word of Christ *d* ..... Col 3:16
men, and He will *d* ..... Rev 21:3

DWELLER
fled and became a *d* ..... Acts 7:29

DWELLING
A people *d* alone ..... Num 23:9
is the way to the *d* ..... Job 38:19
built together for a *d* ..... Eph 2:22
a foreign country, *d* ..... Heb 11:9

DWELLS
He who *d* in the secret ..... Ps 91:1
but the Father who *d* ..... John 14:10
do it, but sin that *d* ..... Rom 7:17
the Spirit of God *d* ..... Rom 8:9
from the dead *d* ..... Rom 8:11
the Spirit of God *d* ..... 1 Cor 3:16
*d* all the fullness ..... Col 2:9
which righteousness *d* ..... 2 Pet 3:13
you, where Satan *d* ..... Rev 2:13

DWELT
Egypt, and Jacob *d* ..... Ps 105:23
became flesh and *d* ..... John 1:14
By faith he *d* in the ..... Heb 11:9

DYING
I do not object to *d* ..... Acts 25:11
in the body the *d* ..... 2 Cor 4:10
Jacob, when he was *d* ..... Heb 11:21

EAGLE
As an *e* stirs up its ..... Deut 32:11
*e* swooping on its prey ..... Job 9:26
fly away like an *e* ..... Prov 23:5
The way of an *e* ..... Prov 30:19
nest as high as the *e* ..... Jer 49:16
had the face of an *e* ..... Ezek 1:10
like a flying *e* ..... Rev 4:7
two wings of a great *e* ..... Rev 12:14

EAGLES
up with wings like *e* ..... Is 40:31
are swifter than *e* ..... Jer 4:13
*e* will be gathered ..... Matt 24:28

EAGLES'
how I bore you on *e* ..... Ex 19:4

EAR
shall pierce his *e* ..... Ex 21:6
Does not the *e* test ..... Job 12:11
Bow down Your *e* ..... Ps 31:2
And the *e* of the wise ..... Prov 18:15
He awakens My *e* ..... Is 50:4
*e* is uncircumcised ..... Jer 6:10
what you hear in the *e* .... Matt 10:27
cut off his right *e* ..... John 18:10
not seen, nor *e* heard ..... 1 Cor 2:9
if the *e* should say ..... 1 Cor 12:16
He who has an *e* ..... Rev 2:7

EARLY
Very *e* in the morning ..... Mark 16:2
arrived at the tomb *e* ..... Luke 24:22

EARNEST
must give the more *e* ..... Heb 2:1

EARNESTLY
if you *e* obey My ..... Deut 11:13
He prayed more *e* ..... Luke 22:44
in this we groan, *e* ..... 2 Cor 5:2
*e* that it would not ..... James 5:17
you to contend *e* ..... Jude 3

EARS
both his *e* will tingle ..... 2 Kin 21:12
Whoever shuts his *e* ..... Prov 21:13
And hear with their *e* ..... Is 6:10
He who has *e* ..... Matt 11:15
*e* are hard of hearing ..... Matt 13:15
they have itching *e* ..... 2 Tim 4:3
*e* are open to their ..... 1 Pet 3:12

EARS TO HEAR
eyes to see and *e*, ..... Deut 29:4
*e* but does not hear ..... Ezek 12:2
He who has *e*, ..... Matt 11:15
He who has *e* ..... Matt 13:9
He who has *e*, ..... Matt 13:43
"He who has *e*, ..... Mark 4:9
If anyone has *e*, ..... Mark 4:23
If anyone has *e*, ..... Mark 7:16
"He who has *e*, ..... Luke 8:8
He who has *e*, ..... Luke 14:35

EARTH
*See* ALL THE EARTH; HEAVEN AND EARTH
The *e* was without form ..... Gen 1:2
God called the dry land *E* ... Gen 1:10
caused it to rain on the *e* .... Gen 2:5
The *e* also was corrupt ..... Gen 6:11
a wind to pass over the *e* .... Gen 8:1
and multiply, and fill the *e* ... Gen 9:1
the whole *e* was populated .. Gen 9:19
and struck the dust of the *e* .. Ex 8:17
the *e* is the LORD's ..... Ex 9:29
the *e* swallowed them ..... Ex 15:12
"Lest the *e* swallow us .... Num 16:34
or that is in the *e* beneath ... Deut 5:8
*e* which is under you ..... Deut 28:23
*e* to witness against ..... Deut 31:28
fell to the *e* on his face ..... Josh 7:6
the *e* trembled ..... Judg 5:4
*e* are the LORD's ..... 1 Sam 2:8
the *e* quaked ..... 1 Sam 14:15
"I go the way of all the *e* ... 1 Kin 2:2
the *e* was divided ..... 1 Chr 1:19
to the LORD, all the *e* ..... 1 Chr 16:23
coming to judge the *e* .... 1 Chr 16:33

service for man on *e* ..... Job 7:1
He hangs the *e* on ..... Job 26:7
foundations of the *e* ..... Job 38:4
tried in a furnace of *e* ..... Ps 12:6
*e* is the LORD's ..... Ps 24:1
the shields of the *e* ..... Ps 47:9
You visit the *e* ..... Ps 65:9
You had formed the *e* ..... Ps 90:2
let the *e* be moved ..... Ps 99:1
glory is above the *e* ..... Ps 148:13
wisdom founded the *e* ..... Prov 3:19
there was ever an *e* ..... Prov 8:23
For three things the *e* ..... Prov 30:21
*e* abides forever ..... Eccl 1:4
heaven, and you on *e* ..... Eccl 5:2
the fruit of the *e* ..... Is 4:2
for the meek of the *e* ..... Is 11:4
the *e* shall be full of ..... Is 11:9
curse has devoured the *e* ..... Is 24:6
a dark place of the *e* ..... Is 45:19
the foundations of the *e* ..... Is 51:16
are higher than the *e* ..... Is 55:9
*e* is My footstool ..... Is 66:1
new *e* which I will make ..... Is 66:22
O *e*, *e*, *e*, hear the word ..... Jer 22:29
lifted me up between *e* ..... Ezek 8:3
and the *e* shone with ..... Ezek 43:2
a tree in the midst of the *e* .. Dan 4:10
in heaven and on *e* ..... Dan 6:27
The *e* shall answer ..... Hos 2:22
I will darken the *e* ..... Amos 8:9
*e* will be filled ..... Hab 2:14
Let all the *e* keep silence ... Hab 2:20
shall inherit the *e* ..... Matt 5:5
heaven and *e* pass away ... Matt 5:18
*e* as it is in heaven ..... Matt 6:10
treasures on *e*, where ..... Matt 6:19
whatever you bind on *e* ... Matt 18:18
of the *e* will mourn ..... Matt 24:30
Me in heaven and on *e* .... Matt 28:18
all the seeds on *e* ..... Mark 4:31
and *e* will pass away ..... Mark 13:31
on *e* peace, goodwill ..... Luke 2:14
power on *e* to forgive ..... Luke 5:24
find faith on the *e* ..... Luke 18:8
*e* is My footstool ..... Acts 7:49
then shook the *e* ..... Heb 12:26
*e* which are now ..... 2 Pet 3:7
heavens and a new *e* ..... 2 Pet 3:13
all the tribes of the *e* ..... Rev 1:7
"Do not harm the *e* ..... Rev 7:3
he was cast to the *e* ..... Rev 12:9
the *e* helped the woman .... Rev 12:16
on the *e* will worship him ... Rev 13:8
and the *e* was reaped ..... Rev 14:16
the *e* was illuminated ..... Rev 18:1
from whose face the *e* ..... Rev 20:11
new heaven and a new *e* .... Rev 21:1

## EARTHEN

holy water in an *e* vessel ... Num 5:17
a potter's *e* flask ..... Jer 19:1
treasure in *e* vessels ..... 2 Cor 4:7

## EARTHLY

If I have told you *e* ..... John 3:12
that if our *e* house ..... 2 Cor 5:1
their mind on *e* things ..... Phil 3:19
from above, but is *e* ..... James 3:15

## EARTHQUAKE

LORD was not in the *e* .... 1 Kin 19:11
as you fled from the *e* ..... Zech 14:5
there was a great *e* ..... Matt 28:2
there was a great *e* ..... Acts 16:26
there was a great *e* ..... Rev 6:12
*e* as had not occurred ..... Rev 16:18

## EARTHQUAKES

And there will be *e* ..... Mark 13:8

## EASE

I was at *e*, but He has ..... Job 16:12
you women who are at *e* ..... Is 32:9
to you who are at *e* ..... Amos 6:1
take your *e*; eat, drink .... Luke 12:19

## EASIER

Which is *e*, to say ..... Mark 2:9
It is *e* for a camel ..... Mark 10:25
*e* for heaven and earth ... Luke 16:17

## EAST

goes toward the *e* ..... Gen 2:14
*e* of the garden of Eden ..... Gen 3:24
the LORD brought an *e* ..... Ex 10:13
*e* wind scattered ..... Job 38:24
As far as the *e* ..... Ps 103:12
descendants from the *e* ..... Is 43:5
wise men from the *E* ..... Matt 2:1
many will come from *e* ..... Matt 8:11
will come from the *e* ..... Luke 13:29
*e* might be prepared ..... Rev 16:12

## EASTWARD

planted a garden *e* in Eden .. Gen 2:8

## EASY

My yoke is *e* and My ..... Matt 11:30

## EAT

you may freely *e* ..... Gen 2:16
*e* dust all the days ..... Gen 3:14
'You shall not *e* ..... Gen 3:17
you shall *e* the herb ..... Gen 3:18
*e* of my game ..... Gen 27:19
brethren to *e* bread ..... Gen 31:54
you shall *e* it in haste ..... Ex 12:11
No foreigner shall *e* it ..... Ex 12:43
may not *e* the life ..... Deut 12:23
dogs shall *e* Jezebel ..... 2 Kin 9:10
my people as they *e* ..... Ps 53:4
love it will *e* its fruit ..... Prov 18:21
*E* only as much as you .... Prov 25:16
good to *e* much honey .... Prov 25:27
*e* your bread with joy ..... Eccl 9:7
Curds and honey He shall *e* ... Is 7:15
You shall *e* this year such .... Is 37:30
lion shall *e* straw ..... Is 65:25
*e* this scroll ..... Ezek 3:1
on your couches, *e* ..... Amos 6:4
*e* the flesh of My ..... Mic 3:3
life, what you will *e* ..... Matt 6:25
even the little dogs *e* ..... Matt 15:27
You to *e* the Passover ..... Matt 26:17
I may *e* the Passover ..... Mark 14:14
*e*; this is My body ..... Mark 14:22
what you will *e* ..... Luke 12:22
food to *e* of which you ..... John 4:32
give us His flesh to *e* ..... John 6:52
"Rise, Peter; kill and *e*." .. Acts 10:13
*e* nor drink till they have .. Acts 23:21
one believes he may *e* ..... Rom 14:2
*e* meat nor drink wine .... Rom 14:21
I will never again *e* ..... 1 Cor 8:13
*e* whatever is set ..... 1 Cor 10:27
*e*; this is My body ..... 1 Cor 11:24
neither shall he *e* ..... 2 Thess 3:10
have no right to *e* ..... Heb 13:10
*e* your flesh like fire ..... James 5:3
"Take and *e* it ..... Rev 10:9

## EATEN

Have you *e* from the ..... Gen 3:11
It shall be *e* the same day ... Lev 19:6
Your house has *e* me up ..... Ps 69:9
*e* my honeycomb with my .. Song 5:1
bad figs which cannot be *e* .. Jer 24:8
*e* the fruit of lies ..... Hos 10:13
And he was *e* by worms .. Acts 12:23

## EATING

by *e* with the blood ..... 1 Sam 14:33
sons and daughters were *e* .. Job 1:13
*e* swine's flesh ..... Is 66:17
neither *e* nor drinking .... Matt 11:18
the flood, they were *e* ..... Matt 24:38
as they were *e*, He said ... Matt 26:21
Pharisees saw Him *e* ..... Mark 2:16
in the same house, *e* ..... Luke 10:7
*e* in an idol's temple ..... 1 Cor 8:10
in *e*, each one takes ..... 1 Cor 11:21

## EATS

The righteous *e* ..... Prov 13:25
receives sinners and *e* ..... Luke 15:2
Whoever *e* My flesh ..... John 6:54
*e* this bread will live ..... John 6:58
*e* despise him who does .... Rom 14:3
He who *e*, *e* to the ..... Rom 14:6
an unworthy manner *e* ... 1 Cor 11:29

## EBAL

Mountain in Samaria, Deut 27:12, 13
Stones of the Law erected upon, Deut 27:1–8; Josh 8:30–35

## EBED-MELECH

Ethiopian eunuch; rescues Jeremiah, Jer 38:7–13
Promised divine protection, Jer 39:15–18

## EBENEZER

Site of Israel's defeat, 1 Sam 4:1–10
Ark transferred from, 1 Sam 5:1
Site of memorial stone, 1 Sam 7:10, 12

## EBER

Great-grandson of Shem, Gen 10:21–24; 1 Chr 1:25
Progenitor of the:
Hebrews, Gen 11:16–26
Arabians and Arameans, Gen 10:25–30
Ancestor of Christ, Luke 3:35

## EDEN

First home of mankind, Gen 2:8–15
Zion becomes like, Is 51:3
Called the "garden of God," Ezek 28:13

## EDIFICATION

his good, leading to *e* ..... Rom 15:2
prophesies speaks *e* ..... 1 Cor 14:3
things be done for *e* ..... 1 Cor 14:26
the Lord gave us for *e* ..... 2 Cor 10:8
has given me for *e* ..... 2 Cor 13:10
rather than godly *e* ..... 1 Tim 1:4

## EDIFIES

puffs up, but love *e* ..... 1 Cor 8:1
he who prophesies *e* ..... 1 Cor 14:4

## EDIFY

but not all things *e* ..... 1 Cor 10:23
and *e* one another ..... 1 Thess 5:11

## EDIFYING

of the body for the *e* ..... Eph 4:16

## EDOM

Name given to Esau, Gen 25:30
—— Land of Esau; called Seir, Gen 32:3
Called Edom and Idumea, Mark 3:8
People of, cursed, Is 34:5, 6

## EDOMITES

Descendants of Esau, Gen 36:9
Refuse passage to Israel, Num 20:18–20
Hostile to Israel, Gen 27:40; 1 Sam 14:47; 2 Chr 20:10; Ps 137:7
Prophecies concerning, Gen 27:37; Is 34:5–17; Ezek 25:12–14; 35:5–7; Amos 9:11, 12

## EDREI

Capital of Bashan, Deut 3:10
Site of Og's defeat, Num 21:33–35

## EFFECT

of the peoples of no *e* ..... Ps 33:10
of no *e* by your tradition ... Matt 15:6
promise made of no *e* ..... Rom 4:14
make the promise of no *e* ... Gal 3:17

## EFFECTIVELY

for He who worked *e* ..... Gal 2:8
*e* works in you who ..... 1 Thess 2:13

## EGG

in the white of an *e* ..... Job 6:6

Or if he asks for an *e* ..... Luke 11:12

EGLON
City of Judah, Josh 15:39

EGYPT
Abram visits, Gen 12:10
Joseph sold into, Gen 37:28, 36
Joseph becomes leader in, Gen 39:1–4
Hebrews move to, Gen 46:5–7
Hebrews persecuted in, Ex 1:15–22
Plagues on, Ex 7—11
Israel leaves, Ex 12:31–33
Army of, perishes, Ex 14:26–28
Prophecies concerning, Gen 15:13; Is 19:18–25; Ezek 29:14, 15; 30:24, 25; Matt 2:15

EHUD
Son of Gera, Judg 3:15
Slays Eglon, Judg 3:16–26

EIGHT
Isaac when he was *e* days .. Gen 21:4
Jesse, and who had *e* .... 1 Sam 17:12
Josiah was *e* years old .... 2 Kin 22:1
*e* days were completed .... Luke 2:21
about *e* days after these ... Luke 9:28
bedridden *e* years ..... Acts 9:33
a few, that is, *e* ..... 1 Pet 3:20
saved Noah, one of *e* ..... 2 Pet 2:5

EIGHTH
shall sow in the *e* year ..... Lev 25:22
So it was, on the *e* day .... Luke 1:59
circumcised the *e* day, of .... Phil 3:5

EIGHTY
Moses was *e* years old ..... Ex 7:7
land had rest for *e* years ... Judg 3:30
I am today *e* years old ... 2 Sam 19:35
with him were *e* priests .. 2 Chr 26:17
strength they are *e* years .... Ps 90:10
your bill, and write *e* ..... Luke 16:7

EKRON
Philistine city, Josh 13:3
Captured by Judah, Judg 1:18
Assigned to Dan, Josh 19:40, 43
Ark sent to, 1 Sam 5:10
Denounced by the prophets, Jer 25:9, 20

EL BETHEL
Site of Jacob's altar, Gen 35:6, 7

ELAH
King of Israel, 1 Kin 16:6, 8–10

ELAMITES
Descendants of Shem, Gen 10:22
Destruction of, Jer 49:34–39
In Persian Empire, Ezra 4:9
Jews from, at Pentecost, Acts 2:9

ELATH
Seaport on Red Sea, 1 Kin 9:26
Built by Azariah, 2 Kin 14:21, 22
Captured by Syrians, 2 Kin 16:6
Same as Ezion Geber, 2 Chr 8:17

ELDER
clothes of her *e* son Esau .. Gen 27:15
The *e* and honorable ..... Is 9:15
against an *e* except ..... 1 Tim 5:19
I who am a fellow *e* ..... 1 Pet 5:1
The *E*, To the elect lady ..... 2 John 1
The *E*, To the beloved ..... 3 John 1

ELDERS
*See* TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS
and seventy of the *e* ..... Ex 24:1
called for the *e* of Israel .... Josh 24:1
the advice of the *e* ..... 2 Chr 10:13
And teach his *e* ..... Ps 105:22
in the company of the *e* .... Ps 107:32
and counsel from the *e* .... Ezek 7:26
the tradition of the *e* ..... Matt 15:2
many things from the *e* ... Matt 16:21
*e* of the people plotted ..... Matt 27:1
be rejected by the *e* ..... Luke 9:22
*e* who had come to Him .. Luke 22:52
the people, the *e* ..... Acts 6:12
they had appointed *e* ..... Acts 14:23
*e* came together to ..... Acts 15:6
and called for the *e* ..... Acts 20:17
*e* who rule well be ..... 1 Tim 5:17
lacking, and appoint *e* ..... Titus 1:5
*e* obtained a good ..... Heb 11:2
Let him call for the *e* ..... James 5:14
*e* who are among you I ..... 1 Pet 5:1
I saw twenty-four *e* ..... Rev 4:4
twenty-four *e* fall down ..... Rev 4:10
the twenty-four *e* fell down .. Rev 5:8

ELDERSHIP
of the hands of the *e* ..... 1 Tim 4:14

ELEAZAR
Son of Aaron; succeeds him as high priest, Ex 6:23, 25; 28:1; Lev 10:6, 7; Num 3:32; 20:25–28; Josh 14:1; 24:33

ELECT
whom I uphold, My *E* ..... Is 42:1
and Israel My *e* ..... Is 45:4
*e* shall long enjoy the ..... Is 65:22
gather together His *e* ..... Matt 24:31
*e* have obtained it ..... Rom 11:7
*e* according to the ..... 1 Pet 1:2
a chief cornerstone, *e* ..... 1 Pet 2:6
*e* sister greet you ..... 2 John 13

ELECTION
*e* they are beloved ..... Rom 11:28
call and *e* sure ..... 2 Pet 1:10

ELEMENTS
weak and beggarly *e* ..... Gal 4:9
*e* will melt with ..... 2 Pet 3:10

ELEVEN
and his *e* sons ..... Gen 32:22
the *e* stars bowed down ..... Gen 37:9
*e* disciples went away ..... Matt 28:16
and found the *e* ..... Luke 24:33
numbered with the *e* ..... Acts 1:26

ELI
Officiates in Shiloh, 1 Sam 1:3
Blesses Hannah, 1 Sam 1:12–19
Becomes Samuel's guardian, 1 Sam 1:20–28
Samuel ministers before, 1 Sam 2:11
Sons of, 1 Sam 2:12–17
Rebukes sons, 1 Sam 2:22–25
Rebuked by a man of God, 1 Sam 2:27–36
Instructs Samuel, 1 Sam 3:1–18
Death of, 1 Sam 4:15–18

ELIAB
Brother of David, 1 Sam 16:5–13
Fights in Saul's army, 1 Sam 17:13
Discounts David's worth, 1 Sam 17:28, 29

ELIAKIM
Son of Hilkiah, 2 Kin 18:18
Confers with Rabshakeh, Is 36:4, 11–22
Sent to Isaiah, Is 37:2–5
Becomes type of the Messiah, Is 22:20–25
—— Son of King Josiah, 2 Kin 23:34
Name changed to Jehoiakim, 2 Chr 36:4

ELIASHIB
High priest, Neh 12:10
Rebuilds Sheep Gate, Neh 3:1, 20, 21
Allies with foreigners, Neh 13:4, 5, 28

ELIHU
David's brother, 1 Chr 27:18
Called Eliab, 1 Sam 16:6
—— One who reproved Job and his friends, Job 32:2, 4–6

ELIJAH
Denounces Ahab; goes into hiding; fed by ravens, 1 Kin 17:1–7
Dwells with widow; performs miracles for her, 1 Kin 17:8–24
Sends message to Ahab; overthrows prophets of Baal, 1 Kin 18:1–40
Brings rain, 1 Kin 18:41–45
Flees from Jezebel; fed by angels, 1 Kin 19:1–8
Receives revelation from God, 1 Kin 19:9–18
Condemns Ahab, 1 Kin 21:15–29
Condemns Ahaziah; fire consumes troops sent against him, 2 Kin 1:1–16
Taken up to heaven, 2 Kin 2:1–15
Appears with Christ in transfiguration, Matt 17:1–4
Type of John the Baptist, Mal 4:5, 6; Luke 1:17

ELIMELECH
Naomi's husband, Ruth 1:1–3; 2:1, 3; 4:3–9

ELIPHAZ
One of Job's friends, Job 2:11
Rebukes Job, Job 4:1, 5
Is forgiven, Job 42:7–9

ELISHA
Chosen as Elijah's successor; follows him, 1 Kin 19:16–21
Witnesses Elijah's translation; receives his spirit and mantle, 2 Kin 2:1–18
Performs miracles, 2 Kin 2:19–25; 4:1—6:23
Prophesies victory over Moab; fulfilled, 2 Kin 3:11–27
Prophesies end of siege; fulfilled, 2 Kin 7
Prophesies death of Ben-Hadad, 2 Kin 8:7–15
Sends servant to anoint Jehu, 2 Kin 9:1–3
Last words and death; miracle performed by his bones, 2 Kin 13:14–21

ELIZABETH
Barren wife of Zacharias, Luke 1:5–7
Conceives a son, Luke 1:13, 24, 25
Salutation to Mary, Luke 1:36–45
Mother of John the Baptist, Luke 1:57–60

ELIZAPHAN
Chief of Kohathites, Num 3:30
Heads family, 1 Chr 15:5, 8
Family consecrated, 2 Chr 29:12–16

ELKANAH
Father of Samuel, 1 Sam 1:1–23
—— Son of Korah, Ex 6:24
Escapes judgment, Num 26:11

ELNATHAN
Father of Nehushta, 2 Kin 24:8
Goes to Egypt, Jer 26:22
Entreats with king, Jer 36:25

ELOQUENT
"O my Lord, I am not *e* ..... Ex 4:10
an *e* man and mighty ..... Acts 18:24

ELYMAS
Arabic name of Bar-Jesus, a false prophet, Acts 13:6–12

EMBALM
to *e* his father ..... Gen 50:2

EMBANKMENT
will build an *e* ..... Luke 19:43

EMBRACE
you shall *e* a son ..... 2 Kin 4:16
a time to *e*, and a time ..... Eccl 3:5

EMBRACED
and have *e* other gods ..... 1 Kin 9:9

be *e* in the arms of ..... Prov 5:20
*e* them, and departed to .... Acts 20:1
*e* them, and confessed ..... Heb 11:13

EMBRACES
his right hand *e* me ..... Song 2:6

EMERALD
sardius, a topaz, and an *e* ... Ex 28:17
turquoise, and *e* with ..... Ezek 28:13
chalcedony, the fourth *e* ... Rev 21:19

EMERALDS
for your wares *e* ..... Ezek 27:16

EMMAUS
Town near Jerusalem, Luke 24:13–18

EMPTY
And the pit was *e* ..... Gen 37:24
appear before Me *e* ..... Ex 23:15
*e* pitchers, and torches ..... Judg 7:16
after *e* things which ..... 1 Sam 12:21
comfort me with *e* words ... Job 21:34
not listen to *e* talk ..... Job 35:13
LORD makes the earth *e* ..... Is 24:1
trust in *e* words ..... Is 59:4
comes, he finds it *e* ..... Matt 12:44
He has sent away *e* ..... Luke 1:53
you with *e* words ..... Eph 5:6

EMPTY-HANDED
sent me away *e* ..... Gen 31:42
appear before Me *e* ..... Ex 34:20
'Do not go *e* to your ..... Ruth 3:17
and sent him away *e* ..... Mark 12:3

EMPTY-HEADED
*e* man will be wise ..... Job 11:12

EN DOR
Town of Manasseh which was the home of the witch whom Saul consulted, Josh 17:11; 1 Sam 28:1–10; Ps 83:9, 10

EN GEDI
Occupied by the Amorites, Gen 14:7
Assigned to Judah, Josh 15:62, 63
David's hiding place, 1 Sam 23:29
Noted for vineyards, Song 1:14

EN HAKKORE
Miraculous spring, Judg 15:14–19

EN ROGEL
Fountain outside Jerusalem, 2 Sam 17:17
Seat of Adonijah's plot, 1 Kin 1:5–9

ENABLED
our Lord who has *e* ..... 1 Tim 1:12

ENCHANTER
and the expert *e* ..... Is 3:3

ENCOURAGE
*e* him and strengthen him .. Deut 3:28
*e* you concerning your .... 1 Thess 3:2

ENCOURAGED
is, that I may be *e* ..... Rom 1:12
and all may be *e* ..... 1 Cor 14:31
their hearts may be *e* ..... Col 2:2

ENCOURAGEMENT
Hezekiah gave *e* to ..... 2 Chr 30:22
translated Son of *E)* ..... Acts 4:36
they rejoiced over its *e* .... Acts 15:31

END
at the *e* of forty days ..... Gen 8:6
one cherub at one *e* ..... Ex 25:19
at the *e* of forty days ..... Deut 9:11
the *e* of every seven years .. Deut 15:1
made an *e* of dividing ..... Josh 19:51
yet your latter *e* ..... Job 8:7
Man puts an *e* to darkness .. Job 28:3
from one *e* of heaven ..... Ps 19:6
make me to know my *e* ..... Ps 39:4
Your years will have no *e* .. Ps 102:27
shall keep it to the *e* ..... Ps 119:33
*e* is the way of death ..... Prov 14:12
not be blessed at the *e* .... Prov 20:21
There was no *e* of all ..... Eccl 4:16
The *e* of a thing is better ..... Eccl 7:8
and peace there will be no *e* .... Is 9:7
Declaring the *e* ..... Is 46:10
Our *e* was near ..... Lam 4:18
whose iniquity shall *e* .... Ezek 21:25
shall endure to the *e* ..... Dan 6:26
the time of the *e* ..... Dan 8:17
until the time of the *e* ..... Dan 11:35
what shall be the *e* ..... Dan 12:8
*e* has come upon my ..... Amos 8:2
to the *e* will be saved ..... Matt 10:22
the harvest is the *e* ..... Matt 13:39
to pass, but the *e* ..... Matt 24:6
always, even to the *e* ..... Matt 28:20
there will be no *e* ..... Luke 1:33
He loved them to the *e* ..... John 13:1
to the *e* of the earth ..... Acts 1:8
the *e* of those things is ..... Rom 6:21
For Christ is the *e* ..... Rom 10:4
the hope firm to the *e* ..... Heb 3:6
steadfast to the *e* ..... Heb 3:14
but now, once at the *e* ..... Heb 9:26
of Job and seen the *e* ..... James 5:11
the *e* of your faith ..... 1 Pet 1:9
But the *e* of all ..... 1 Pet 4:7
what will be the *e* ..... 1 Pet 4:17
the latter *e* is worse ..... 2 Pet 2:20
My works until the *e* ..... Rev 2:26
Beginning and the *E* ..... Rev 22:13

ENDEAVORING
*e* to keep the unity ..... Eph 4:3

ENDED
the seventh day God *e* His ... Gen 2:2
that her warfare is *e* ..... Is 40:2
is past, the summer is *e* ..... Jer 8:20
Jesus had *e* these sayings .. Matt 7:28
had *e* every temptation .... Luke 4:13
supper being *e*, the devil ... John 13:2

ENDLESS
and *e* genealogies ..... 1 Tim 1:4
to the power of an *e* ..... Heb 7:16

ENDS
cherubim at the two *e* of .... Ex 25:19
judge the *e* of the earth ... 1 Sam 2:10
looks to the *e* of the earth .. Job 28:24
All the *e* of the world ..... Ps 22:27
all the *e* of the earth have .... Ps 98:3
established all the *e* ..... Prov 30:4
Creator of the *e* of the ..... Is 40:28
from the *e* of the earth ..... Is 42:10
she came from the *e* ..... Matt 12:42
salvation to the *e* ..... Acts 13:47
their words to the *e* ..... Rom 10:18

ENDURANCE
For you have need of *e* .... Heb 10:36
run with *e* the race that ..... Heb 12:1

ENDURE
But the LORD shall *e* ..... Ps 9:7
weeping may *e* for a night .... Ps 30:5
as the sun and moon *e* ..... Ps 72:5
His name shall *e* ..... Ps 72:17
heart, Him I will not *e* ..... Ps 101:5
glory of the LORD *e* ..... Ps 104:31
nor does a crown *e* ..... Prov 27:24
Can your heart *e* ..... Ezek 22:14
*e* only for a time ..... Mark 4:17
persecuted, we *e* ..... 1 Cor 4:12
must *e* hardship ..... 2 Tim 2:3
Therefore I *e* all ..... 2 Tim 2:10
If you *e* chastening ..... Heb 12:7
them blessed who *e* ..... James 5:11

ENDURED
what persecutions I *e* ..... 2 Tim 3:11
he had patiently *e* ..... Heb 6:15
*e* as seeing Him who ..... Heb 11:27
For consider Him who *e* .... Heb 12:3

ENDURES
*See* HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
goodness of God *e* ..... Ps 52:1
And His truth *e* ..... Ps 100:5
his righteousness *e* forever .. Ps 112:3
truth of the LORD *e* forever .. Ps 117:2
For His mercy *e* ..... Ps 136:1
But he who *e* to the ..... Matt 10:22
*e* only for a while ..... Matt 13:21
for the food which *e* ..... John 6:27
he has built on it *e* ..... 1 Cor 3:14
hopes all things, *e* ..... 1 Cor 13:7
is the man who *e* ..... James 1:12
word of the LORD *e* ..... 1 Pet 1:25

ENDURING
the LORD is clean, *e* ..... Ps 19:9
*e* possession for ..... Heb 10:34

ENEMIES
*See* LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
an enemy to your *e* ..... Ex 23:22
Your *e* be scattered ..... Num 10:35
I took you to curse my *e* .. Num 23:11
LORD will cause your *e* ..... Deut 28:7
from the hand of our *e* .. 1 Sam 12:10
your *e* from before you .... 2 Sam 7:9
be saved from my *e* ..... 2 Sam 22:4
Let all my *e* be ashamed ..... Ps 6:10
be saved from my *e* ..... Ps 18:3
delivers me from my *e* ..... Ps 18:48
the presence of my *e* ..... Ps 23:5
Let not my *e* triumph ..... Ps 25:2
But my *e* are vigorous ..... Ps 38:19
arise, let His *e* be scattered ... Ps 68:1
*e* will lick the dust ..... Ps 72:9
Your *e* with Your mighty .... Ps 89:10
Your *e* Your footstool ..... Ps 110:1
me wiser than my *e* ..... Ps 119:98
rescued us from our *e*, ..... Ps 136:24
I count them my *e* ..... Ps 139:22
makes even his *e* to be ..... Prov 16:7
*e* are the men of his ..... Mic 7:6
darkness will pursue His *e* ... Nah 1:8
to you, love your *e* ..... Matt 5:44
a man's *e* will be those .... Matt 10:36
be saved from our *e* ..... Luke 1:71
Your *e* Your footstool .... Luke 20:43
*e* we were reconciled ..... Rom 5:10
the gospel they are *e* ..... Rom 11:28
till He has put all *e* ..... 1 Cor 15:25
were alienated and *e* ..... Col 1:21
His *e* are made His ..... Heb 10:13
and devours their *e* ..... Rev 11:5

ENEMY
then I will be an *e* ..... Ex 23:22
out the *e* from before ..... Deut 33:27
David's *e* continually .... 1 Sam 18:29
delivered your *e* into ..... 1 Sam 26:8
Haman, the *e* of the Jews .... Esth 8:1
regard me as Your *e* ..... Job 13:24
He counts me as His *e* ..... Job 33:10
or have plundered my *e* ..... Ps 7:4
You may silence the *e* ..... Ps 8:2
*e* does not triumph ..... Ps 41:11
*e* who reproaches me ..... Ps 55:12
a strong tower from the *e* .... Ps 61:3
*e* has persecuted my ..... Ps 143:3
If your *e* is hungry ..... Prov 25:21
kisses of an *e* are ..... Prov 27:6
the *e* comes in like ..... Is 59:19
with the wound of an *e* ..... Jer 30:14
rejoice over me, my *e* ..... Mic 7:8
and hate your *e* ..... Matt 5:43
The *e* who sowed them ... Matt 13:39
all the power of the *e* ..... Luke 10:19
"If your *e* hungers ..... Rom 12:20
last *e* that will be ..... 1 Cor 15:26
become your *e* because ..... Gal 4:16
not count him as an *e* ... 2 Thess 3:15
makes himself an *e* ..... James 4:4

ENGRAVE
two onyx stones and *e* ..... Ex 28:9
*e* its inscription ..... Zech 3:9

ENJOY
*e* its sabbaths as long ..... Lev 26:34
therefore *e* pleasure ..... Eccl 2:1
*e* the good of all his labor .. Eccl 3:13
richly all things to *e* ..... 1 Tim 6:17
than to *e* the passing ..... Heb 11:25

ENJOYMENT
So I commended *e* ..... Eccl 8:15

ENLARGES
He *e* nations ..... Job 12:23
*e* his desire as hell ..... Hab 2:5

ENLIGHTEN
*E* my eyes, lest I sleep ..... Ps 13:3
the LORD my God will *e* ..... Ps 18:28

ENLIGHTENED
those who were once *e* ..... Heb 6:4

ENMITY
And I will put *e* ..... Gen 3:15
the carnal mind is *e* ..... Rom 8:7
in His flesh the *e* ..... Eph 2:15
putting to death the *e* ..... Eph 2:16
with the world is *e* ..... James 4:4

ENOCH
Father of Methuselah, Gen 5:21
Walks with God, Gen 5:22
Taken up to heaven, Gen 5:24
Prophecy of, cited, Jude 14, 15

ENOUGH
four never say, "*E* ..... Prov 30:15
It is *e*! The hour has ..... Mark 14:41
servants have bread *e* .... Luke 15:17

ENRAGED
being exceedingly *e* ..... Acts 26:11
And the dragon was *e* ..... Rev 12:17

ENRAPTURED
And always be *e* ..... Prov 5:19

ENRICHED
that you were *e* ..... 1 Cor 1:5
while you are *e* ..... 2 Cor 9:11

ENSNARED
The wicked is *e* ..... Prov 12:13

ENSNARES
sin which so easily *e* ..... Heb 12:1

ENTANGLE
how they might *e* ..... Matt 22:15

ENTANGLES
engaged in warfare *e* ..... 2 Tim 2:4

ENTER
'They shall not *e* My rest .... Ps 95:11
*E* into His gates ..... Ps 100:4
Do not *e* into judgment ..... Ps 143:2
*E* into the rock ..... Is 2:10
He shall *e* into peace ..... Is 57:2
Jonah began to *e* the city on .. Jon 3:4
you will by no means *e* .... Matt 5:20
"*E* by the narrow ..... Matt 7:13
Lord,' shall *e* the kingdom .. Matt 7:21
city or town you *e* ..... Matt 10:11
*e* into life with one eye ..... Matt 18:9
*e* the kingdom of God ..... Matt 19:24
*E* into the joy of your ..... Matt 25:21
and pray, lest you *e* ..... Matt 26:41
*e* a strong man's ..... Mark 3:27
child will by no means *e* . Mark 10:15
*e* the kingdom of God .... Mark 10:24
Whatever house you *e* ..... Luke 9:4
"Strive to *e* through ..... Luke 13:24
Can he *e* a second time ..... John 3:4
cannot *e* the kingdom ..... John 3:5
you, he who does not *e* .... John 10:1
who have believed do *e* ..... Heb 4:3
*e* the Holiest by the ..... Heb 10:19
*e* the temple till the ..... Rev 15:8
*e* through the gates ..... Rev 22:14

ENTERED
day that Noah *e* the ark ... Matt 24:38
went out and *e* the swine .. Mark 5:13
as they *e* the cloud ..... Luke 9:34
day that Noah *e* the ark .. Luke 17:27
Then Satan *e* Judas ..... Luke 22:3
through one man sin *e* ..... Rom 5:12
ear heard, nor have *e* ..... 1 Cor 2:9
he who has *e* His rest ..... Heb 4:10
the forerunner has *e* ..... Heb 6:20
*e* the Most Holy Place ..... Heb 9:12

ENTERS
If anyone *e* by Me ..... John 10:9
*e* the Presence behind ..... Heb 6:19

ENTHRONED
You are holy, *e* in ..... Ps 22:3
LORD sat *e* at the Flood ..... Ps 29:10

ENTICED
his own desires and *e* .... James 1:14

ENTICING
*e* speech she caused ..... Prov 7:21
*e* unstable souls ..... 2 Pet 2:14

ENTIRELY
give yourself *e* to them .... 1 Tim 4:15

ENTRANCE
The *e* of Your words ..... Ps 119:130
*e* will be supplied ..... 2 Pet 1:11

ENTREAT
"*E* me not to leave you .... Ruth 1:16
"But now *e* God's favor ..... Mal 1:9
being defamed, we *e* ..... 1 Cor 4:13

ENTREATED
man of God *e* the LORD .... 1 Kin 13:6
*e* our God for this ..... Ezra 8:23

ENTRUSTED
*e* with a stewardship ..... 1 Cor 9:17
*e* with the gospel ..... 1 Thess 2:4

ENVIOUS
For I was *e* of the ..... Ps 73:3
Do not be *e* of evil ..... Prov 24:1
patriarchs, becoming *e* ..... Acts 7:9

ENVY
*e* slays a simple ..... Job 5:2
*e* the oppressor ..... Prov 3:31
*e* is rottenness ..... Prov 14:30
not let your heart *e* ..... Prov 23:17
*e* have now perished ..... Eccl 9:6
Him over because of *e* .... Matt 27:18
full of *e*, murder ..... Rom 1:29
not in strife and *e* ..... Rom 13:13
where there are *e*, strife .... 1 Cor 3:3
love does not *e* ..... 1 Cor 13:4
*e*, murders, drunkenness .... Gal 5:21
preach Christ even from *e* .. Phil 1:15
living in malice and *e* ..... Titus 3:3
For where *e* and ..... James 3:16
deceit, hypocrisy, *e* ..... 1 Pet 2:1

EPAPHRAS
Leader of the Colossian church, Col 1:7, 8
Suffers as a prisoner in Rome, Philem 23

EPAPHRODITUS
Messenger from Philippi, Phil 2:25–27
Brings a gift to Paul, Phil 4:18

EPHES DAMMIM
Philistine encampment, 1 Sam 17:1
Called Pasdammim, 1 Chr 11:13

EPHESUS
Paul visits, Acts 18:18–21
Miracles done here, Acts 19:11–21
Demetrius stirs up riot in, Acts 19:24–29
Elders of, addressed by Paul at Miletus, Acts 20:17–38
Letter sent to, Eph 1:1
Site of one of seven churches, Rev 1:11

EPHOD
stones to be set in the *e* ..... Ex 25:7
a breastplate, an *e* ..... Ex 28:4
made the *e* of gold, blue ..... Ex 39:2
and put the *e* on him ..... Lev 8:7
Gideon made it into an *e* ... Judg 8:27
a shrine, and made an *e* .... Judg 17:5
a child, wearing a linen *e* . 1 Sam 2:18
was wearing an *e* ..... 1 Sam 14:3
"Bring the *e* here ..... 1 Sam 23:9
brought the *e* to David .... 1 Sam 30:7
was wearing a linen *e* .... 2 Sam 6:14

EPHRAIM
Joseph's younger son, Gen 41:52
Obtains Jacob's blessing, Gen 48:8–20
—— Tribe of:
Predictions concerning, Gen 48:20
Territory assigned to, Josh 16:1–10
Assist Deborah, Judg 5:14, 15
Assist Gideon, Judg 7:24, 25
Quarrel with Gideon, Judg 8:1–3
Quarrel with Jephthah, Judg 12:1–4
Leading tribe of kingdom of Israel, Is 7:2–17
Provoke God by sin, Hos 12:7–14
Many of, join Judah, 2 Chr 15:8, 9
Captivity of, predicted, Hos 9:3–17
Messiah promised to, Zech 9:9–13

EPHRATHAH
Ancient name of Bethlehem, Ruth 4:11
Prophecy concerning, Mic 5:2

EPHRON
Hittite who sold Machpelah to Abraham, Gen 23:8–20

EPICUREANS
Sect of pleasure-loving philosophers, Acts 17:18

EPISTLE
You are our *e* written ..... 2 Cor 3:2
you are an *e* ..... 2 Cor 3:3
by word or our *e* ..... 2 Thess 2:15
our word in this *e* ..... 2 Thess 3:14
is a sign in every *e* ..... 2 Thess 3:17

EPISTLES
*e* of commendation to ..... 2 Cor 3:1
as also in all his *e* ..... 2 Pet 3:16

EQUAL
it was you, a man my *e* ..... Ps 55:13
and you made them *e* ..... Matt 20:12
they are *e* to the angels ... Luke 20:36
making Himself *e* ..... John 5:18
it robbery to be *e* ..... Phil 2:6

EQUALITY
that there may be *e* ..... 2 Cor 8:14

EQUITY
You have established *e* ..... Ps 99:4
judgment, and *e* ..... Prov 1:3
and *e* cannot enter ..... Is 59:14
and pervert all *e* ..... Mic 3:9
with Me in peace and *e* ..... Mal 2:6

ER
Son of Judah, Gen 38:1–7; 46:12

ERASTUS
Paul's friend at Ephesus, Acts 19:21, 22; 2 Tim 4:20
Treasurer of Corinth, Rom 16:23

ERR
you cause you to *e* ..... Is 3:12
My people Israel to *e* ..... Jer 23:13

ERROR
God that it was an *e* ..... Eccl 5:6
utter *e* against the LORD, ..... Is 32:6
nor was there any *e* ..... Dan 6:4
*e* which was due ..... Rom 1:27
a sinner from the *e* ..... James 5:20
led away with the *e* ..... 2 Pet 3:17
and the spirit of *e* ..... 1 John 4:6
run greedily in the *e* ..... Jude 11

ERRORS
can understand his *e* ..... Ps 19:12

ESARHADDON
Son of Sennacherib; king of Assyria (681–669 B.C.), 2 Kin 19:36, 37

ESAU
Isaac's favorite son, Gen 25:25–28
Sells his birthright, Gen 25:29–34
Deprived of blessing; seeks to kill Jacob, Gen 27
Reconciled to Jacob, Gen 33:1–17
Descendants of, Gen 36

ESCAPE
*E* to the mountains ..... Gen 19:17
Do not let one of them *e* .. 1 Kin 18:40
and they shall not *e* ..... Job 11:20
Shall they *e* by ..... Ps 56:7
speaks lies will not *e* ..... Prov 19:5
who fears God will *e* ..... Eccl 7:18
and how shall we *e* ..... Is 20:6
who does such things *e* ... Ezek 17:15
nothing shall *e* them ..... Joel 2:3
How can you *e* the ..... Matt 23:33
*e* all these things ..... Luke 21:36
same, that you will *e* ..... Rom 2:3
also make the way of *e* ... 1 Cor 10:13
And they shall not *e* ..... 1 Thess 5:3
*e* the snare of the devil .... 2 Tim 2:26
how shall we *e* if we ..... Heb 2:3
*e* who refused Him who ... Heb 12:25

ESCAPED
I alone have *e* to tell ..... Job 1:15
my flesh, and I have *e* ..... Job 19:20
Our soul has *e* as a ..... Ps 124:7
all *e* safely to land ..... Acts 27:44
having *e* the corruption ..... 2 Pet 1:4
after they have *e* ..... 2 Pet 2:20

ESH-BAAL
Son of Saul, 1 Chr 8:33

ESHCOL
Valley near Hebron, Num 13:22–27; Deut 1:24

ESTABLISH
But I will *e* My covenant .... Gen 6:18
I will *e* the throne of his .. 2 Sam 7:13
to *e* them forever ..... 2 Chr 9:8
'Your seed I will *e* ..... Ps 89:4
*e* the work of our ..... Ps 90:17
*E* Your word to Your ..... Ps 119:38
*e* an everlasting ..... Ezek 16:60
*e* justice in the gate ..... Amos 5:15
seeking to *e* their own ..... Rom 10:3
to Him who is able to *e* ... Rom 16:25
He may *e* your hearts ... 1 Thess 3:13
*e* you in every good ..... 2 Thess 2:17
faithful, who will *e* ..... 2 Thess 3:3
that He may *e* the second ... Heb 10:9
*E* your hearts ..... James 5:8
a while, perfect, *e* ..... 1 Pet 5:10

ESTABLISHED
He not made you and *e* .... Deut 32:6
also is firmly *e* ..... 1 Chr 16:30
David my father be *e* ..... 2 Chr 1:9
*e* it upon the waters ..... Ps 24:2
a rock, and *e* my steps ..... Ps 40:2
*e* a testimony in Jacob ..... Ps 78:5
It shall be *e* forever ..... Ps 89:37
Your throne is *e* ..... Ps 93:2
LORD has *e* His throne ..... Ps 103:19
let all your ways be *e* ..... Prov 4:26
*e* the clouds above ..... Prov 8:28
lip shall be *e* forever ..... Prov 12:19
your thoughts will be *e* .... Prov 16:3
by understanding it is *e* .... Prov 24:3
house shall be *e* ..... Is 2:2
In mercy the throne will be *e* .. Is 16:5
by His power, He has *e* ..... Jer 10:12
every word may be *e* ..... Matt 18:16
built up in Him and *e* ..... Col 2:7
covenant, which was *e* ..... Heb 8:6
that the heart be *e* ..... Heb 13:9

ESTABLISHES
The king *e* the land by ..... Prov 29:4
Now He who *e* us with .... 2 Cor 1:21

ESTEEM
high wall in his own *e* .... Prov 18:11
and we did not *e* ..... Is 53:3
*e* others better than ..... Phil 2:3
and hold such men in *e* ..... Phil 2:29
*e* them very highly ..... 1 Thess 5:13

ESTEEMED
For what is highly *e* ..... Luke 16:15
those who are least *e* ..... 1 Cor 6:4

ESTEEMS
One person *e* one day ..... Rom 14:5

ESTHER
Selected for harem, Esth 2:7–16
Chosen to be queen, Esth 2:17, 18
Agrees to intercede for her people, Esth 4
Invites king to banquet, Esth 5:1–8
Denounces Haman; obtains reversal of decree, Esth 7:1—8:8
Establishes Purim, Esth 9:29–32

ESTRANGED
The wicked are *e* ..... Ps 58:3
because they are all *e* ..... Ezek 14:5
You have become *e* ..... Gal 5:4

ETAM
Rock where Samson took refuge, Judg 15:8–19

ETERNAL
*e* God is your refuge ..... Deut 33:27
For man goes to his *e* ..... Eccl 12:5
I do that I may have *e* .... Matt 19:16
and inherit *e* life ..... Matt 19:29
the righteous into *e* life ... Matt 25:46
that I may inherit *e* life ... Mark 10:17
in the age to come, *e* ..... Mark 10:30
not perish but have *e* ..... John 3:15
gathers fruit for *e* life ..... John 4:36
you think you have *e* ..... John 5:39
drinks My blood has *e* life . John 6:54
the words of *e* life ..... John 6:68
And I give them *e* life ..... John 10:28
that He should give *e* ..... John 17:2
And this is *e* life ..... John 17:3
*e* life to those who by ..... Rom 2:7
righteousness to *e* ..... Rom 5:21
the gift of God is *e* ..... Rom 6:23
*e* weight of glory ..... 2 Cor 4:17
are not seen are *e* ..... 2 Cor 4:18
not made with hands, *e* ..... 2 Cor 5:1
to the King *e*, immortal ... 1 Tim 1:17
lay hold on *e* life ..... 1 Tim 6:12
*e* life which God ..... Titus 1:2
to the hope of *e* life ..... Titus 3:7
and of *e* judgment ..... Heb 6:2
obtained *e* redemption ..... Heb 9:12
*e* life which was ..... 1 John 1:2
has promised us—*e* life ... 1 John 2:25
that no murderer has *e* ... 1 John 3:15
God has given us *e* ..... 1 John 5:11
that you have *e* life ..... 1 John 5:13
the true God and *e* life ... 1 John 5:20
Jesus Christ unto *e* ..... Jude 21

ETERNAL LIFE
that I may have *e* ..... Matt 19:16
the righteous into *e* ..... Matt 25:46
in the age to come, *e* ..... Mark 10:30
I do to inherit *e* ..... Luke 10:25
not perish but have *e* ..... John 3:15
and gathers fruit for *e* ..... John 4:36
you think you have *e* ..... John 5:39
You have the words of *e* ... John 6:68
will keep it for *e* ..... John 12:25
is *e*, that they may know ... John 17:3
had been appointed to *e* ... Acts 13:48
*e* to those who by patient ... Rom 2:7
righteousness to *e* ..... Rom 5:21
the gift of God is *e* ..... Rom 6:23
lay hold on *e* ..... 1 Tim 6:12
in hope of *e* which God, ..... Titus 1:2
declare to you that *e* ..... 1 John 1:2
He has promised us *e* .... 1 John 2:25
no murderer has *e* ..... 1 John 3:15
that God has given us *e* .. 1 John 5:11
Lord Jesus Christ unto *e* ..... Jude 21

ETERNITY
Also He has put *e* ..... Eccl 3:11
One who inhabits *e* ..... Is 57:15

ETHAM
Israel's encampment, Ex 13:20

ETHIOPIA
*See* CUSH
Hostile to Israel and Judah, 2 Chr 12:2, 3; 14:9–15; Is 43:3; Dan 11:43
Prophecies against, Is 20:1–6; Ezek 30:4–9

ETHIOPIANS
Skin of, unchangeable, Jer 13:23

EUNICE
Mother of Timothy, 2 Tim 1:5

EUNUCH
eczema or scab, or is a *e* ... Lev 21:20
Hegai the king's *e* ..... Esth 2:3
of Ethiopia, a *e* ..... Acts 8:27

EUNUCHS
seven *e* who served ..... Esth 1:10
be *e* in the palace ..... Is 39:7
Ethiopian, one of the *e* ..... Jer 38:7
the master of his *e* ..... Dan 1:3
have made themselves *e* .. Matt 19:12

EUPHRATES
River of Eden, Gen 2:14
Boundary of Promised Land, Gen 15:18; 1 Kin 4:21, 24
Scene of battle, Jer 46:2, 6, 10
Angels bound there, Rev 9:14

EUTYCHUS
Sleeps during Paul's sermon, Acts 20:9
Restored to life, Acts 20:12

EVANGELIST
house of Philip the *e* ..... Acts 21:8
do the work of an *e* ..... 2 Tim 4:5

EVANGELISTS
some prophets, some *e* ..... Eph 4:11

EVEN
*E* in laughter the heart .... Prov 14:13
*E* a child is known ..... Prov 20:11
*e* nature itself teach ..... 1 Cor 11:14
*e* denying the Lord who ..... 2 Pet 2:1

EVENING
the *e* and the morning were .. Gen 1:5
quails came up at *e* ..... Ex 16:13
At *e* they return ..... Ps 59:6
*e* it is cut down and ..... Ps 90:6
of my hands as the *e* ..... Ps 141:2
*e* do not withhold your ..... Eccl 11:6
and more fierce than *e* ..... Hab 1:8
When it is *e* you say, 'It .... Matt 16:2
when *e* came, the boat .... Mark 6:47
in the *e*, at midnight ..... Mark 13:35
it is toward *e* ..... Luke 24:29

EVER
shall reign forever and *e* .... Ex 15:18
No razor has *e* come ..... Judg 16:17
were the upright *e* cut off ..... Job 4:7
Let them *e* shout for joy, ..... Ps 5:11
eyes are *e* toward the LORD .. Ps 25:15
He is *e* merciful ..... Ps 37:26
Or *e* You had formed ..... Ps 90:2
Your name forever and *e* .... Ps 145:1
shines *e* brighter unto ..... Prov 4:18
there was *e* an earth ..... Prov 8:23
even forever and *e* ..... Dan 7:18
time, no, nor *e* shall be .... Matt 24:21
eat fruit from you *e* ..... Mark 11:14

all things that I *e* did .....John 4:29
"No man *e* spoke like .....John 7:46
be glory forever and *e* .....Gal 1:5
no one *e* hated his own .....Eph 5:29
the angels has He *e* said ....Heb 1:13
to the Lamb, forever and *e* ..Rev 5:13
shall reign forever and *e* ...Rev 11:15

EVERLASTING
for an *e* covenant .....Gen 17:7
are the *e* arms .....Deut 33:27
God of Israel from *e* .....1 Chr 16:36
His mercy is *e* .....Ps 100:5
of the LORD is from *e*.....Ps 103:17
to Israel as an *e* covenant ..Ps 105:10
righteousness is an *e* .....Ps 119:142
lead me in the way *e* .....Ps 139:24
Your kingdom is an *e* .....Ps 145:13
*E* Father, Prince of Peace .....Is 9:6
in YAH, the LORD, is *e*.....Is 26:4
*e* joy on their heads .....Is 35:10
I will make an *e* covenant .....Is 55:3
will be to you an *e* .....Is 60:19
from *E* is Your name .....Is 63:16
loved you with an *e* love .....Jer 31:3
awake, some to *e* life .....Dan 12:2
cast into the *e* fire .....Matt 18:8
away into *e* punishment ..Matt 25:46
not perish but have *e* .....John 3:16
springing up into *e* life .....John 4:14
Him who sent Me has *e* ....John 5:24
endures to *e* life .....John 6:27
in Him may have *e* .....John 6:40
believes in Me has *e* .....John 6:47
unworthy of *e* life .....Acts 13:46
and the end, *e* life .....Rom 6:22
of the Spirit reap *e* .....Gal 6:8
*e* destruction from the ....2 Thess 1:9
reserved in *e* chains .....Jude 6

EVERLASTING LIFE
Some to *e*, some to shame ..Dan 12:2
not perish but have *e* .....John 3:16
springing up into *e* .....John 4:14
*e* and shall not come.....John 5:24
food which endures to *e* ...John 6:27
His command is *e* .....John 12:50
yourselves unworthy of *e* ..Acts 13:46
holiness, and the end, *e* ....Rom 6:22
will of the Spirit reap *e* .....Gal 6:8
to believe on Him for *e* ....1 Tim 1:16

EVERYONE
said, 'Repent now *e* .....Jer 25:5
*e* who is born of the .....John 3:8
*E* who is of the truth .....John 18:37

EVIDENCE
my *e* is on high .....Job 16:19
*e* of things not seen .....Heb 11:1

EVIDENT
the sight of God is *e* .....Gal 3:11
of some are clearly *e* .....1 Tim 5:25
*e* that our Lord arose .....Heb 7:14

EVIL
knowledge of good and *e* ....Gen 2:9
knowing good and *e* .....Gen 3:5
his heart was only *e* .....Gen 6:5
repaid *e* for good .....Gen 44:4
*e* have been the .....Gen 47:9
you meant *e* against me ...Gen 50:20
follow a crowd to do *e* .....Ex 23:2
*e* in the sight of the .....Num 32:13
the *e* from your midst .....Deut 13:5
and good, death and *e* ....Deut 30:15
Saul plotted *e* against .....1 Sam 23:9
rebellious and *e* city .....Ezra 4:12
feared God and shunned *e* ....Job 1:1
*e* shall touch you .....Job 5:19
I looked for good, *e* .....Job 30:26
nor shall *e* dwell .....Ps 5:4
Nor does *e* to his neighbor ...Ps 15:3
I will fear no *e* .....Ps 23:4
Keep your tongue from *e* ....Ps 34:13
*E* shall slay the .....Ps 34:21
he does not abhor *e* .....Ps 36:4
Depart from *e*, and do .....Ps 37:27
done this *e* in Your sight .....Ps 51:4
*e* more than good .....Ps 52:3
*e* shall befall you .....Ps 91:10
love the LORD, hate *e*.....Ps 97:10
not be afraid of *e* tidings ....Ps 112:7
feet from every *e* way .....Ps 119:101
preserve you from all *e* .....Ps 121:7
secure, without fear of *e* ...Prov 1:33
LORD and depart from *e*.....Prov 3:7
of the LORD is to hate *e* ....Prov 8:13
To do *e* is like sport .....Prov 10:23
shall be filled with *e* .....Prov 12:21
*e* will bow before the .....Prov 14:19
Keeping watch on the *e* ....Prov 15:3
is to depart from *e* .....Prov 16:17
Whoever rewards *e* .....Prov 17:13
A prudent man forsees *e* ...Prov 22:3
*e* all the days of her .....Prov 31:12
vanity and a great *e* .....Eccl 2:21
There is a severe *e* .....Eccl 5:13
of men are full of *e* .....Eccl 9:3
put away *e* from your .....Eccl 11:10
to those who call *e* .....Is 5:20
his eyes from seeing *e* .....Is 33:15
is taken away from *e* .....Is 57:1
of peace and not of *e* .....Jer 29:11
commit this great *e* .....Jer 44:7
Seek good and not *e* .....Amos 5:14
turn from his *e* way .....Jon 3:8
"Turn now from your *e* .....Zech 1:4
not to resist an *e* person ....Matt 5:39
His sun rise on the *e* .....Matt 5:45
deliver us from the *e* .....Matt 6:13
If you then, being *e* .....Matt 7:11
"Why do you think *e* .....Matt 9:4
*e* treasure brings .....Matt 12:35
"An *e* and adulterous .....Matt 12:39
to do good or to do *e* .....Mark 3:4
proceed *e* thoughts .....Mark 7:21
what *e* has He done .....Mark 15:14
to the unthankful and *e* ....Luke 6:35
*e* treasure of his heart .....Luke 6:45
If you then, being *e* .....Luke 11:13
everyone practicing *e* .....John 3:20
them from the *e* one .....John 17:15
bear witness of the *e* .....John 18:23
the *e* spirits went out .....Acts 19:12
'You shall not speak *e* of ...Acts 23:5
*e* I will not to do .....Rom 7:19
then a law, that *e* .....Rom 7:21
done any good or *e* .....Rom 9:11
Abhor what is *e* .....Rom 12:9
Repay no one *e* for .....Rom 12:17
not be overcome by *e* .....Rom 12:21
to good works, but to *e* ....Rom 13:3
good be spoken of as *e* ....Rom 14:16
simple concerning *e* .....Rom 16:19
provoked, thinks no *e* .....1 Cor 13:5
"*E* company corrupts .....1 Cor 15:33
from this present *e* age .....Gal 1:4
*e* speaking be put away .....Eph 4:31
withstand in the *e* day .....Eph 6:13
from every form of *e* ....1 Thess 5:22
a root of all kinds of *e* ....1 Tim 6:10
an *e* heart of unbelief .....Heb 3:12
cannot be tempted by *e* ....James 1:13
speaks *e* of a brother .....James 4:11
envy, and all *e* speaking ....1 Pet 2:1
refrain his tongue from *e* ..1 Pet 3:10
against those who do *e* ....1 Pet 3:12
he who does *e* has not .....3 John 11

EVIL-MERODACH
Babylonian king (562–560 B.C.), 2 Kin 25:27–30

EVIL-MINDEDNESS
strife, deceit, *e* .....Rom 1:29

EVIL ONE
than these is from the *e* ....Matt 5:37
But deliver us from the *e* ...Matt 6:13
But deliver us from the *e* ..Luke 11:4
keep them from the *e* .....John 17:15
guard you from the *e* .....2 Thess 3:3

EVILDOER
LORD shall repay the *e* ....2 Sam 3:39
An *e* gives heed to false ....Prov 17:4
"If He were not an *e* .....John 18:30
suffer trouble as an *e* .....2 Tim 2:9
a thief, an *e* .....1 Pet 4:15

EVILDOERS
Do not fret because of *e* .....Ps 37:1
*e* shall be cut off .....Ps 37:9
Depart from me, you *e* ....Ps 119:115
iniquity, a brood of *e* .....Is 1:4
*e* shall never be .....Is 14:20
against you as *e* .....1 Pet 2:12

EVILS
*e* have surrounded me .....Ps 40:12
have committed two *e* .....Jer 2:13

EXALT
God, and I will *e* .....Ex 15:2
do you *e* yourselves .....Num 16:3
*e* the horn of His .....1 Sam 2:10
*e* His name together .....Ps 34:3
*E* the LORD our God .....Ps 99:5
Let them *e* Him .....Ps 107:32
are my God, I will *e* .....Ps 118:28
if I do not *e* Jerusalem .....Ps 137:6
*E* her, and she will .....Prov 4:8
into heaven, I will *e* .....Is 14:13
I will *e* You, I will praise .....Is 25:1
*E* the humble .....Ezek 21:26
and he shall *e* himself .....Dan 8:25
He may *e* you in due time ...1 Pet 5:6

EXALTATION
*e* comes neither from .....Ps 75:6
who rejoice in My *e* .....Is 13:3
brother glory in his *e* .....James 1:9

EXALTED
Let God be *e* .....2 Sam 22:47
So the LORD *e* Solomon ..1 Chr 29:25
built You an *e* house .....2 Chr 6:2
name, which is *e* .....Neh 9:5
*e* for a little while .....Job 24:24
God is *e* by His power .....Job 36:22
when vileness is *e* .....Ps 12:8
God of my salvation be *e* ....Ps 18:46
Be *e*, O LORD, in Your .....Ps 21:13
I will be *e* among the .....Ps 46:10
Be *e*, O God, above .....Ps 57:5
righteous shall be *e* .....Ps 75:10
favor our horn is *e* .....Ps 89:17
You are *e* far above .....Ps 97:9
hand of the LORD is *e* .....Ps 118:16
His name alone is *e* .....Ps 148:13
upright the city is *e* .....Prov 11:11
LORD alone shall be *e*.....Is 2:11
His name is *e* .....Is 12:4
The LORD is *e*, for He dwells ..Is 33:5
valley shall be *e* .....Is 40:4
and humble the *e* .....Ezek 21:26
*e* above the hills .....Mic 4:1
humbles himself will be *e* .Matt 23:12
Him God has *e* .....Acts 5:31
And lest I should be *e* .....2 Cor 12:7
also has highly *e* .....Phil 2:9

EXALTS
down one, and *e* another .....Ps 75:7
Righteousness *e* .....Prov 14:34
whoever *e* himself will ....Luke 14:11
high thing that *e* .....2 Cor 10:5
*e* himself above all .....2 Thess 2:4

EXAMINE
*E* me, O LORD.....Ps 26:2
*e* our ways, and turn .....Lam 3:40
But let a man *e* .....1 Cor 11:28
But let each one *e* .....Gal 6:4

EXAMPLE
to make her a public *e* .....Matt 1:19
I have given you an *e* .....John 13:15
in following my *e* .....Phil 3:17
to make ourselves an *e* ...2 Thess 3:9
youth, but be an *e* .....1 Tim 4:12
us, leaving us an *e* .....1 Pet 2:21
making them an *e* .....2 Pet 2:6
are set forth as an *e* .....Jude 7

EXAMPLES
happened to them as *e* ...1 Cor 10:11
so that you became *e* .....1 Thess 1:7
to you, but being *e* .....1 Pet 5:3

EXCEEDING
for us a far more *e* .....2 Cor 4:17
the *e* greatness of .....Eph 1:19
He might show the *e* .....Eph 2:7
also be glad with *e* joy .....1 Pet 4:13

EXCEEDINGLY
prevailed *e* on the earth ....Gen 7:19
your *e* great reward .....Gen 15:1
your descendants *e* .....Gen 16:10
and grew *e* mighty .....Ex 1:7
for the LORD must be *e* ....1 Chr 22:5
You have made him *e* .....Ps 21:6
let them rejoice *e* .....Ps 68:3
and I love them *e* .....Ps 119:167
is far off and *e* deep .....Eccl 7:24
it displeased Jonah *e* .....Jon 4:1
rejoiced with *e* great joy ....Matt 2:10
*e* high mountain .....Matt 4:8
Rejoice and be *e* .....Matt 5:12
they were *e* sorrowful .....Matt 26:22
*e* white, like snow .....Mark 9:3
"My soul is *e* sorrowful ..Mark 14:34
Him who is able to do *e* ....Eph 3:20
our Lord was *e* abundant ..1 Tim 1:14
given to us *e* great .....2 Pet 1:4

EXCEEDS
your righteousness *e* .....Matt 5:20

EXCEL
you His angels, who *e* .....Ps 103:20
but you *e* them all .....Prov 31:29
that you seek to *e* .....1 Cor 14:12

EXCELLENCE
*e* You have overthrown .....Ex 15:7
did not come with *e* .....1 Cor 2:1
the *e* of the power .....2 Cor 4:7
things loss for the *e* .....Phil 3:8

EXCELLENT
He is *e* in power .....Job 37:23
How *e* is Your name in all .....Ps 8:1
It shall be as *e* oil .....Ps 141:5
to His *e* greatness .....Ps 150:2
will speak of *e* things .....Prov 8:6
An *e* wife is the crown of ..Prov 12:4
like Lebanon, *e* .....Song 5:15
for He has done *e* .....Is 12:5
in counsel and *e* .....Is 28:29
Inasmuch as an *e* .....Dan 5:12
the things that are *e* .....Rom 2:18
show you a more *e* way ..1 Cor 12:31
the things that are *e* .....Phil 1:10
a more *e* name .....Heb 1:4
*e* sacrifice than Cain .....Heb 11:4
came to Him from the *E* ...2 Pet 1:17

EXCELS
Do you see a man who *e* ..Prov 22:29
I saw that wisdom *e* .....Eccl 2:13
of the glory that *e* .....2 Cor 3:10

EXCHANGE
give in *e* for his soul .....Matt 16:26

EXCHANGED
Nor can it be *e* .....Job 28:17
*e* the truth of God for .....Rom 1:25
For even their women *e* ....Rom 1:26

EXCLUDE
you, and when they *e* .....Luke 6:22
they want to *e* you .....Gal 4:17

EXCUSE
God be angry at your *e* .....Eccl 5:6
but now they have no *e* ...John 15:22
they are without *e* .....Rom 1:20
do you think that we *e* ...2 Cor 12:19

EXCUSES
began to make *e* .....Luke 14:18

EXECUTE
nor *e* His fierce wrath ...1 Sam 28:18
*e* vengeance on the .....Ps 149:7
if you thoroughly *e* .....Jer 7:5
*E* judgment and .....Jer 22:3
*e* the fierceness .....Hos 11:9
'*E* true justice .....Zech 7:9
*e* judgment also .....John 5:27
*e* wrath on him who .....Rom 13:4

EXECUTES
by the judgment He *e* .....Ps 9:16
*e* righteousness .....Ps 103:6
*e* justice for the .....Ps 146:7
One whose *e* His word .....Joel 2:11
*e* justice for me .....Mic 7:9

EXERCISE
those who are great *e* .....Matt 20:25
*e* yourself toward .....1 Tim 4:7
*e* profits a little .....1 Tim 4:8

EXERCISED
have their senses *e* .....Heb 5:14

EXHORT
we command and *e* .....2 Thess 3:12
I *e* first of all .....1 Tim 2:1
*e* him as a father .....1 Tim 5:1
and *e* these things .....1 Tim 6:2
Convince, rebuke, *e* .....2 Tim 4:2
doctrine, both to *e* .....Titus 1:9
*e* the young men .....Titus 2:6
Speak these things, *e* .....Titus 2:15
*e* one another .....Heb 3:13

EXHORTATION
you have any word of *e* ...Acts 13:15
he who exhorts, in *e* .....Rom 12:8
to reading, to *e* .....1 Tim 4:13
with the word of *e* .....Heb 13:22

EXHORTED
For I earnestly *e* .....Jer 11:7
*e* and strengthened .....Acts 15:32
as you know how we *e* ..1 Thess 2:11

EXILE
and also an *e* from .....2 Sam 15:19
The captive *e* hastens .....Is 51:14

EXIST
things which do not *e* .....Rom 4:17
by Your will they *e* .....Rev 4:11

EXPECT
an hour you do not *e* .....Luke 12:40

EXPECTATION
The *e* of the poor .....Ps 9:18
God alone, for my *e* .....Ps 62:5
the people were in *e* .....Luke 3:15
For the earnest *e* .....Rom 8:19
a certain fearful *e* .....Heb 10:27

EXPECTING
*e* to receive something .....Acts 3:5

EXPEDIENT
*e* for us that one man .....John 11:50

EXPERT
and the *e* enchanter .....Is 3:3
those of an *e* warrior .....Jer 50:9
because you are *e* .....Acts 26:3

EXPLAIN
was no one who could *e* ...Gen 41:24
days they could not *e* .....Judg 14:14
"*E* this parable to us .....Matt 15:15
to say, and hard to *e* .....Heb 5:11

EXPLAINED
He *e* all things to His .....Mark 4:34
*e* to him the way of God ..Acts 18:26

EXPLOIT
*e* all your laborers .....Is 58:3
against those who *e* .....Mal 3:5
they will *e* you with .....2 Pet 2:3

EXPOSED
his deeds should be *e* .....John 3:20
all things that are *e* .....Eph 5:13

EXPOUNDED
He *e* to them in all .....Luke 24:27

EXPRESS
man cannot *e* it .....Eccl 1:8
of His glory and the *e* .....Heb 1:3

EXPRESSLY
of the LORD came *e* .....Ezek 1:3
Now the Spirit *e* .....1 Tim 4:1

EXTEND
none to *e* mercy to him ....Ps 109:12
"Behold, I will *e* .....Is 66:12
did not *e* to you .....2 Cor 10:14

EXTINGUISHED
broken, my days are *e* .....Job 17:1
They are *e*, they are .....Is 43:17

EXTOL
I will *e* You .....Ps 30:1
*e* Him who rides .....Ps 68:4

EXTOLLED
*e* with my tongue .....Ps 66:17
shall be exalted and *e* .....Is 52:13

EXTORTION
*e* gathers it for him .....Prov 28:8
your neighbors by *e* .....Ezek 22:12
they are full of *e* .....Matt 23:25

EXTORTIONERS
nor *e* will inherit .....1 Cor 6:10

EXULT
in anguish I would *e* .....Job 6:10

EYE
*e* for *e*, tooth for tooth .....Ex 21:24
your *e* be evil against .....Deut 15:9
the ear, but now my *e* .....Job 42:5
me as the apple of Your *e* ....Ps 17:8
guide you with My *e* .....Ps 32:8
Behold, the *e* of the .....Ps 33:18
He who formed the *e* .....Ps 94:9
with the *e* causes trouble ..Prov 10:10
and the seeing *e* .....Prov 20:12
who has a generous *e* .....Prov 22:9
A man with an evil *e* .....Prov 28:22
*e* that mocks his .....Prov 30:17
*e* is not satisfied .....Eccl 1:8
labors, nor is his *e* .....Eccl 4:8
for they shall see *e* .....Is 52:8
*e* seen any God besides .....Is 64:4
the apple of His *e* .....Zech 2:8
If your right *e* causes .....Matt 5:29
it was said, 'An *e* .....Matt 5:38
lamp of the body is the *e* ...Matt 6:22
plank in your own *e* .....Matt 7:3
*e* causes you to sin .....Matt 18:9
Or is your *e* evil .....Matt 20:15
*e* causes you to sin .....Mark 9:47
when your *e* is good .....Luke 11:34
the *e* of a needle .....Luke 18:25
"*E* has not seen .....1 Cor 2:9
"Because I am not an *e* ...1 Cor 12:16
whole body were an *e* ....1 Cor 12:17
the twinkling of an *e* .....1 Cor 15:52
every *e* will see Him .....Rev 1:7
your eyes with *e* salve .....Rev 3:18

EYELIDS
His eyes behold, His *e* .....Ps 11:4
*e* look right before .....Prov 4:25
slumber to your *e* .....Prov 6:4

EYES
*e* will be opened ..... Gen 3:5
"Lift your *e* now and ..... Gen 13:14
Abraham lifted his *e* ..... Gen 22:13
the *e* of Israel were dim ... Gen 48:10
and you can be our *e* ..... Num 10:31
hallow Me in the *e* of ..... Num 20:12
Your *e* have seen what the .. Deut 4:3
frontlets between your *e* .... Deut 6:8
right in his own *e* ..... Deut 12:8
in the *e* of the LORD..... Deut 13:18
*e* to see and ears to hear ... Deut 29:4
thorns in your *e* ..... Josh 23:13
found favor in your *e* ..... Ruth 2:10
open his *e* that he may .... 2 Kin 6:17
she put paint on her *e* ..... 2 Kin 9:30
My *e* will be open ..... 2 Chr 7:15
For the *e* of the LORD..... 2 Chr 16:9
God may enlighten our *e* .... Ezra 9:8
Do You have *e* of flesh ..... Job 10:4
And my *e* shall behold ..... Job 19:27
His *e* are on their ways .... Job 24:23
I was *e* to the blind ..... Job 29:15
*e* observe from afar ..... Job 39:29
*e* are secretly fixed ..... Ps 10:8
His *e* behold, His eyelids ..... Ps 11:4
enlightening the *e* ..... Ps 19:8
*e* are ever toward the ..... Ps 25:15
is before my *e* ..... Ps 26:3
The *e* of the LORD are ..... Ps 34:15
His *e* observe the nations ..... Ps 66:7
*e* fail while I wait ..... Ps 69:3
*e* shall you look ..... Ps 91:8
*E* they have, but they ..... Ps 115:5
marvelous in our *e* ..... Ps 118:23
Open my *e*, that I may see .. Ps 119:18
I will lift up my *e* ..... Ps 121:1
our *e* look to the LORD ..... Ps 123:2
not give sleep to my *e* ..... Ps 132:4
*e* saw my substance ..... Ps 139:16
wise in your own *e* ..... Prov 3:7
not depart from your *e* ..... Prov 3:21
*e* look straight ahead ..... Prov 4:25
is right in his own *e* ..... Prov 12:15
The *e* of the LORD are ..... Prov 15:3
but the *e* of a fool ..... Prov 17:24
Will you set your *e* ..... Prov 23:5
Who has redness of *e* ..... Prov 23:29
be wise in his own *e* ..... Prov 26:5
so the *e* of man are ..... Prov 27:20
pure in its own *e* ..... Prov 30:12
The wise man's *e* ..... Eccl 2:14
*e* than the wandering ..... Eccl 6:9
You have dove's *e* ..... Song 1:15
the *e* of the lofty ..... Is 5:15
*e* have seen the King ..... Is 6:5
lest they see with their *e* ..... Is 6:10
of the book, and the *e* ..... Is 29:18
open Your *e*, O LORD ..... Is 37:17
*e* fail from looking ..... Is 38:14
O LORD, are not Your *e* ..... Jer 5:3
Who have *e* and see ..... Jer 5:21
*e* will weep bitterly ..... Jer 13:17
For I will set My *e* ..... Jer 24:6
your *e* from tears ..... Jer 31:16
rims were full of *e* ..... Ezek 1:18
full of *e* all around ..... Ezek 10:12
*e* to see but does ..... Ezek 12:2
that horn which had *e* ..... Dan 7:20
horn between his *e* ..... Dan 8:5
*e* like torches of fire, ..... Dan 10:6
the *e* of the Lord GOD ..... Amos 9:8
You are of purer *e* ..... Hab 1:13
their *e* were opened ..... Matt 9:30
But blessed are your *e* .... Matt 13:16
their *e* were heavy ..... Matt 26:43
it is marvelous in our *e* ... Mark 12:11
Hades, he lifted up his *e* .. Luke 16:23
raise his *e* to heaven ..... Luke 18:13
lift up your *e* and look ..... John 4:35
"He put clay on my *e* ..... John 9:15
*e* of one who was born .... John 9:32
fixing his *e* on him ..... Acts 3:4
*e* they have closed ..... Acts 28:27
*e* that they should not ..... Rom 11:8
plucked out your own *e* ..... Gal 4:15
*e* of your understanding .... Eph 1:18
have seen with our *e* ..... 1 John 1:1
the lust of the *e* ..... 1 John 2:16
as snow, and His *e* ..... Rev 1:14
and anoint your *e* ..... Rev 3:18
creatures full of *e* ..... Rev 4:6
horns and seven *e* ..... Rev 5:6
tear from their *e* ..... Rev 21:4

EYESERVICE
not with *e*, as ..... Eph 6:6
the flesh, not with *e* ..... Col 3:22

EYEWITNESSES
the beginning were *e* ..... Luke 1:2
*e* of His majesty ..... 2 Pet 1:16

EZEKIEL
Sent to rebellious Israel, Ezek 2; 3
Prophesies by symbolic action:
siege of Jerusalem, Ezek 4
destruction of Jerusalem, Ezek 5
captivity of Judah, Ezek 12:1–20
destruction of the temple, Ezek 24:15–27
Visions of:
God's glory, Ezek 1:4–28
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EZION GEBER
*See* ELATH
Town on the Red Sea, 1 Kin 9:26
Israelite encampment, Num 33:35
Seaport of Israel's navy, 1 Kin 22:48

EZRA
Scribe, priest and reformer of post-exilic times; commissioned by Artaxerxes, Ezra 7
Returns with exiles to Jerusalem, Ezra 8
Institutes reforms, Ezra 9
Reads the Law, Neh 8
Assists in dedication of wall, Neh 12:27–43

FABLES
nor give heed to *f* ..... 1 Tim 1:4
be turned aside to *f* ..... 2 Tim 4:4
cunningly devised *f* ..... 2 Pet 1:16

FACE
was on the *f* of the deep ..... Gen 1:2
In the sweat of your *f* you .. Gen 3:19
"For I have seen God *f* .... Gen 32:30
shall see my *f* no more .... Gen 44:23
Joseph fell on his father's *f* . Gen 50:1
LORD spoke to Moses *f* to *f* .. Ex 33:11
*f* shone while he ..... Ex 34:29
he put a veil on his *f* ..... Ex 34:33
the LORD make His *f* ..... Num 6:25
I will hide My *f* from ..... Deut 31:17
his *f* in his mantle ..... 1 Kin 19:13
Then he turned his *f* ..... 2 Kin 20:2
seek His *f* evermore ..... 1 Chr 16:11
and pray and seek My *f* ... 2 Chr 7:14
not turn His *f* from you ... 2 Chr 30:9
Why is your *f* sad, since ..... Neh 2:2
curse You to Your *f* ..... Job 1:11
I will put off my sad *f* and ... Job 9:27
and lift up your *f* to God ... Job 22:26
He shall see His *f* with joy . Job 33:26
me, I will see Your *f* ..... Ps 17:15
"Your *f*, LORD, I will seek..... Ps 27:8
Do not hide Your *f* from ..... Ps 27:9
Why do You hide Your *f* .... Ps 44:24
and cause His *f* to shine ..... Ps 67:1
Do not hide Your *f* from ..... Ps 102:2
Make Your *f* shine upon .. Ps 119:135
As in water *f* reflects ..... Prov 27:19
of his *f* is changed ..... Eccl 8:1
I have set My *f* like a flint ..... Is 50:7
sins have hidden His *f* ..... Is 59:2
I have made your *f* ..... Ezek 3:8
set your *f* against Gog, of .. Ezek 38:2
but to us shame of *f* ..... Dan 9:7
before Your *f* who ..... Matt 11:10
to discern the *f* of the sky .. Matt 16:3
*f* shone like the sun ..... Matt 17:2
of His *f* was altered ..... Luke 9:29
His *f* to go to Jerusalem ... Luke 9:51
they struck Him on the *f* .. Luke 22:64
always before my *f* ..... Acts 2:25
his *f* as the *f* of an angel .... Acts 6:15
dimly, but then *f* ..... 1 Cor 13:12
look steadily at the *f* ..... 2 Cor 3:7
with unveiled *f* ..... 2 Cor 3:18
one strikes you on the *f* .. 2 Cor 11:20
withstood him to his *f* ..... Gal 2:11
that we may see your *f* .. 1 Thess 3:10
his natural *f* in a ..... James 1:23
but the *f* of the LORD..... 1 Pet 3:12
creature had a *f* like a man ... Rev 4:7
They shall see His *f* ..... Rev 22:4

FACE TO FACE
For I have seen God *f*, ..... Gen 32:30
the Lord spoke to Moses *f* ... Ex 33:11
I speak with him *f* ..... Num 12:8
the LORD talked with you *f* .. Deut 5:4
whom the LORD knew *f* ... Deut 34:10
Angel of the LORD *f* ..... Judg 6:22
My case with you *f* ..... Ezek 20:35
mirror, dimly, but then *f* .. 1 Cor 13:12

FACES
*f* were not ashamed ..... Ps 34:5
wipe away tears from all *f* .... Is 25:8
hid, as it were, our *f* ..... Is 53:3
be afraid of their *f* ..... Jer 1:8
and all *f* turned pale ..... Jer 30:6
Each one had four *f* ..... Ezek 1:6
the gate that *f* toward the .. Ezek 43:1
your *f* looking worse than .. Dan 1:10
all *f* are drained of color ..... Joel 2:6
they disfigure their *f* ..... Matt 6:16
fell on their *f* before the ..... Rev 7:11

FACTIONS
there must also be *f* ..... 1 Cor 11:19

FADE
we all *f* as a leaf ..... Is 64:6
and the leaf shall *f* ..... Jer 8:13
rich man also will *f* ..... James 1:11
and that does not *f* ..... 1 Pet 1:4
of glory that does not *f* ..... 1 Pet 5:4

FADES
withers, the flower *f* ..... Is 40:7

FAIL
eyes shall look and *f* ..... Deut 28:32
man's heart *f* because ... 1 Sam 17:32
You shall not *f* to have a .. 1 Kin 8:25
eyes of the wicked will *f* ... Job 11:20
flesh and my heart *f* ..... Ps 73:26
of the thirsty to *f* ..... Is 32:6
not one of these shall *f* ..... Is 34:16
their tongues *f* ..... Is 41:17
whose waters do not *f* ..... Is 58:11
have caused wine to *f* ..... Jer 48:33
His compassions *f* not ..... Lam 3:22
of the olive may *f* ..... Hab 3:17
nor shall the vine *f* ..... Mal 3:11
heavens that does not *f* ... Luke 12:33
that when you *f* ..... Luke 16:9
tittle of the law to *f* ..... Luke 16:17
faith should not *f* ..... Luke 22:32
prophecies, they will *f* ..... 1 Cor 13:8

Your years will not *f* .....Heb 1:12
For the time would *f*.....Heb 11:32

FAILED
Not a word *f* of any .....Josh 21:45
My relatives have *f* .....Job 19:14
Has His promise *f*.....Ps 77:8
refuge has *f* me .....Ps 142:4

FAILING
men's hearts *f*.....Luke 21:26

FAILS
my strength *f* because .....Ps 31:10
Therefore my heart *f* me ....Ps 40:12
my spirit *f*.....Ps 143:7
and every vision *f* .....Ezek 12:22
wine is dried up, the oil *f* ...Joel 1:10
He never *f*, but the unjust ...Zeph 3:5
Love never *f*.....1 Cor 13:8

FAINT
If you *f* in the day of .....Prov 24:10
the youths shall *f*.....Is 40:30
shall walk and not *f* .....Is 40:31
my heart is *f* in me .....Jer 8:18
and the infants *f*.....Lam 2:11

FAINTED
thirsty, their soul *f* .....Ps 107:5

FAINTHEARTED
unruly, comfort the *f* ....1 Thess 5:14

FAINTS
longs, yes, even *f* .....Ps 84:2
My soul *f* for Your .....Ps 119:81
And the whole heart *f* .....Is 1:5
the earth, neither *f* .....Is 40:28

FAIR
Behold, you are *f*.....Song 1:15
How *f* and how pleasant ....Song 7:6
of the Lord is not *f* .....Ezek 18:25
My ways which are *f* .....Ezek 18:29
say, 'It will be *f* weather ....Matt 16:2
to a place called *F* .....Acts 27:8
what is just and *f* .....Col 4:1

FAIR HAVENS
Harbor of Crete at which Paul landed, Acts 27:8

FAIR-MINDED
These were more *f* .....Acts 17:11

FAIRER
*f* than the sons.....Ps 45:2

FAIREST
another beloved, O *f* .....Song 5:9
your beloved gone, O *f* .....Song 6:1

FAITH
in whom is no *f*.....Deut 32:20
shall live by his *f*.....Hab 2:4
you, O you of little *f* .....Matt 6:30
not found such great *f*.....Matt 8:10
your *f* has made you well ..Matt 9:22
"O you of little *f*.....Matt 14:31
woman, great is your *f* ....Matt 15:28
*f* as a mustard seed .....Matt 17:20
that you have no *f* .....Mark 4:40
to them, "Have *f* .....Mark 11:22
not found such great *f* .....Luke 7:9
you, O you of little *f* .....Luke 12:28
"Increase our *f*.....Luke 17:5
will He really find *f*.....Luke 18:8
through *f* in His name .....Acts 3:16
a man full of *f* .....Acts 6:5
the Holy Spirit and of *f*....Acts 11:24
that he had *f* to be healed ..Acts 14:9
were strengthened in the *f*..Acts 16:5
are sanctified by *f* .....Acts 26:18
for obedience to the *f* .....Rom 1:5
that your *f* is spoken of .....Rom 1:8
God is revealed from *f* .....Rom 1:17
God, through *f* .....Rom 3:22
*f* apart from the deeds .....Rom 3:28
his *f* is accounted for .....Rom 4:5
*f* which he had while still ..Rom 4:11
*f* is made void and the .....Rom 4:14
those who are of the *f*.....Rom 4:16
And not being weak in *f* ...Rom 4:19
having been justified by *f* ...Rom 5:1
of *f* speaks in this way .....Rom 10:6
*f* which we preach .....Rom 10:8
*f* comes by hearing .....Rom 10:17
and you stand by *f*.....Rom 11:20
each one a measure of *f* ....Rom 12:3
in proportion to our *f* .....Rom 12:6
Do you have *f*.....Rom 14:22
whatever is not from *f* ....Rom 14:23
that your *f* should not be ...1 Cor 2:5
though I have all *f* .....1 Cor 13:2
And now abide *f* .....1 Cor 13:13
your *f* is also empty .....1 Cor 15:14
stand fast in the *f* .....1 Cor 16:13
For we walk by *f*.....2 Cor 5:7
as your *f* is increased ....2 Cor 10:15
now preaches the *f* which ...Gal 1:23
law but by *f* in Jesus Christ ..Gal 2:16
the flesh I live by *f*.....Gal 2:20
or by the hearing of *f* .....Gal 3:2
*f* are sons of Abraham .....Gal 3:7
the just shall live by *f* .....Gal 3:11
the law is not of *f*.....Gal 3:12
of the Spirit through *f*.....Gal 3:14
But before *f* came.....Gal 3:23
But after *f* has come .....Gal 3:25
*f* working through love .....Gal 5:6
of the household of *f* .....Gal 6:10
been saved through *f* .....Eph 2:8
one Lord, one *f*.....Eph 4:5
to the unity of the *f*.....Eph 4:13
taking the shield of *f* .....Eph 6:16
for the *f* of the gospel .....Phil 1:27
established in the *f*.....Col 2:7
your work of *f* .....1 Thess 1:3
on the breastplate of *f* ....1 Thess 5:8
work of *f* with power ....2 Thess 1:11
for not all have *f* .....2 Thess 3:2
a true son in the *f*.....1 Tim 1:2
edification which is in *f* ....1 Tim 1:4
having *f* and a good .....1 Tim 1:19
if they continue in *f*, love ..1 Tim 2:15
the mystery of the *f* .....1 Tim 3:9
great boldness in the *f* ....1 Tim 3:13
in love, in spirit, in *f* .....1 Tim 4:12
he has denied the *f*.....1 Tim 5:8
righteousness, godliness, *f*..1 Tim 6:11
Fight the good fight of *f*....1 Tim 6:12
I have kept the *f*.....2 Tim 4:7
in our common *f* .....Titus 1:4
temperate, sound in *f* .....Titus 2:2
not being mixed with *f*.....Heb 4:2
of *f* toward God, .....Heb 6:1
those who through *f* .....Heb 6:12
in full assurance of *f* .....Heb 10:22
the just shall live by *f* .....Heb 10:38
*f* is the substance .....Heb 11:1
without *f* it is .....Heb 11:6
These all died in *f*.....Heb 11:13
good testimony through *f*..Heb 11:39
author and finisher of our *f* .Heb 12:2
whose *f* follow .....Heb 13:7
your *f* produces patience ...James 1:3
But let him ask in *f* .....James 1:6
someone says he has *f* ....James 2:14
Show me your *f*.....James 2:18
*f* without works is dead ...James 2:20
and not by *f* only .....James 2:24
*f* will save the sick .....James 5:15
the genuineness of your *f* ...1 Pet 1:7
receiving the end of your *f* ..1 Pet 1:9
him, steadfast in the *f*.....1 Pet 5:9
add to your *f* virtue .....2 Pet 1:5
on your most holy *f* .....Jude 20
works, love, service, *f*.....Rev 2:19
the patience and the *f*.....Rev 13:10
of God and the *f*.....Rev 14:12

FAITHFUL
he is *f* in all My house .....Num 12:7
God, He is God, the *f* .....Deut 7:9
found his heart *f* .....Neh 9:8
*f* disappear from among .....Ps 12:1
LORD preserves the *f* .....Ps 31:23
whose spirit was not *f* .....Ps 78:8
eyes shall be on the *f*.....Ps 101:6
commandments are *f*.....Ps 119:86
are righteous and very *f* ..Ps 119:138
*f* spirit conceals a .....Prov 11:13
A *f* witness does not lie ....Prov 14:5
But who can find a *f* .....Prov 20:6
A *f* man will abound .....Prov 28:20
the LORD who is *f*.....Is 49:7
*f* witness between us .....Jer 42:5
or fault, because he was *f* ....Dan 6:4
the Holy One who is *f* .....Hos 11:12
"Who then is a *f*.....Matt 24:45
good and *f* servant .....Matt 25:23
"Who then is that *f* .....Luke 12:42
He who is *f* in what .....Luke 16:10
if you have not been *f* ....Luke 16:12
have judged me to be *f* ....Acts 16:15
God is *f*, by whom .....1 Cor 1:9
that one be found *f*.....1 Cor 4:2
is my beloved and *f* .....1 Cor 4:17
God is *f*, who will not ....1 Cor 10:13
But as God is *f*.....2 Cor 1:18
*f* minister in the LORD.....Eph 6:21
*f* brethren in Christ .....Col 1:2
He who calls you is *f* ....1 Thess 5:24
because He counted me *f*..1 Tim 1:12
This is a *f* saying and .....1 Tim 1:15
temperate, *f* in all things ..1 Tim 3:11
commit these to *f* men .....2 Tim 2:2
*f* High Priest in .....Heb 2:17
as Moses also was *f* .....Heb 3:2
Moses indeed was *f* .....Heb 3:5
He who promised is *f*.....Heb 10:23
judged Him *f* who had .....Heb 11:11
He is *f* and just to .....1 John 1:9
Be *f* until death .....Rev 2:10
words are true and *f* .....Rev 21:5

FAITHFULNESS
righteousness and his *f* ..1 Sam 26:23
for in their *f* they .....2 Chr 31:18
*f* reaches to the clouds .....Ps 36:5
I have declared Your *f* .....Ps 40:10
Your *f* to all generations .....Ps 89:1
*f* You shall establish .....Ps 89:2
Your *f* also surrounds .....Ps 89:8
allow My *f* to fail .....Ps 89:33
and Your *f* every night .....Ps 92:2
*f* endures to all .....Ps 119:90
In Your *f* answer me .....Ps 143:1
counsels of old are *f* .....Is 25:1
great is Your *f*.....Lam 3:23
your *f* is like a morning .....Hos 6:4
unbelief make the *f* .....Rom 3:3
kindness, goodness, *f* .....Gal 5:22

FAITHLESS
the words of the *f* .....Prov 22:12
"O *f* and perverse .....Matt 17:17
"O *f* generation .....Mark 9:19
If we are *f*, He remains ....2 Tim 2:13

FALL
a deep sleep to *f*.....Gen 2:21
but do not let me *f*.....2 Sam 24:14
Let them *f* by their .....Ps 5:10
Though he *f*, he shall not ....Ps 37:24
For I am ready to *f*.....Ps 38:17
Yes, all kings shall *f* .....Ps 72:11
A thousand may *f* at your ....Ps 91:7
Let the wicked *f* into their ..Ps 141:10
LORD upholds all who *f*.....Ps 145:14
but a prating fool will *f* ....Prov 10:8
the wicked will *f* by his ....Prov 11:5
no counsel, the people *f* ...Prov 11:14
trusts in his riches will *f* ..Prov 11:28
haughty spirit before a *f* ..Prov 16:18

but the wicked shall *f* ..... Prov 24:16
digs a pit will *f* ..... Prov 26:27
For if they *f*, one will lift .... Eccl 4:10
both he who helps will *f* ..... Is 31:3
all their host shall *f* ..... Is 34:4
men shall utterly *f* ..... Is 40:30
"Will they *f* and not rise ..... Jer 8:4
*F* and rise no more ..... Jer 25:27
proud shall stumble and *f* ... Jer 50:32
of music, you shall *f* ..... Dan 3:5
if You will *f* down ..... Matt 4:9
And great was its *f* ..... Matt 7:27
the blind, both will *f* ..... Matt 15:14
*f* from their masters' ..... Matt 15:27
the stars will *f* ..... Matt 24:29
Child is destined for the *f* .. Luke 2:34
"I saw Satan *f* ..... Luke 10:18
they will *f* by the edge .... Luke 21:24
might *f* on some ..... Acts 5:15
*f* short of the glory of ..... Rom 3:23
that they should *f* ..... Rom 11:11
block or a cause to *f* in .... Rom 14:13
take heed lest he *f* ..... 1 Cor 10:12
with pride he *f* ..... 1 Tim 3:6
be rich *f* into temptation .... 1 Tim 6:9
if they *f* away ..... Heb 6:6
to *f* into the hands of the .. Heb 10:31
lest anyone *f* short of ..... Heb 12:15
it all joy when you *f* ..... James 1:2
and rocks, "*F* on us ..... Rev 6:16

## FALLEN

has your countenance *f* ..... Gen 4:6
terror of you has *f* on us .... Josh 2:9
*f* on its face to the earth ... 1 Sam 5:3
who reproach You have *f* ..... Ps 69:9
you are *f* from heaven ..... Is 14:12
"Babylon is *f* ..... Is 21:9
Babylon has suddenly *f* ..... Jer 51:8
you have *f* from grace ..... Gal 5:4
who have *f* asleep ..... 1 Thess 4:13
And I saw a star *f* ..... Rev 9:1
"Babylon is *f* ..... Rev 14:8

## FALLING

and my feet from *f* ..... Ps 116:8
and *f* down before Him .... Luke 8:47
great drops of blood *f* .... Luke 22:44
*f* away comes first ..... 2 Thess 2:3

## FALLS

when your enemy *f* ..... Prov 24:17
who is alone when he *f* ..... Eccl 4:10
not one of them *f* to the ... Matt 10:29
And whoever *f* ..... Matt 21:44
divided against a house *f* .. Luke 11:17
wheat *f* into the ground .... John 12:24
master he stands or *f* ..... Rom 14:4
grass; its flower *f* ..... James 1:11
withers, and its flower *f* .... 1 Pet 1:24
so that no rain *f* ..... Rev 11:6

## FALSE

"You shall not bear *f* ..... Ex 20:16
shall not bear *f* witness .... Deut 5:20
I hate every *f* way ..... Ps 119:104
*f* witness who speaks lies .. Prov 6:19
gives heed to *f* lips ..... Prov 17:4
*f* witness shall perish ..... Prov 21:28
the *f* pen of the scribe ..... Jer 8:8
walk in a *f* spirit ..... Mic 2:11
and do not love a *f* ..... Zech 8:17
"Beware of *f* prophets ..... Matt 7:15
shall not bear *f* witness ... Matt 19:18
*f* christs and *f* ..... Matt 24:24
at last two *f* witnesses .... Matt 26:60
*f* prophets will rise ..... Mark 13:22
and we are found *f* ..... 1 Cor 15:15
among *f* brethren ..... 2 Cor 11:26
of *f* brethren secretly ..... Gal 2:4
taking delight in *f* humility .. Col 2:18
*f* prophets have gone ..... 1 John 4:1
*f* teachers among you ..... 2 Pet 2:1
mouth of the *f* prophet ..... Rev 16:13

## FALSE PROPHETS

Beware of *f*, who come to .. Matt 7:15
many *f* will rise up ..... Matt 24:11
false christs and *f* ..... Matt 24:24
*f* will rise and show ..... Mark 13:22
their fathers to the *f* ..... Luke 6:26
But there were also *f* ..... 2 Pet 2:1
many *f* have gone out ..... 1 John 4:1

## FALSE WITNESS

You shall not bear *f* ..... Ex 20:16
a *f* who speaks lies, ..... Prov 6:19
But a *f*, deceit ..... Prov 12:17
*f* will not go unpunished ... Prov 19:5
A man who bears *f* ..... Prov 25:18
thefts, *f*, blasphemies ..... Matt 15:19
bore *f* against Him ..... Mark 14:56

## FALSEHOOD

since *f* remains in your ..... Job 21:34
If I have walked with *f* ..... Job 31:5
those who speak *f* ..... Ps 5:6
and brings forth *f* ..... Ps 7:14
For their deceit is *f* ..... Ps 119:118
remove *f* and lies far ..... Prov 30:8
under *f* we have hidden ..... Is 28:15
offspring of *f* ..... Is 57:4
and trusted in *f* ..... Jer 13:25

## FALSELY

it, and swears *f* ..... Lev 6:3
shall not steal, nor deal *f* ... Lev 19:11
nor have we dealt *f* ..... Ps 44:17
Whoever *f* boasts of ..... Prov 25:14
surely they swear *f* ..... Jer 5:2
prophesy *f* to you ..... Jer 29:9
words, swearing *f* ..... Hos 10:4
of evil against you *f* ..... Matt 5:11
anyone or accuse *f* ..... Luke 3:14
*f* called knowledge ..... 1 Tim 6:20

## FAME

his *f* spread throughout .... Josh 6:27
Sheba heard of the *f* ..... 1 Kin 10:1
exceed the *f* of which ..... 1 Kin 10:7
his *f* spread throughout all ... Esth 9:4
endures forever, Your *f* .... Ps 135:13
heard My *f* nor seen ..... Is 66:19
Your *f* went out ..... Ezek 16:14
them for praise and *f* ..... Zeph 3:19
Then His *f* went ..... Matt 4:24

## FAMILIAR

to mediums and *f* spirits ... Lev 19:31
and *f* spirits, to prostitute .... Lev 20:6
Even my own *f* friend ..... Ps 41:9

## FAMILIES

in you all the *f* ..... Gen 12:3
in your seed all the *f* of .... Gen 28:14
and all the *f* of the nations .. Ps 22:27
God sets the solitary in *f* ..... Ps 68:6
and makes their *f* ..... Ps 107:41
the God of all the *f* ..... Jer 31:1
*f* which the LORD has ..... Jer 33:24
of all the *f* of the earth ..... Amos 3:2
in your seed all the *f* ..... Acts 3:25

## FAMILY

that man and against his *f* ... Lev 20:5
against the whole *f* ..... Amos 3:1
shall mourn, every *f* ..... Zech 12:12
Joseph's *f* became known .. Acts 7:13
sons of the *f* of Abraham .. Acts 13:26
*f* were baptized ..... Acts 16:33
from whom the whole *f* ..... Eph 3:15

## FAMINE

Now there was a *f* ..... Gen 12:10
besides the first *f* that was .. Gen 26:1
seven years of *f* will arise .. Gen 41:30
the *f* was severe in the ..... Gen 43:1
the LORD has called for a *f* .. 2 Kin 8:1
In *f* He shall redeem you .... Job 5:20
keep them alive in *f* ..... Ps 33:19
He called for a *f* ..... Ps 105:16
and destruction, *f* ..... Is 51:19
shall die by the sword, by *f* .. Jer 21:9
send the sword, the *f* ..... Jer 24:10
of the fever of *f* ..... Lam 5:10
I will increase the *f* ..... Ezek 5:16
there arose a severe *f* ..... Luke 15:14
a *f* and great trouble came .. Acts 7:11
or persecution, or *f*, or ..... Rom 8:35

## FAMINES

And there will be *f* ..... Matt 24:7

## FAMISH

righteous soul to *f* ..... Prov 10:3

## FAMISHED

honorable men are *f* ..... Is 5:13

## FAMOUS

and may his name be *f* ..... Ruth 4:14

## FAN

not to *f* or to cleanse ..... Jer 4:11
His winnowing *f* ..... Matt 3:12

## FANCIES

with their own *f* ..... Prov 1:31

## FAR

removed my brothers *f* ..... Job 19:13
Your judgments are *f* ..... Ps 10:5
Be not *f* from Me ..... Ps 22:11
those who are *f* ..... Ps 73:27
The LORD is *f* from the .... Prov 15:29
but it was *f* from me ..... Eccl 7:23
removed their hearts *f* ..... Is 29:13
Those near and those *f* .... Ezek 22:5
their heart is *f* from ..... Matt 15:8
going to a *f* country ..... Mark 13:34
though He is not *f* ..... Acts 17:27
you who once were *f* ..... Eph 2:13

## FAR BE IT FROM ME

"*F* that I should do so ..... Gen 44:17
*F*; for those who honor ... 1 Sam 2:30
*f* that I should sin ..... 1 Sam 12:23
*F*! Let not the king ..... 1 Sam 22:15
*f*, that I should swallow .. 2 Sam 20:20
"*F*, O LORD, that ..... 2 Sam 23:17
"*F*, O my God, that ..... 1 Chr 11:19
*F* that I should say ..... Job 27:5

## FAR COUNTRY

"We have come from a *f* .... Josh 9:6
good news from a *f* ..... Prov 25:25
*f*, from the end of heaven ..... Is 13:5
from a *f*, from Babylon ..... Is 39:3
and went into a *f* ..... Matt 21:33
man traveling to a *f* ..... Matt 25:14
a *f*, and there wasted ..... Luke 15:13
nobleman went into a *f* ... Luke 19:12
and went into a *f* ..... Luke 20:9

## FARMER

The hard-working *f* ..... 2 Tim 2:6
See how the *f* waits ..... James 5:7

## FASHIONED

have made me and *f* ..... Job 10:8

## FASHIONS

He *f* their hearts ..... Ps 33:15

## FAST

"But you who held *f* to the .. Deut 4:4
serve Him and hold *f* to .... Deut 13:4
For he held *f* to the LORD .. 2 Kin 18:6
My maids and I will *f* ..... Esth 4:16
commanded, and it stood *f* .... Ps 33:9
of your *f* you find pleasure .... Is 58:3
*f* that I have chosen ..... Is 58:5
they *f*, I will not hear ..... Jer 14:12
Consecrate a *f*, call a ..... Joel 1:14
believed God, proclaimed a *f* . Jon 3:5
"Moreover, when you *f* ..... Matt 6:16
disciples do not *f* ..... Matt 9:14
*f* while the bridegroom is .. Mark 2:19
I *f* twice a week ..... Luke 18:12
if you hold *f* that word .... 1 Cor 15:2
stand *f* in the faith, be .... 1 Cor 16:13
holding *f* the word of life ... Phil 2:16
you stand *f* in the Lord ... 1 Thess 3:8

holding *f* the faithful word .. Titus 1:9
hold *f* our confession ..... Heb 4:14
hold *f* the confession ..... Heb 10:23
Hold *f* what you have ..... Rev 3:11

FASTED
and *f* seven days ..... 1 Sam 31:13
the child, and David *f* ... 2 Sam 12:16
*f* and entreated our God .... Ezra 8:23
'Why have we *f* ..... Is 58:3
'When you *f* and ..... Zech 7:5
And when He had *f* ..... Matt 4:2
Then, having *f* and prayed .. Acts 13:3

FASTENED
were its foundations *f* ..... Job 38:6
'the peg that is *f* ..... Is 22:25

FASTING
I was *f* and praying before ... Neh 1:4
humbled myself with *f* ..... Ps 35:13
are weak through *f* ..... Ps 109:24
house on the day of *f* ..... Jer 36:6
and spent the night *f* ..... Dan 6:18
with all your heart, with *f* ... Joel 2:12
not appear to men to be *f* .. Matt 6:18
except by prayer and *f* .... Matt 17:21
I was *f* until this hour ..... Acts 10:30
give yourselves to *f* ..... 1 Cor 7:5

FASTINGS
but served God with *f* ..... Luke 2:37
in sleeplessness, in *f* ..... 2 Cor 6:5

FAT
the first seven, the *f* cows .. Gen 41:20
and you will eat the *f* ..... Gen 45:18
*f* is the LORD'S ..... Lev 3:16
Now Eglon was a very *f* .... Judg 3:17
have closed up their *f* ..... Ps 17:10

FATHER
*See* GOD THE FATHER; HEAVENLY FATHER
man shall leave his *f* ..... Gen 2:24
saw the nakedness of his *f* .. Gen 9:22
and you shall be a *f* ..... Gen 17:4
the lineage of our *f* ..... Gen 19:32
his *f* blessed him ..... Gen 27:41
God of my *f* has been with .. Gen 31:5
Esau was the *f* of the ..... Gen 36:43
*f* loved him more than all ... Gen 37:4
Thus his *f* wept for him .... Gen 37:35
'Is your *f* still alive ..... Gen 43:7
bring my *f* down here ..... Gen 45:13
God, the God of your *f* ..... Gen 46:3
to meet his *f* Israel ..... Gen 46:29
went up to bury his *f* ..... Gen 50:7
Honor your *f* and your ..... Ex 20:12
Honor your *f* and your ..... Deut 5:16
obey the voice of his *f* .... Deut 21:18
of Jesse, the *f* of David .... Ruth 4:17
son, and I will be his *F* ... 1 Chr 22:10
son, and I will be his *F* .... 1 Chr 28:6
'You are my *f* ..... Job 17:14
I was a *f* to the poor ..... Job 29:16
When my *f* and my mother .. Ps 27:10
A *f* of the fatherless ..... Ps 68:5
*f* pities his children ..... Ps 103:13
the instruction of a *f* ..... Prov 4:1
wise son makes a glad *f* .... Prov 10:1
wise son makes a *f* glad ... Prov 15:20
glory of children is their *f* .. Prov 17:6
the *f* of a fool has no joy .. Prov 17:21
son is a grief to his *f* ..... Prov 17:25
curses his *f* or his ..... Prov 20:20
*f* of the righteous will ..... Prov 23:24
makes his *f* rejoice ..... Prov 29:3
that curses its *f* ..... Prov 30:11
God, Everlasting *F* ..... Is 9:6
Your first *f* sinned ..... Is 43:27
You, O LORD, are our *F* ..... Is 63:16
time cry to Me, My *F* ..... Jer 3:4
for I am a *F* to Israel ..... Jer 31:9
for the iniquity of his *f* .... Ezek 18:17
not bear the guilt of the *f* . Ezek 18:20
"A son honors his *f* ..... Mal 1:6
Have we not all one *F* ..... Mal 2:10
your *F* who sees in secret ... Matt 6:4
your heavenly *F* will also .. Matt 6:14
neither will your *F* forgive .. Matt 6:15
your heavenly *F* knows .... Matt 6:32
much more will your *F* ..... Matt 7:11
He who loves *f* ..... Matt 10:37
does anyone know the *F* .. Matt 11:27
'He who curses *f* ..... Matt 15:4
My *F* who is in heaven .... Matt 18:10
a man shall leave his *f* ..... Matt 19:5
for One is your *F* ..... Matt 23:9
you blessed of My *F* ..... Matt 25:34
"O My *F*, if this cup ..... Matt 26:42
in the name of the *F* ..... Matt 28:19
*F* with the holy angels .... Mark 8:38
a man shall leave his *f* .... Mark 10:7
the Son, but only the *F* ... Mark 13:32
"Abba, *F*, all things are .. Mark 14:36
Your *f* and I have sought .. Luke 2:48
just as your *F* also is ..... Luke 6:36
first go and bury my *f* ..... Luke 9:59
who the Son is but the *F* .. Luke 10:22
bread from any *f* among .. Luke 11:11
*F* give the Holy Spirit to .. Luke 11:13
*F* will be divided ..... Luke 12:53
does not hate his *f* ..... Luke 14:26
arise and go to my *f* ..... Luke 15:18
'I beg you therefore, *f* .... Luke 16:27
"*F*, if it is Your will ..... Luke 22:42
"*F*, forgive them, for ..... Luke 23:34
only begotten of the *F* ..... John 1:14
*F* loves the Son ..... John 3:35
worship the *F* in spirit ..... John 4:23
*F* has been working ..... John 5:17
what He sees the *F* do ..... John 5:19
*F* raises the dead ..... John 5:21
*F* judges no one ..... John 5:22
not honor the *F* who sent .. John 5:23
All that the *F* gives Me .... John 6:37
He has seen the *F* ..... John 6:46
*F* who sent Me bears ..... John 8:18
but as My *F* taught Me, I ... John 8:28
we have one *F* ..... John 8:41
he is a liar and the *f* of it ... John 8:44
I and My *F* are one ..... John 10:30
and believe that the *F* .... John 10:38
"*F*, I thank You that ..... John 11:41
*F*, glorify Your name ..... John 12:28
"Lord, show us the *F* ..... John 14:8
seen Me has seen the *F* .... John 14:9
believe that I am in the *F* . John 14:10
because I go to My *F* ..... John 14:12
And I will pray the *F* ..... John 14:16
will be loved by My *F* .... John 14:21
'I am going to the *F* ..... John 14:28
*F* is the vinedresser ..... John 15:1
whatever you ask the *F* ... John 15:16
you ask the *F* in My ..... John 16:23
came forth from the *F* .... John 16:28
And now, O *F*, glorify Me .. John 17:5
yet ascended to My *F* ..... John 20:17
*F* the promise of the Holy .. Acts 2:33
that he might be the *f* ..... Rom 4:11
"I have made you a *f* ..... Rom 4:17
we cry out, "Abba, *F*." ..... Rom 8:15
*F* of our Lord Jesus ..... Rom 15:6
*F* of mercies and God of .... 2 Cor 1:3
"I will be a *F* to you ..... 2 Cor 6:18
by one Spirit to the *F* ..... Eph 2:18
I bow my knees to the *F* of .. Eph 3:14
one God and *F* of all ..... Eph 4:6
a man shall leave his *f* and .. Eph 5:31
*F* be glory forever and ..... Phil 4:20
For it pleased the *F* that in .. Col 1:19
*f* does his own children .. 1 Thess 2:11
but exhort him as a *f* ..... 1 Tim 5:1
"I will be to Him a *F* ..... Heb 1:5
without *f*, without mother .... Heb 7:3
whom a *f* does not chasten .. Heb 12:7
comes down from the *F* .. James 1:17
we bless our God and *F* .... James 3:9
if you call on the *F* ..... 1 Pet 1:17
an Advocate with the *F* .... 1 John 2:1
love of the *F* is not in .... 1 John 2:15
love the *F* has bestowed ... 1 John 3:1
and testify that the *F* ..... 1 John 4:14
*F*, the Word, and the ..... 1 John 5:7
his name before My *F* ..... Rev 3:5

FATHER IN HEAVEN
and glorify your *F* ..... Matt 5:16
may be sons of your *F* ..... Matt 5:45
just as your *F* is perfect .... Matt 5:48
no reward from your *F* ..... Matt 6:1
Our *F*, hallowed be Your .... Matt 6:9
who does the will of My *F* .. Matt 7:21
does the will of My *F* ..... Matt 12:50
done for them by My *F* ... Matt 18:19
*F* may also forgive you ... Mark 11:25
Our *F*, hallowed be ..... Luke 11:2

FATHER'S
Joseph fell on his *f* face ..... Gen 50:1
he and his *f* household .... Gen 50:22
my *f* God, and I will exalt .... Ex 15:2
When I was my *f* son ..... Prov 4:3
keep your *f* command ..... Prov 6:20
heeds his *f* instruction ..... Prov 13:1
you in My *F* kingdom ..... Matt 26:29
I must be about My *F* ..... Luke 2:49
many of my *f* hired ..... Luke 15:17
Do not make My *F* house .. John 2:16
works that I do in My *F* .. John 10:25
*F* house are many ..... John 14:2
the *F* who sent Me ..... John 14:24
that a man has his *f* ..... 1 Cor 5:1

FATHERLESS
afflict any widow or *f* child .. Ex 22:22
and your children *f* ..... Ex 22:24
justice for the *f* ..... Deut 10:18
my hand against the *f* ..... Job 31:21
the helper of the *f* ..... Ps 10:14
to do justice to the *f* ..... Ps 10:18
father of the *f*, a defender .... Ps 68:5
Let his children be *f* ..... Ps 109:9
He relieves the *f* ..... Ps 146:9
the fields of the *f* ..... Prov 23:10
do not defend the *f* ..... Is 1:23
they may rob the *f* ..... Is 10:2
You the *f* finds mercy ..... Hos 14:3
the widow or the *f* ..... Zech 7:10

FATHERS
bury me with my *f* ..... Gen 49:29
swore to your *f* to give you ... Ex 13:5
the iniquity of the *f* ..... Ex 20:5
the LORD swore to your *f* .... Deut 1:8
*f* make you a thousand ..... Deut 1:11
the iniquity of the *f* upon .... Deut 5:9
the LORD God of our *f* ..... Ezra 7:27
*f* trusted in You ..... Ps 22:4
sojourner, as all my *f* were .. Ps 39:12
our ears, O God, our *f* ..... Ps 44:1
He commanded our *f* ..... Ps 78:5
did in the sight of their *f* .... Ps 78:12
have sinned with our *f* ..... Ps 106:6
that I gave to your *f* forever ... Jer 7:7
*f* have eaten sour grapes .... Jer 31:29
*f* have eaten sour grapes ... Ezek 18:2
for the iniquities of our *f* .... Dan 9:16
*f* provoked Me to wrath .... Zech 8:14
For so did their *f* to the .... Luke 6:26
Our *f* worshiped on this .... John 4:20
*f* ate the manna ..... John 6:31
*f* nor we were able to ..... Acts 15:10
of whom are the *f* ..... Rom 9:5
you do not have many *f* ... 1 Cor 4:15
unaware that all our *f* ..... 1 Cor 10:1
*f*, do not provoke ..... Eph 6:4
*F*, do not provoke your ..... Col 3:21
where your *f* tested Me ..... Heb 3:9

FATLING
and the *f* together ..... Is 11:6

FATNESS
as with marrow and *f* ..... Ps 63:5
of the root and *f* ..... Rom 11:17

FATTED
*f* cattle are killed ..... Matt 22:4
has killed the *f* ..... Luke 15:27

FATTENED
*f* your hearts as ..... James 5:5

FATTER
*f* in flesh than all the ..... Dan 1:15

FAULT
find no charge or *f* ..... Dan 6:4
tell him his *f* between ..... Matt 18:15
I have found no *f* ..... Luke 23:14
does He still find *f* ..... Rom 9:19
of God without *f* ..... Phil 2:15
for they are without *f* ..... Rev 14:5

FAULTLESS
covenant had been *f* ..... Heb 8:7
to present you *f* ..... Jude 24

FAULTS
"I remember my *f* ..... Gen 41:9
me from secret *f* ..... Ps 19:12
are beaten for your *f* ..... 1 Pet 2:20

FAVOR
Joseph found *f* in his sight .. Gen 39:4
nor show *f* to the young ... Deut 28:50
"Let me find *f* in your ..... Ruth 2:13
*f* in his sight more than all .. Esth 2:17
granted me life and *f* ..... Job 10:12
with *f* You will surround ..... Ps 5:12
His *f* is for life ..... Ps 30:5
who *f* my righteous cause ... Ps 35:27
the *f* You have toward ..... Ps 106:4
find *f* and high esteem ..... Prov 3:4
obtains *f* from the LORD .... Prov 8:35
A good man obtains *f* ..... Prov 12:2
understanding gains *f* ..... Prov 13:15
his *f* is like a cloud ..... Prov 16:15
but his *f* is like dew ..... Prov 19:12
loving *f* rather than silver .. Prov 22:1
in My *f* I have had mercy .... Is 60:10
and seek the LORD'S *f* ..... Jer 26:19
brought Daniel into the *f* .... Dan 1:9
have found *f* with God ..... Luke 1:30
and stature, and in *f* ..... Luke 2:52
God and having *f* ..... Acts 2:47
troubles, and gave him *f* .... Acts 7:10
to do the Jews a *f* ..... Acts 24:27

FAVORABLE
And will He be *f* ..... Ps 77:7
LORD, You have been *f* ..... Ps 85:1

FAVORED
because You *f* them ..... Ps 44:3
"Rejoice, highly *f* ..... Luke 1:28

FAVORITISM
do not show personal *f* ... Luke 20:21
God shows personal *f* ..... Gal 2:6

FEAR
*See* DO NOT FEAR
do not *f*, for I am with ..... Gen 26:24
this and live, for I *f* God ... Gen 42:18
not *f* to go down to Egypt ... Gen 46:3
*f* the people of the ..... Num 14:9
not *f* or be discouraged .... Deut 1:21
to put the dread and *f* ..... Deut 2:25
*f* Me all the days ..... Deut 4:10
You shall *f* the LORD ..... Deut 6:13
*f* Him, and keep His ..... Deut 13:4
book, that you may *f* ..... Deut 28:58
do not *f* nor be dismayed ... Deut 31:8
said, "Does Job *f* ..... Job 1:9
Yes, you cast off *f* ..... Job 15:4
houses are safe from *f* ..... Job 21:9
"Dominion and *f* belong .... Job 25:2
Surely no *f* of me will ..... Job 33:7
He mocks at *f* ..... Job 39:22
they are in great *f* ..... Ps 14:5
You who *f* the LORD ..... Ps 22:23
of death, I will *f* ..... Ps 23:4
with those who *f* Him ..... Ps 25:14
whom shall I *f* ..... Ps 27:1
me, my heart shall not *f* ..... Ps 27:3
Let all the earth *f* ..... Ps 33:8
on those who *f* Him ..... Ps 33:18
around those who *f* Him ..... Ps 34:7
Oh, *f* the LORD ..... Ps 34:9
there is no *f* of God ..... Ps 36:1
they are in great *f* ..... Ps 53:5
hear, all you who *f* ..... Ps 66:16
ends of the earth shall *f* ..... Ps 67:7
*f* You as long as the ..... Ps 72:5
heart to *f* Your name ..... Ps 86:11
LORD pities those who *f* .... Ps 103:13
those who *f* the LORD..... Ps 115:13
Let those who *f* the LORD .... Ps 118:4
*f* You will be glad ..... Ps 119:74
pleasure in those who *f* .... Ps 147:11
by the *f* of the LORD one.... Prov 16:6
The *f* of man brings a ..... Prov 29:25
it, that men should *f* ..... Eccl 3:14
*F* God and keep His ..... Eccl 12:13
let Him be your *f* ..... Is 8:13
their *f* toward Me is taught ... Is 29:13
"Be strong, do not *f* ..... Is 35:4
*F* not, for I am with you ..... Is 41:10
*F* not, for I have redeemed .... Is 43:1
not *f* the reproach of men ..... Is 51:7
Do not *f*, for you will not ..... Is 54:4
the *f* of Me is not in you ..... Jer 2:19
Do you not *f* Me ..... Jer 5:22
who would not *f* ..... Jer 10:7
but I will put My *f* ..... Jer 32:40
greatly beloved, *f* not ..... Dan 10:19
who *f* My name the Sun ..... Mal 4:2
*f* Him who is able ..... Matt 10:28
serve Him without *f* ..... Luke 1:74
Then *f* came upon all ..... Luke 7:16
"Do not *f*, little flock ..... Luke 12:32
a judge who did not *f* ..... Luke 18:2
failing them from *f* ..... Luke 21:26
"Do you not even *f* ..... Luke 23:40
of bondage again to *f* ..... Rom 8:15
*f* to whom *f*, honor to ..... Rom 13:7
holiness in the *f* of God ..... 2 Cor 7:1
another in the *f* of God ..... Eph 5:21
your own salvation with *f* ... Phil 2:12
the rest also may *f* ..... 1 Tim 5:20
given us a spirit of *f* ..... 2 Tim 1:7
those who through *f* ..... Heb 2:15
His rest, let us *f* ..... Heb 4:1
because of His godly *f* ..... Heb 5:7
*F* God. Honor the king ..... 1 Pet 2:17
love casts out *f* ..... 1 John 4:18
Do not *f* any of ..... Rev 2:10
"*F* God and give glory ..... Rev 14:7
servants and those who *f* .... Rev 19:5

FEAR OF THE LORD
*f* fell on the people ..... 1 Sam 11:7
*f* fell on all the ..... 2 Chr 17:10
*f*, that is wisdom, ..... Job 28:28
The *f* is clean, enduring ..... Ps 19:9
I will teach you the *f* ..... Ps 34:11
The *f* is the beginning of ... Ps 111:10
The *f* is the beginning of .... Prov 1:7
The *f* is to hate evil; ..... Prov 8:13
The *f* is the beginning of ... Prov 9:10
The *f* prolongs days ..... Prov 10:27
The *f* is a fountain of ..... Prov 14:27
a little with the *f* ..... Prov 15:16
The *f* is the instruction .... Prov 15:33
The *f* leads to life, ..... Prov 19:23
By humility and the *f* ..... Prov 22:4
of knowledge and of the *f* ..... Is 11:2
His delight is in the *f*, ..... Is 11:3
And walking in the *f* ..... Acts 9:31

FEAR THE LORD
That you may *f* your God, ... Deut 6:2
require of you, but to *f* .... Deut 10:12
that they may learn to *f* ... Deut 31:12
*f*, serve Him in sincerity ... Josh 24:14
them how they should *f* .. 2 Kin 17:28
he honors those who *f* ..... Ps 15:4
who *f*, trust in the LORD;.... Ps 115:11
*F* and depart from evil ..... Prov 3:7
"Let us now *f* ..... Jer 5:24
I *f*, the God of heaven, ..... Jon 1:9

FEARED
But the midwives *f* ..... Ex 1:17
so the people *f* the LORD .... Ex 14:31
He is also to be *f* ..... 1 Chr 16:25
*f* God more than ..... Neh 7:2
thing I greatly *f* has come ... Job 3:25
Yourself, are to be *f* ..... Ps 76:7
God is greatly to be *f* ..... Ps 89:7
He is to be *f* above all gods ... Ps 96:4
Then those who *f* ..... Mal 3:16
they *f* greatly, saying ..... Matt 27:54
Him, for they *f* the people .. Luke 22:2
one who *f* God with all his .. Acts 10:2

FEARFUL
*f* in praises, doing ..... Ex 15:11
them, "Why are you *f* ..... Matt 8:26
there will be *f* sights ..... Luke 21:11
It is a *f* thing to ..... Heb 10:31

FEARFUL-HEARTED
to those who are *f* ..... Is 35:4

FEARFULLY
*f* and wonderfully made .... Ps 139:14

FEARFULNESS
*F* and trembling have ..... Ps 55:5
*f* has seized the ..... Is 33:14

FEARING
is devoted to *f* You ..... Ps 119:38
woman, *f* and trembling ... Mark 5:33
sincerity of heart, *f* ..... Col 3:22
forsook Egypt, not *f* ..... Heb 11:27

FEARS
upright man, one who *f* ..... Job 1:8
Who is the man that *f* ..... Ps 25:12
me from all my *f* ..... Ps 34:4
every one who *f* the LORD ... Ps 128:1
in his uprightness *f* ..... Prov 14:2
a woman who *f* the LORD.. Prov 31:30
an oath as he who *f* ..... Eccl 9:2
every nation whoever *f* .... Acts 10:35
*f* has not been made ..... 1 John 4:18

FEAST
Then he made them a *f* ..... Gen 19:3
*F* of Unleavened Bread ..... Ex 12:17
keep a *f* to Me in the year ... Ex 23:14
and the *F* of Harvest ..... Ex 23:16
*F* of Ingathering ..... Ex 23:16
observe the *F* of Weeks ..... Ex 34:22
*F* of the Passover be left .... Ex 34:25
*F* of Tabernacles for ..... Lev 23:34
and you shall keep a *f* .... Num 29:12
the *F* of Esther, for all his .. Esth 2:18
moon, on our solemn *f* day ... Ps 81:3
*f* is made for laughter ..... Eccl 10:19
*f* day the terrors that ..... Lam 2:22
hate, I despise your *f* ..... Amos 5:21
"Not during the *f*, lest ..... Mark 14:2
every year at the *F* ..... Luke 2:41
by anyone to a wedding *f* .. Luke 14:8
when you give a *f* ..... Luke 14:13
Now the Passover, a *f* ..... John 6:4
the *f* Jesus went up into .... John 7:14
great day of the *f* ..... John 7:37
Now before the *f* of the .... John 13:1
let us keep the *f* ..... 1 Cor 5:8

FEAST OF DEDICATION
Now it was the *F* ..... John 10:22

FEAST OF HARVEST
and the *F*, the firstfruits ..... Ex 23:16

FEAST OF INGATHERING
F at the end of the year, ....Ex 23:16
and the F at the year's end ..Ex 34:22

FEAST OF TABERNACLES
the F for seven days .....Lev 23:34
observe the F seven .....Deut 16:13
year of release, at the F ...Deut 31:10
They also kept the F. .....Ezra 3:4
and to keep the F .....Zech 14:16
Now the Jews' F .....John 7:2

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
you shall observe the F .....Ex 12:17
You shall keep the F .....Ex 23:15
F you shall keep. Seven .....Ex 34:18
Jerusalem to keep the F ..2 Chr 30:13
And they kept the F .....Ezra 6:22
on the first day of the F ...Matt 26:17
the Passover and the F ....Mark 14:1
Now the F drew near, .....Luke 22:1

FEAST OF WEEKS
you shall observe the F .....Ex 34:22
at your f. you shall have ..Num 28:26
you shall keep the F .....Deut 16:10

FEASTING
house full of f with strife ...Prov 17:1
go to the house of f .....Eccl 7:2

FEASTS
*See* APPOINTED FEASTS
These are the f of the LORD ..Lev 23:4
in your appointed f .....Num 10:10
Moons and on the set f ...1 Chr 23:31
I will turn your f .....Amos 8:10
the best places at f .....Luke 20:46
spots in your love f .....Jude 12

FEATHERS
shall cover you with His f ....Ps 91:4

FED
f me all my life long .....Gen 48:15
and f you with manna .....Deut 8:3
but the shepherds f .....Ezek 34:8
They f him with grass like ..Dan 5:21
So those who f the swine ..Mark 5:14
desiring to be f with the ..Luke 16:21
f you with milk and .....1 Cor 3:2

FEEBLE
strengthened the f .....Job 4:4
And there was none f .....Ps 105:37
And my flesh is f .....Ps 109:24
and make firm the f knees ....Is 35:3
Every hand will be f .....Ezek 7:17
hang down, and the f .....Heb 12:12

FEED
ravens to f you there .....1 Kin 17:4
and f on His faithfulness .....Ps 37:3
death shall f on them .....Ps 49:14
of the righteous f .....Prov 10:21
He will f His flock like a .....Is 40:11
and f your flocks .....Is 61:5
f you with knowledge .....Jer 3:15
over them who will f them ...Jer 23:4
I will f My flock, and I ....Ezek 34:15
to him, "F My lambs .....John 21:15
to him, "F My sheep .....John 21:17
your enemy hungers, f ....Rom 12:20
my goods to f the poor ....1 Cor 13:3

FEEDS
"Ephraim f on the wind .....Hos 12:1
your heavenly Father f .....Matt 6:26
he who f on Me will live ...John 6:57

FEET
*See* UNDER HIS FEET
your sandals off your f .....Ex 3:5
not worn out on your f .....Deut 29:5
f touched the dry land .....Josh 4:18
So she lay at his f .....Ruth 3:14
was lame in both his f ....2 Sam 9:13
so my f did not slip .....2 Sam 22:37
in places forgotten by f .....Job 28:4
I was f to the lame .....Job 29:15
all things under his f .....Ps 8:6
He makes my f like the .....Ps 18:33
pierced My hands and My f .Ps 22:16
You have set my f .....Ps 31:8
and set my f upon a rock .....Ps 40:2
does not allow our f .....Ps 66:9
f had almost stumbled .....Ps 73:2
and my f from falling .....Ps 116:8
f from every evil way .....Ps 119:101
word is a lamp to my f ....Ps 119:105
f have been standing .....Ps 122:2
For their f run to .....Prov 1:16
Her f go down to death .....Prov 5:5
f that are swift in running ..Prov 6:18
spreads a net for his f .....Prov 29:5
with two he covered his f .....Is 6:2
sandals off your f .....Is 20:2
called him to His f .....Is 41:2
up the dust of your f .....Is 49:23
mountains are the f .....Is 52:7
place of My f glorious .....Is 60:13
have not restrained their f ..Jer 14:10
its f partly of iron and .....Dan 2:33
f like burnished bronze in ..Dan 10:6
are the dust of His f .....Nah 1:3
on the mountains the f of ...Nah 1:15
make my f like deer's f .....Hab 3:19
in that day His f .....Zech 14:4
off the dust from your f ...Matt 10:14
two hands or two f .....Matt 18:8
saw Him, he fell at His f ...Mark 5:22
she came and fell at His f ..Mark 7:25
rather than having two f ..Mark 9:45
began to wash His f .....Luke 7:38
sitting at the f of Jesus .....Luke 8:35
also sat at Jesus' f .....Luke 10:39
and sandals on his f .....Luke 15:22
My hands and My f .....Luke 24:39
wash the disciples' f .....John 13:5
wash one another's f .....John 13:14
and the other at the f .....John 20:12
up, and immediately his f ....Acts 3:7
at the apostles' f .....Acts 4:35
your sandals off your f .....Acts 7:33
his own hands and f .....Acts 21:11
f are swift to shed .....Rom 3:15
beautiful are the f .....Rom 10:15
all things under His f .....1 Cor 15:27
put all things under His f ...Eph 1:22
and having shod your f .....Eph 6:15
straight paths for your f ...Heb 12:13
fell at His f as dead .....Rev 1:17
And I fell at his f .....Rev 19:10

FELIX
Governor of Judea; letter addressed to, Acts 23:24–30
Paul's defense before, Acts 24:1–27

FELL
f on his neck and kissed ....Gen 33:4
Joseph f on his father's .....Gen 50:1
Saul took a sword and f ..1 Sam 31:4
ax head f into the water ....2 Kin 6:5
Saul took a sword and f ...1 Chr 10:4
fear of the Jews f upon .....Esth 8:17
fire of God f from heaven ...Job 1:16
foes, they stumbled and f .....Ps 27:2
f on my face, and I heard ..Ezek 1:28
Spirit of the LORD f upon ...Ezek 11:5
f down bound into the .....Dan 3:23
lots, and the lot f on Jonah ...Jon 1:7
on that house; and it f .....Matt 7:27
seed f by the wayside .....Matt 13:4
others f on good ground ....Matt 13:8
saw Him, he f at His feet ..Mark 5:22
as they sailed He f asleep ..Luke 8:23
f among thieves .....Luke 10:30
the tower in Siloam f .....Luke 13:4
f from the rich man's .....Luke 16:21
she f down at His feet ....John 11:32
and the lot f on Matthias ...Acts 1:26
f down and breathed his .....Acts 5:5
had said this, he f asleep ...Acts 7:60
ready, he f into a trance ...Acts 10:10
the Holy Spirit f upon all ..Acts 10:44
his chains f off his hands ...Acts 12:7
he f down from the third ...Acts 20:9
who reproached You f on ..Rom 15:3
f down after they were ....Heb 11:30
elders f down before .....Rev 5:8
of heaven f to the earth .....Rev 6:13
a great star f from heaven ..Rev 8:10
four living creatures f .....Rev 19:4

FELLOW
f servants who owed .....Matt 18:28
begins to beat his f .....Matt 24:49
f worker concerning .....2 Cor 8:23
f citizens with the .....Eph 2:19
Gentiles should be f .....Eph 3:6
rest of my f workers .....Phil 4:3
These are my only f .....Col 4:11
that we may become f .....3 John 8
I am your f servant .....Rev 19:10

FELLOWSHIP
doctrine and f .....Acts 2:42
were called into the f .....1 Cor 1:9
not want you to have f ...1 Cor 10:20
f has righteousness .....2 Cor 6:14
the right hand of f .....Gal 2:9
And have no f with the .....Eph 5:11
for your f in the .....Phil 1:5
of love, if any f .....Phil 2:1
and the f of His .....Phil 3:10
also may have f .....1 John 1:3
we say that we have f .....1 John 1:6
the light, we have f .....1 John 1:7

FEMALE
male and f He created .....Gen 1:27
they shall be male and f ....Gen 6:19
ark to Noah, male and f .....Gen 7:9
has borne a male or a f .....Lev 12:7
made them male and f .....Matt 19:4
there is neither male nor f ...Gal 3:28

FENCE
and a tottering f .....Ps 62:3

FENCED
He has f up my way .....Job 19:8

FERTILIZE
I dig around it and f .....Luke 13:8

FERVENT
f desire I have desired ....Luke 22:15
and being f in spirit .....Acts 18:25
f in spirit, serving the .....Rom 12:11
f prayer of a .....James 5:16
all things have f .....1 Pet 4:8
will melt with f .....2 Pet 3:10

FERVENTLY
you, always laboring f .....Col 4:12
love one another f .....1 Pet 1:22

FESTIVAL
night when a holy f .....Is 30:29
or regarding a f .....Col 2:16

FESTUS
Governor of Judea, Acts 24:27
Paul's defense made to, Acts 25:1–22

FETCH
f my knowledge from .....Job 36:3

FETTERS
hurt his feet with f .....Ps 105:18
their nobles with f .....Ps 149:8

FEVER
f which shall consume .....Lev 26:16
my bones burn with f .....Job 30:30
mother lying sick with a f ..Matt 8:14
immediately the f left her ..Mark 1:31
and rebuked the f .....Luke 4:39
of Publius lay sick of a f ....Acts 28:8

FEW
*f* and evil have been ..... Gen 47:9
*f* days and full of ..... Job 14:1
Let his days be *f* ..... Ps 109:8
let your words be *f* ..... Eccl 5:2
there are *f* who find it ..... Matt 7:14
but the laborers are *f* ..... Matt 9:37
called, but *f* chosen ..... Matt 20:16
"Lord, are there *f* ..... Luke 13:23
prepared, in which a *f* ..... 1 Pet 3:20
I have a *f* things ..... Rev 2:20

FIDELITY
but showing all good *f* ..... Titus 2:10

FIELD
and to every beast of the *f* .. Gen 2:20
*f* which the LORD has ..... Gen 27:27
gleaned in the *f* after the .... Ruth 2:3
even the beasts of the *f* ..... Ps 8:7
Let the *f* be joyful ..... Ps 96:12
as a flower of the *f*, so he .. Ps 103:15
went by the *f* of the lazy .. Prov 24:30
She considers a *f* and ..... Prov 31:16
to house; they add *f* ..... Is 5:8
becomes a fruitful *f* ..... Is 32:15
is like the flower of the *f* ..... Is 40:6
beast of the *f* will honor ..... Is 43:20
all the trees of the *f* shall .... Is 55:12
"Buy the *f* for money ..... Jer 32:25
thrive like a plant in the *f* .. Ezek 16:5
shall be plowed like a *f* ..... Mic 3:12
Consider the lilies of the *f* .. Matt 6:28
clothes the grass of the *f* ... Matt 6:30
The *f* is the world ..... Matt 13:38
and buys that *f* ..... Matt 13:44
let him who is in the *f* .... Matt 24:18
*f* has been called the ..... Matt 27:8
which today is in the *f* .... Luke 12:28
Two men will be in the *f* .. Luke 17:36
you are God's *f* ..... 1 Cor 3:9
the *f* he will pass away ... James 1:10

FIELD OF BLOOD
A field bought as a cemetery for Judas's burial, Matt 27:1–10
Predicted in the O.T., Zech 11:12, 13

FIELDS
and sends waters on the *f* ... Job 5:10
nor enter the *f* of the ..... Prov 23:10
*f* yield no food ..... Hab 3:17
living out in the *f* ..... Luke 2:8
eyes and look at the *f* ..... John 4:35

FIERCE
the *f* wrath of our God .... Ezra 10:14
*f* wrath has gone over me ... Ps 88:16
A *f* lion is in the streets ... Prov 26:13
the *f* anger of the LORD ..... Jer 4:8
in the day of His *f* anger ... Lam 1:12
turn away from His *f* anger .. Jon 3:9
the tombs, exceedingly *f* .... Matt 8:28
are driven by *f* winds ..... James 3:4

FIERCENESS
*f* has deceived you ..... Jer 49:16
the winepress of the *f* ..... Rev 19:15

FIERY
the LORD sent *f* serpents.... Num 21:6
right hand came a *f* ..... Deut 33:2
shall make them as a *f* ..... Ps 21:9
their flocks to *f* lightning .... Ps 78:48
offspring will be a *f* ..... Is 14:29
burning *f* furnace ..... Dan 3:6
from the burning *f* furnace .. Dan 3:17
*f* darts of the wicked one .... Eph 6:16
concerning the *f* trial ..... 1 Pet 4:12
horse, *f* red, went out ..... Rev 6:4
*f* red dragon having ..... Rev 12:3

FIFTEEN
about *f* thousand all who ... Judg 8:10
add to your days *f* years ... 2 Kin 20:6
remained with him *f* days ... Gal 1:18

FIFTH
morning were the *f* day ..... Gen 1:23
He opened the *f* seal ..... Rev 6:9
the *f* angel poured out ..... Rev 16:10

FIFTY
nine hundred and *f* years ... Gen 9:29
Suppose there were *f* ..... Gen 18:24
*f* prophets of Baal, and ... 1 Kin 18:19
denarii, and the other *f* .... Luke 7:41
sit down in groups of *f* ..... Luke 9:14
down quickly and write *f* .. Luke 16:6
"You are not yet *f* years ... John 8:57

FIG
*f* leaves together ..... Gen 3:7
*f* trees and pomegranates .... Deut 8:8
his vine and his *f* ..... 1 Kin 4:25
from his own *f* tree ..... 2 Kin 18:31
fruit falling from a *f* ..... Is 34:4
and the *f* tree has withered .. Joel 1:12
*f* tree and the vine yield ..... Joel 2:22
*f* tree may not blossom ..... Hab 3:17
immediately the *f* tree ..... Matt 21:19
parable from the *f* tree .... Matt 24:32
saw the *f* tree dried up ... Mark 11:20
fruit on this *f* ..... Luke 13:7
"Look at the *f* ..... Luke 21:29
'I saw you under the *f* ..... John 1:50
Can a *f* tree ..... James 3:12
*f* tree drops its late ..... Rev 6:13

FIGHT
The LORD will *f* for you ..... Ex 14:14
like men, and *f* ..... 1 Sam 4:9
you go with me to *f* ..... 1 Kin 22:4
Our God will *f* for us ..... Neh 4:20
My servants would *f* ..... John 18:36
to him, let us not *f* ..... Acts 23:9
Thus I *f*: not as one who ... 1 Cor 9:26
*F* the good *f* ..... 1 Tim 6:12
have fought the good *f* ..... 2 Tim 4:7
You *f* and war ..... James 4:2

FIGHTS
your God is He who *f* ..... Josh 23:10
because my lord *f* ..... 1 Sam 25:28
*f* come from among ..... James 4:1

FIGS
puts forth her green *f* ..... Song 2:13
*f* set before the ..... Jer 24:1
from thornbushes or *f* ..... Matt 7:16
men do not gather *f* ..... Luke 6:44
or a grapevine bear *f* ..... James 3:12

FIGURATIVELY
brethren, I have *f* ..... 1 Cor 4:6

FIGURE
using no *f* of speech ..... John 16:29

FILL
*f* the earth and subdue ..... Gen 1:28
multiply, and *f* the earth ..... Gen 9:1
*f* their sacks with grain .... Gen 42:25
"*F* four waterpots ..... 1 Kin 18:33
He will yet *f* your mouth .... Job 8:21
*f* my mouth with ..... Job 23:4
wealth, that I may *f* ..... Prov 8:21
out of his wings will *f* the ..... Is 8:8
"Do I not *f* heaven ..... Jer 23:24
*f* this temple with ..... Hag 2:7
*f* such a great multitude ... Matt 15:33
"*F* the waterpots ..... John 2:7
hope *f* you with all joy .... Rom 15:13
that He might *f* ..... Eph 4:10
so as always to *f* ..... 1 Thess 2:16

FILLED
*f* her pitcher, and came .... Gen 24:16
you shall be *f* with bread .... Ex 16:12
the LORD *f* the tabernacle.... Ex 40:34
all the earth shall be *f* .... Num 14:21
*f* the house of the LORD .... 1 Kin 8:11
So they ate and were *f* ..... Neh 9:25
the whole earth be *f* ..... Ps 72:19
they are *f* with good ..... Ps 104:28
Then our mouth was *f* ..... Ps 126:2
barns will be *f* with ..... Prov 3:10
of his lips he shall be *f* .... Prov 18:20
for they shall be *f* ..... Matt 5:6
they all ate and were *f* .... Matt 14:20
"Let the children be *f* ..... Mark 7:27
in spirit, *f* with wisdom .... Luke 2:40
*f* with the Holy Spirit ..... Luke 4:1
were *f* with fear, saying .... Luke 5:26
he would gladly have *f* ... Luke 15:16
they *f* them up to the brim .. John 2:7
*f* twelve baskets with the ... John 6:13
sorrow has *f* your heart .... John 16:6
were all *f* with the Holy ..... Acts 2:4
why has Satan *f* your heart .. Acts 5:3
being *f* with all ..... Rom 1:29
full of goodness, *f* ..... Rom 15:14
that you may be *f* ..... Eph 3:19
but be *f* with the Spirit .... Eph 5:18
being *f* with the fruits ..... Phil 1:11
peace, be warmed and *f* .. James 2:16

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
He will also be *f* ..... Luke 1:15
and Elizabeth was *f* ..... Luke 1:41
father Zacharias was *f* ..... Luke 1:67
Then Jesus, being *f* ..... Luke 4:1
And they were all *f* ..... Acts 2:4
Peter, *f*, said to them ..... Acts 4:8
and they were all *f*. ..... Acts 4:31
your sight and be *f* ..... Acts 9:17
who also is called Paul, *f*, ... Acts 13:9

FILTH
has washed away the *f* ..... Is 4:4
been made as the *f* ..... 1 Cor 4:13
the removal of the *f* ..... 1 Pet 3:21

FILTHINESS
from all your *f* ..... Ezek 36:25
ourselves from all *f* ..... 2 Cor 7:1
lay aside all *f* ..... James 1:21
abominations and the *f* ..... Rev 17:4

FILTHY
is abominable and *f* ..... Job 15:16
with *f* garments ..... Zech 3:3
malice, blasphemy, *f* ..... Col 3:8
poor man in *f* clothes ..... James 2:2
oppressed by the *f* ..... 2 Pet 2:7
let him be *f* ..... Rev 22:11

FIND
"If I *f* in Sodom fifty ..... Gen 18:26
not *f* the household idols .. Gen 31:35
Can we *f* such a one as .... Gen 41:38
straw where you can *f* it ..... Ex 5:11
that I may *f* grace in Your .. Ex 33:13
sure your sin will *f* ..... Num 32:23
you will *f* Him if you seek .. Deut 4:29
"Let me *f* favor in your .... Ruth 2:13
*f* the arrows which I ..... 1 Sam 20:36
*f* in the book of the ..... Ezra 4:15
Can you *f* out the limits of .. Job 11:7
knew where I might *f* Him .. Job 23:3
Almighty, we cannot *f* ..... Job 37:23
but they will not *f* me ..... Prov 1:28
life to those who *f* ..... Prov 4:22
seek me diligently will *f* .... Prov 8:17
word wisely will *f* good ... Prov 16:20
can *f* a virtuous wife ..... Prov 31:10
that no one can *f* ..... Eccl 3:11
waters, for you will *f* ..... Eccl 11:1
if you *f* my beloved ..... Song 5:8
*f* Me, when you search for .. Jer 29:13
seek, and you will *f* ..... Matt 7:7
and there are few who *f* it .. Matt 7:14
for My sake will *f* ..... Matt 10:39
will *f* a piece of money .... Matt 17:27
when he comes, will *f* ..... Matt 24:46
you will *f* a colt tied ..... Mark 11:2
he *f* you sleeping ..... Mark 13:36
*f* a Babe wrapped ..... Luke 2:12
seek, and you will *f* ..... Luke 11:9
you will *f* a colt tied ..... Luke 19:30

*f* no fault in this Man ..... Luke 23:4
seek Me and not *f* Me ..... John 7:34
not *f* them in the prison .... Acts 5:22
I *f* then a law ..... Rom 7:21
*f* grace to help in ..... Heb 4:16
seek death and will not *f* it ... Rev 9:6

FINDING
great things past *f* ..... Job 9:10
rest; and *f* none ..... Luke 11:24
and His ways past *f* ..... Rom 11:33

FINDS
one who *f* great treasure .. Ps 119:162
the man who *f* wisdom ..... Prov 3:13
whoever *f* me *f* life ..... Prov 8:35
*f* a wife *f* a good ..... Prov 18:22
Whatever your hand *f* ..... Eccl 9:10
You the fatherless *f* mercy .. Hos 14:3
and he who seeks *f* ..... Matt 7:8
*f* his life will lose ..... Matt 10:39
he *f* it empty, swept, and .. Matt 12:44
and he who seeks *f* ..... Luke 11:10
carefully until she *f* it ..... Luke 15:8

FINE
ate up the seven *f* looking ... Gen 41:4
Then I beat them as *f* .... 2 Sam 22:43
gold, yea, than much *f* ..... Ps 19:10
than gold, yes, than *f* gold .. Prov 8:19
*f* gold is a wise ..... Prov 25:12
her clothing is *f* linen ..... Prov 31:22
set on bases of *f* gold ..... Song 5:15
more rare than *f* ..... Is 13:12
and for *f* clothing ..... Is 23:18
how changed the *f* ..... Lam 4:1
Then he bought *f* linen ... Mark 15:46
rings, in *f* apparel ..... James 2:2
His feet were like *f* brass .... Rev 1:15
for the *f* linen is the ..... Rev 19:8

FINGER
written with the *f* ..... Ex 31:18
written with the *f* of God ... Deut 9:10
*f* shall be thicker ..... 1 Kin 12:10
the pointing of the *f* ..... Is 58:9
demons with the *f* of ..... Luke 11:20
dip the tip of his *f* ..... Luke 16:24
the ground with His *f* ..... John 8:6
"Reach your *f* ..... John 20:27

FINGERS
the work of Your *f* ..... Ps 8:3
he points with his *f* ..... Prov 6:13
Bind them on your *f* ..... Prov 7:3
that which their own *f* ..... Is 2:8
In the same hour the *f* of a ... Dan 5:5
with one of their *f* ..... Matt 23:4
put His *f* in his ears ..... Mark 7:33

FINISH
We *f* our years like a sigh .... Ps 90:9
to *f* the transgression ..... Dan 9:24
he has enough to *f* ..... Luke 14:28
has given Me to *f* ..... John 5:36
so that I may *f* ..... Acts 20:24

FINISHED
house of the LORD was *f* ... 1 Kin 7:51
*f* the work which You ..... John 17:4
He said, "It is *f* ..... John 19:30
I have *f* the race ..... 2 Tim 4:7
thousand years were *f* ..... Rev 20:3

FIRE
rained brimstone and *f* .... Gen 19:24
to him in a flame of *f* ..... Ex 3:2
the pillar of *f* by night ..... Ex 13:22
descended upon it in *f* ..... Ex 19:18
made, burned it in the *f* ..... Ex 32:20
by day, and *f* was over ..... Ex 40:38
profane *f* before the LORD ... Lev 10:1
through the *f* to Molech .... Lev 18:21
like the appearance of *f* .... Num 9:15
the *f* was quenched ..... Num 11:2
from the midst of the *f* ..... Deut 5:24
God, who answers by *f* ... 1 Kin 18:24
the *f* of the LORD fell ..... 1 Kin 18:38
LORD was not in the *f*..... 1 Kin 19:12
of *f* appeared with horses .. 2 Kin 2:11
I was musing, the *f* ..... Ps 39:3
we went through *f* ..... Ps 66:12
they have set *f* ..... Ps 74:7
*f* goes before Him ..... Ps 97:3
His ministers a flame of *f* .... Ps 104:4
*f* and hail, snow and ..... Ps 148:8
burns as the *f* ..... Is 9:18
says the LORD, whose *f*..... Is 31:9
you walk through the *f* ..... Is 43:2
*f* that burns all the ..... Is 65:5
My fury come forth like *f* ..... Jer 4:4
their daughters in the *f* ..... Jer 7:31
His waist and downward, *f* .. Ezek 8:2
in the midst of the *f* ..... Dan 3:25
the smell of *f* was not on ... Dan 3:27
He break out like *f* ..... Amos 5:6
for conflict by *f* ..... Amos 7:4
a brand plucked from the *f* .. Zech 3:2
like a refiner's *f* ..... Mal 3:2
the Holy Spirit and *f* ..... Matt 3:11
chaff with unquenchable *f* .. Matt 3:12
shall be in danger of hell *f* .. Matt 5:22
he often falls into the *f* .... Matt 17:15
into the everlasting *f* ..... Matt 25:41
*f* is not quenched ..... Mark 9:44
"I came to send *f* ..... Luke 12:49
tongues, as of *f* ..... Acts 2:3
off the creature into the *f* ... Acts 28:5
coals of *f* on his head ..... Rom 12:20
*f* taking vengeance ..... 2 Thess 1:8
His ministers a flame of *f* .... Heb 1:7
and that burned with *f*..... Heb 12:18
our God is a consuming *f* .. Heb 12:29
And the tongue is a *f* ..... James 3:6
vengeance of eternal *f* ..... Jude 7
His eyes like a flame of *f* .... Rev 1:14
*f* came down from God ..... Rev 20:9
into the lake of *f* ..... Rev 20:14

FIREBRAND
*f* plucked from the ..... Amos 4:11

FIREBRANDS
a madman who throws *f* .. Prov 26:18
two stubs of smoking *f* ..... Is 7:4

FIRM
their strength is *f* ..... Ps 73:4
shall stand *f* with him ..... Ps 89:28
Take *f* hold of instruction .. Prov 4:13
*f* the feeble knees ..... Is 35:3
of the hope *f* to the ..... Heb 3:6

FIRMAMENT
Thus God made the *f* ..... Gen 1:7
*f* shows His handiwork ..... Ps 19:1
in His mighty *f* ..... Ps 150:1
brightness of the *f*..... Dan 12:3

FIRST
the morning were the *f* day .. Gen 1:5
cows ate up the *f* seven .... Gen 41:20
The *f* of the firstfruits of .... Ex 23:19
"Give the *f* woman the .... 1 Kin 3:27
The *f* one to plead his ..... Prov 18:17
*f* father sinned ..... Is 43:27
the F and I am the Last ..... Is 44:6
*f* was like a lion, and had .... Dan 7:4
F be reconciled to your ..... Matt 5:24
seek *f* the kingdom of ..... Matt 6:33
F remove the plank from .... Matt 7:5
unless he *f* binds the ..... Matt 12:29
man is worse than the *f* ... Matt 12:45
who are *f* will be last ..... Matt 19:30
desires to be *f* ..... Matt 20:27
This is the *f* and great .... Matt 22:38
*f* the blade, then the ..... Mark 4:28
that Elijah must come *f* .... Mark 9:11
*f* shall be slave ..... Mark 10:44
the *f* commandment ..... Mark 12:30
And the gospel must *f* .... Mark 13:10
He appeared *f* to Mary .... Mark 16:9
let me *f* go and bury my ... Luke 9:59
*f* He must suffer many .... Luke 17:25
*f* took a wife, and died .... Luke 20:29
*f* found his own brother .... John 1:41
him throw a stone at her *f* .. John 8:7
disciples were *f* called ..... Acts 11:26
evil, of the Jew *f* ..... Rom 2:9
"Or who has *f* given ..... Rom 11:35
*f* apostles, second ..... 1 Cor 12:28
*f* man Adam became a ... 1 Cor 15:45
*f* a willing mind ..... 2 Cor 8:12
that we who *f* trusted ..... Eph 1:12
the *f* commandment with .... Eph 6:2
in Christ will rise *f* ..... 1 Thess 4:16
the falling away comes *f* .. 2 Thess 2:3
Therefore I exhort *f* of all .. 1 Tim 2:1
For Adam was formed *f* ... 1 Tim 2:13
let them *f* learn to show .... 1 Tim 5:4
to teach you again the *f* ..... Heb 5:12
*f* covenant had been ..... Heb 8:7
from above is *f* pure ..... James 3:17
knowing this *f*, that no .... 2 Pet 1:20
this *f*: that scoffers will ..... 2 Pet 3:3
love Him because He *f* ... 1 John 4:19
I am the *F* and the ..... Rev 1:17
you have left your *f* ..... Rev 2:4
The *f* angel sounded ..... Rev 8:7
is the *f* resurrection ..... Rev 20:5
*f* earth had passed away .... Rev 21:1

FIRST AND THE LAST
and the Omega, the *F* ..... Rev 1:11
not be afraid; I am the *F* .... Rev 1:17
'These things says the *F*, ..... Rev 2:8
and the End, the *F* ..... Rev 22:13

FIRST-RIPE
*f* fruit which my soul ..... Mic 7:1

FIRSTBORN
"I am Esau your *f* ..... Gen 27:19
"Israel is My son, My *f* ..... Ex 4:22
LORD struck all the *f* ..... Ex 12:29
"Consecrate to Me all the *f* ... Ex 13:2
was the *f* of Israel ..... Num 26:5
destroyed all the *f* in Egypt .. Ps 78:51
I will make him My *f* ..... Ps 89:27
Shall I give my *f* ..... Mic 6:7
as one grieves for a *f* ..... Zech 12:10
brought forth her *f* ..... Matt 1:25
brought forth her *f* Son ..... Luke 2:7
that He might be the *f* ..... Rom 8:29
invisible God, the *f* ..... Col 1:15
the beginning, the *f* ..... Col 1:18
witness, the *f* from ..... Rev 1:5

FIRSTFRUIT
For if the *f* is holy ..... Rom 11:16

FIRSTFRUITS
the *f* of your harvest to .... Lev 23:10
bring the *f* of our ground .. Neh 10:35
with the *f* of all your ..... Prov 3:9
also who have the *f* ..... Rom 8:23
and has become the *f* ..... 1 Cor 15:20
order: Christ the *f* ..... 1 Cor 15:23
might be a kind of *f* ..... James 1:18
among men, being *f* ..... Rev 14:4

FISH
over the *f* of the sea ..... Gen 1:28
*f* taken in a cruel net ..... Eccl 9:12
had prepared a great *f* ..... Jon 1:17
do You make men like *f* .... Hab 1:14
Or if he asks for a *f* ..... Matt 7:10
belly of the great *f* ..... Matt 12:40
five loaves and two *f* ..... Matt 14:17
and likewise the *f* ..... John 21:13

FISHERMEN
The *f* also will mourn ..... Is 19:8
I will send for many *f* ..... Jer 16:16

FISHERS
and I will make you *f* ..... Matt 4:19

FIT
and looking back, is *f* ..... Luke 9:62

FITTING
Therefore it is not *f* for the .. Esth 3:8
Is it *f* to say to a ..... Job 34:18
Luxury is not *f* ..... Prov 19:10
so honor is not *f* ..... Prov 26:1
things which are not *f* ..... Rom 1:28
husbands, as is *f* in the ..... Col 3:18
a High Priest was *f* ..... Heb 7:26

FIVE
bring out those *f* kings .... Josh 10:22
*f* smooth stones ..... 1 Sam 17:40
about *f* thousand men ..... Matt 14:21
and *f* were foolish ..... Matt 25:2
to one he gave *f* talents ... Matt 25:15
Are not *f* sparrows sold .... Luke 12:6
bought *f* yoke of oxen .... Luke 14:19
you have had *f* husbands .. John 4:18
speak *f* words with my ... 1 Cor 14:19

FIXED
*f* My limit for it ..... Job 38:10
is a great gulf *f* ..... Luke 16:26

FLAME
appeared to him in a *f* ..... Ex 3:2
*f* will dry out his ..... Job 15:30
His ministers a *f* of fire ..... Ps 104:4
*f* consumes the chaff ..... Is 5:24
and his Holy One for a *f* ..... Is 10:17
and tempest and the *f* ..... Is 29:6
nor shall the *f* scorch you ..... Is 43:2
hot, the *f* of the fire killed .. Dan 3:22
behind them a *f* ..... Joel 2:3
am tormented in this *f* .... Luke 16:24
and His ministers a *f* ..... Heb 1:7
and His eyes like a *f* ..... Rev 1:14

FLAMES
the LORD divides the *f* ..... Ps 29:7

FLAMING
*f* sword which turned ..... Gen 3:24
*f* fire in their land ..... Ps 105:32
in *f* fire taking ..... 2 Thess 1:8

FLANKS
Strengthen your *f* ..... Nah 2:1

FLASK
alabaster *f* of fragrant oil .. Luke 7:37

FLATTER
I do not know how to *f* ..... Job 32:22
They *f* with their ..... Ps 5:9

FLATTERED
Nevertheless they *f* ..... Ps 78:36

FLATTERING
*f* mouth works ruin ..... Prov 26:28
*f* speech deceive ..... Rom 16:18
any time did we use *f* ..... 1 Thess 2:5
swelling words, *f* ..... Jude 16

FLATTERS
with one who *f* with ..... Prov 20:19
*f* his neighbor spreads ..... Prov 29:5

FLATTERY
shall corrupt with *f* ..... Dan 11:32

FLAVOR
the salt loses its *f* ..... Matt 5:13

FLAVORLESS
*f* food be eaten ..... Job 6:6

FLAX
*f* He will not quench ..... Is 42:3
*f* He will not quench ..... Matt 12:20

FLED
Moses *f* from the face of ..... Ex 2:15
*f* before the men of Ai ..... Josh 7:4
The sea saw it and *f* ..... Ps 114:3
who have *f* for refuge ..... Heb 6:18

FLEE
*f* away secretly ..... Gen 31:27
those who hate You *f* ..... Num 10:35
such a man as I *f* ..... Neh 6:11
who see me outside *f* ..... Ps 31:11
Or where can I *f* ..... Ps 139:7
wicked *f* when no one ..... Prov 28:1
And the shadows *f* ..... Song 2:17
*f* to Egypt, and stay there .. Matt 2:13
who are in Judea *f* ..... Matt 24:16
*F* sexual immorality ..... 1 Cor 6:18
*f* these things and ..... 1 Tim 6:11
*F* also youthful lusts ..... 2 Tim 2:22
devil and he will *f* ..... James 4:7

FLEECE
there is dew on the *f* only .. Judg 6:37

FLESH
*See* ACCORDING TO THE FLESH
bone of my bones and *f* ..... Gen 2:23
shall become one *f* ..... Gen 2:24
*f* had corrupted their ..... Gen 6:12
*f* I shall see God ..... Job 19:26
My *f* also will rest in ..... Ps 16:9
What can *f* do to me ..... Ps 56:4
*f* longs for You in a dry ..... Ps 63:1
that they were but *f* ..... Ps 78:39
my heart and my *f* ..... Ps 84:2
Who gives food to all *f* ..... Ps 136:25
*f* shall bless His holy ..... Ps 145:21
It will be health to your *f* .... Prov 3:8
and health to all their *f* .... Prov 4:22
mouth cause your *f* to sin .... Eccl 5:6
is wearisome to the *f* ..... Eccl 12:12
And all *f* shall see it ..... Is 40:5
"All *f* is grass ..... Is 40:6
give them a heart of *f* ..... Ezek 11:19
of stone out of your *f* ..... Ezek 36:26
out My Spirit on all *f* ..... Joel 2:28
Be silent, all *f*, before the .. Zech 2:13
two shall become one *f* ..... Matt 19:5
were shortened, no *f* ..... Matt 24:22
is willing, but the *f* is ..... Matt 26:41
shall become one *f* ..... Mark 10:8
but the *f* is weak ..... Mark 14:38
*f* shall see the salvation ..... Luke 3:6
And the Word became *f* .... John 1:14
is born of the *f* is *f* ..... John 3:6
I shall give is My *f* ..... John 6:51
unless you eat the *f* ..... John 6:53
Whoever eats My *f* and .... John 6:54
For My *f* is food indeed .... John 6:55
*f* profits nothing ..... John 6:63
according to the *f* ..... John 8:15
Him authority over all *f* .... John 17:2
out of My Spirit on all *f* .... Acts 2:17
did His *f* see corruption .... Acts 2:31
no *f* will be justified in ..... Rom 3:20
when we were in the *f* ..... Rom 7:5
in my *f*) nothing good ..... Rom 7:18
of God, but with the *f* ..... Rom 7:25
not walk according to the *f* .. Rom 8:1
on the things of the *f* ..... Rom 8:5
in the *f* cannot please God .. Rom 8:8
you are not in the *f* ..... Rom 8:9
to the *f* you will die ..... Rom 8:13
no provision for the *f* ..... Rom 13:14
*f* should glory in His ..... 1 Cor 1:29
for the destruction of the *f* .. 1 Cor 5:5
"shall become one *f* ..... 1 Cor 6:16
there is one kind of *f* ..... 1 Cor 15:39
no one according to the *f* .. 2 Cor 5:16
from all filthiness of the *f* ... 2 Cor 7:1
war according to the *f* ..... 2 Cor 10:3
immediately confer with *f* ... Gal 1:16
law no *f* shall be justified .... Gal 2:16
which I now live in the *f* .... Gal 2:20
not fulfill the lust of the *f* .... Gal 5:16
For the *f* lusts ..... Gal 5:17
have crucified the *f* ..... Gal 5:24
his *f* will of the *f* reap ..... Gal 6:8
good showing in the *f* ..... Gal 6:12
may boast in your *f* ..... Gal 6:13
one ever hated his own *f* .... Eph 5:29
two shall become one *f* ..... Eph 5:31
have no confidence in the *f* .. Phil 3:3
of His *f* through death ..... Col 1:22
was manifested in the *f* ... 1 Tim 3:16
the veil, that is, His *f* ..... Heb 10:20
*f* has ceased from sin ..... 1 Pet 4:1
of his time in the *f* ..... 1 Pet 4:2
the lust of the *f* ..... 1 John 2:16
has come in the *f* ..... 1 John 4:2
dreamers defile the *f* ..... Jude 8

FLESH AND BLOOD
*f* has not revealed this .... Matt 16:17
*f* cannot inherit the ..... 1 Cor 15:50
do not wrestle against *f* ..... Eph 6:12
have partaken of *f* ..... Heb 2:14

FLESHLY
*f* wisdom but by the ..... 2 Cor 1:12
law of a *f* commandment .... Heb 7:16
*f* lusts which war against .. 1 Pet 2:11

FLIES
will send swarms of *f* ..... Ex 8:21
He sent swarms of *f* ..... Ps 78:45
of the arrow that *f* by day .... Ps 91:5
Dead *f* putrefy the ..... Eccl 10:1

FLIGHT
put ten thousand to *f* ..... Deut 32:30
*f* shall perish from ..... Amos 2:14
And pray that your *f* ..... Matt 24:20
turned to *f* the armies of ... Heb 11:34

FLINT
will seem like *f* ..... Is 5:28
set My face like a *f* ..... Is 50:7

FLINTY
out of the *f* rock ..... Deut 8:15
oil from the *f* rock ..... Deut 32:13

FLOAT
and he made the iron *f* ..... 2 Kin 6:6

FLOCK
of the firstborn of his *f* ..... Gen 4:4
Go now to the *f* and bring .. Gen 27:9
pass through all your *f* .... Gen 30:32
put them with Laban's *f* ... Gen 30:40
Moses was tending the *f* ..... Ex 3:1
Your people like a *f* ..... Ps 77:20
wilderness like a *f* ..... Ps 78:52
lead Joseph like a *f* ..... Ps 80:1
their families like a *f* ..... Ps 107:41
the footsteps of the *f* ..... Song 1:8
He will feed His *f* ..... Is 40:11
with the shepherd of His *f* ... Is 63:11
"You have scattered My *f* .... Jer 23:2
gather the remnant of My *f* .. Jer 23:3
oil, for the young of the *f* ... Jer 31:12
you do not feed the *f* ..... Ezek 34:3
are My *f*, the *f* ..... Ezek 34:31
though the *f* be cut ..... Hab 3:17
my God, "Feed the *f* ..... Zech 11:4
sheep of the *f* will be ..... Matt 26:31
watch over their *f* by night .. Luke 2:8
"Do not fear, little *f* ..... Luke 12:32
there will be one *f* ..... John 10:16
and to all the *f* ..... Acts 20:28
not sparing the *f* ..... Acts 20:29
of the milk of the *f* ..... 1 Cor 9:7
Shepherd the *f* of God ..... 1 Pet 5:2
examples to the *f* ..... 1 Pet 5:3

FLOCKS
fed the rest of Laban's *f* ... Gen 30:36
their little ones, their *f* ..... Gen 50:8
Also take your *f* and your ... Ex 12:32
are clothed with *f* ..... Ps 65:13
the *f* of your companions ... Song 1:7
lion among *f* of sheep ..... Mic 5:8
for they shall feed their *f* .. Zeph 3:13

FLOOD
the waters of the *f* ..... Gen 7:10
a *f* to destroy all flesh ..... Gen 9:15
on the earth after the *f* .... Gen 10:32
sat enthroned at the *F* ..... Ps 29:10
them away like a *f* ..... Ps 90:5
enemy comes in like a *f* ..... Is 59:19

the days before the *f* ..... Matt 24:38
when the *f* arose, the ..... Luke 6:48
bringing in the *f* ..... 2 Pet 2:5
of his mouth like a *f* ..... Rev 12:15

FLOODS
me, and the *f* of ..... Ps 18:4
*f* on the dry ground ..... Is 44:3
and the *f* surrounded me ..... Jon 2:3
rain descended, the *f* ..... Matt 7:25

FLOOR
down to the threshing *f* ..... Ruth 3:6
came to the threshing *f* ..... Ruth 3:14
bought the threshing *f* ... 2 Sam 24:24
clean out His threshing *f* ... Matt 3:12
clean out His threshing *f* ... Luke 3:17

FLOUR
a handful of *f* in a bin .... 1 Kin 17:12
bin of *f* was not used up .. 1 Kin 17:16
"Then bring some *f* ..... 2 Kin 4:41

FLOURISH
the righteous shall *f* ..... Ps 72:7
*f* in the courts of our God .... Ps 92:13
tent of the upright will *f* ... Prov 14:11

FLOURISHED
your care for me has *f* ..... Phil 4:10

FLOURISHES
In the morning it *f* ..... Ps 90:6

FLOW
*f* away as waters which ..... Ps 58:7
and the waters *f* ..... Ps 147:18
that its spices may *f* ..... Song 4:16
all nations shall *f* ..... Is 2:2
and peoples shall *f* to it ..... Mic 4:1
who had a *f* of blood ..... Matt 9:20
*f* of blood for twelve ..... Mark 5:25
immediately her *f* of ..... Luke 8:44
of his heart will *f* ..... John 7:38

FLOWER
comes forth like a *f* ..... Job 14:2
as a *f* of the field ..... Ps 103:15
beauty is a fading *f* ..... Is 28:4
is like the *f* of the ..... Is 40:6
grass withers, the *f* ..... Is 40:7
if she is past the *f* ..... 1 Cor 7:36
of man as the *f* ..... 1 Pet 1:24

FLOWERS
*f* appear on the earth ..... Song 2:12

FLOWING
'a land *f* with milk ..... Deut 6:3
of wisdom is a *f* ..... Prov 18:4
the Gentiles like a *f* ..... Is 66:12

FLUTE
play the harp and *f* ..... Gen 4:21
sound of the horn, *f* ..... Dan 3:5
saw the *f* players ..... Matt 9:23
"We played the *f* for you .. Luke 7:32

FLUTES
instruments and *f* ..... Ps 150:4

FLUTISTS
harpists, musicians, *f* ..... Rev 18:22

FLY
let birds *f* above the earth ... Gen 1:20
I would *f* away and be ..... Ps 55:6
soon cut off, and we *f* ..... Ps 90:10
they *f* away like an ..... Prov 23:5
being caused to *f* swiftly .... Dan 9:21

FLYING
a *f* swallow, so a curse ..... Prov 26:2

FOAL
a colt, the *f* of a donkey ..... Zech 9:9
a colt, the *f* of a donkey .... Matt 21:5

FOAMS
so that he *f* at the mouth ... Luke 9:39

FOE
and scattered the *f* ..... Ps 18:14

FOES
my enemies and *f* ..... Ps 27:2
I will beat down his *f* ..... Ps 89:23

FOLD
are not of this *f* ..... John 10:16
a cloak You will *f* ..... Heb 1:12

FOLDING
slumber, a little *f* ..... Prov 6:10
*f* of the hands to sleep .... Prov 24:33

FOLLOW
willing to *f* me to this land .. Gen 24:5
*f* what is altogether ..... Deut 16:20
If the LORD is God, *f* ..... 1 Kin 18:21
shall *f* me all the days ..... Ps 23:6
to Me, you who *f* ..... Is 51:1
"*F* Me, and I will make ..... Matt 4:19
*f* You wherever You go .... Matt 8:19
"*F* Me, and let the dead .... Matt 8:22
He said to him, "*F* ..... Matt 9:9
*f* after Me is not worthy ... Matt 10:38
his cross, and *f* Me ..... Matt 16:24
up his cross, and *f* ..... Mark 8:34
someone who does not *f* ... Mark 9:38
the cross, and *f* Me ..... Mark 10:21
signs will *f* those who .... Mark 16:17
he does not *f* with us ..... Luke 9:49
I will *f* You wherever ..... Luke 9:57
said to another, "*F* Me ..... Luke 9:59
not go after them or *f* ..... Luke 17:23
and come, *f* Me ..... Luke 18:22
*f* him into the house ..... Luke 22:10
the sheep *f* him, for they ... John 10:4
will by no means *f* ..... John 10:5
serves Me, let him *f* ..... John 12:26
on your garment and *f* ..... Acts 12:8
those of some men *f* ..... 1 Tim 5:24
God to you, whose faith *f* ... Heb 13:7
that you should *f* ..... 1 Pet 2:21
*f* the Lamb wherever He .... Rev 14:4
and their works *f* ..... Rev 14:13

FOLLOWED
*f* the LORD my God ..... Josh 14:8
LORD took me as I *f* ..... Amos 7:15
left their nets and *f* Him .... Matt 4:20
great multitudes *f* Him ..... Matt 8:1
Peter *f* Him at a distance .. Matt 26:58
women who *f* Jesus ..... Matt 27:55
we have left all and *f* ..... Mark 10:28
sight and *f* Jesus ..... Mark 10:52
This girl *f* Paul and us .... Acts 16:17
spiritual Rock that *f* ..... 1 Cor 10:4
diligently *f* every good .... 1 Tim 5:10
carefully *f* my doctrine .... 2 Tim 3:10

FOLLOWING
if you turn away from *f* ... Num 32:15
away this day from *f* the .. Josh 22:16
back from *f* after you ..... Ruth 1:16
continue *f* the LORD ..... 1 Sam 12:14
*f* the sheep, to be ruler ..... 2 Sam 7:8
away from *f* the LORD .... 2 Chr 25:27
turned, and seeing them *f* .. John 1:38
whom Jesus loved *f* ..... John 21:20
join in *f* my example ..... Phil 3:17
*f* the way of Balaam ..... 2 Pet 2:15

FOLLOWS
My soul *f* close behind ..... Ps 63:8
but he who *f* frivolity is ... Prov 12:11
loves him who *f* ..... Prov 15:9
*f* Me shall not walk ..... John 8:12

FOLLY
taken much notice of *f* ..... Job 35:15
not turn back to *f* ..... Ps 85:8
*F* is joy to him who is ..... Prov 15:21
correction of fools is *f* ..... Prov 16:22
*F* is set in great ..... Eccl 10:6

FOOD
you it shall be for *f* ..... Gen 1:29
that lives shall be *f* ..... Gen 9:3
stranger, giving him *f* ..... Deut 10:18
He gives *f* in abundance .... Job 36:31
he may bring forth *f* ..... Ps 104:14
Who gives *f* to all ..... Ps 136:25
Much *f* is in the ..... Prov 13:23
feed me with the *f* ..... Prov 30:8
their *f* in the summer ..... Prov 30:25
night, and provides *f* ..... Prov 31:15
*f* which you eat shall ..... Ezek 4:10
I ate no pleasant *f* ..... Dan 10:3
the fields yield no *f* ..... Hab 3:17
that there may be *f* ..... Mal 3:10
is worthy of his *f* ..... Matt 10:10
to give them *f* in due ..... Matt 24:45
and you gave Me *f* ..... Matt 25:35
and he who has *f* ..... Luke 3:11
Life is more than *f* ..... Luke 12:23
I have *f* to eat of which .... John 4:32
*f* is to do the will of Him ... John 4:34
for the *f* which perishes .... John 6:27
have you any *f* ..... John 21:5
they ate their *f* ..... Acts 2:46
our hearts with *f* ..... Acts 14:17
destroy with your *f* ..... Rom 14:15
*f* makes my brother ..... 1 Cor 8:13
the same spiritual *f* ..... 1 Cor 10:3
sower, and bread for *f* ..... 2 Cor 9:10
And having *f* and ..... 1 Tim 6:8
and not solid *f* ..... Heb 5:12
But solid *f* belongs to ..... Heb 5:14
of *f* sold his birthright ..... Heb 12:16
destitute of daily *f* ..... James 2:15

FOODS
*F* for the stomach ..... 1 Cor 6:13
*f* which God created ..... 1 Tim 4:3

FOOL
I have played the *f* ..... 1 Sam 26:21
Should Abner die as a *f* .. 2 Sam 3:33
*f* has said in his ..... Ps 14:1
or as a *f* to the correction .. Prov 7:22
is like sport to a *f* ..... Prov 10:23
*f* will be servant ..... Prov 11:29
*f* is right in his own ..... Prov 12:15
*f* lays open his folly ..... Prov 13:16
A *f* despises his father's .... Prov 15:5
a hundred blows on a *f* ... Prov 17:10
is too lofty for a *f* ..... Prov 24:7
Do not answer a *f* ..... Prov 26:4
"As it happens to the *f*, it ... Eccl 2:15
A *f* also multiplies words .. Eccl 10:14
whoever says, 'You *f* ..... Matt 5:22
But God said to him, '*F* ... Luke 12:20
let him become a *f* that .... 1 Cor 3:18
I speak as a *f* ..... 2 Cor 11:23
I have become a *f* ..... 2 Cor 12:11

FOOLISH
of the *f* women speaks ..... Job 2:10
I was so *f* and ..... Ps 73:22
*f* pulls it down with ..... Prov 14:1
*f* man squanders it ..... Prov 21:20
"For My people are *f* ..... Jer 4:22
*f* hearts were darkened .... Rom 1:21
Has not God made *f* ..... 1 Cor 1:20
But God has chosen the *f* .. 1 Cor 1:27
O *f* Galatians ..... Gal 3:1
nor *f* talking, nor coarse ..... Eph 5:4
But avoid *f* and ignorant .. 2 Tim 2:23
were also once *f* ..... Titus 3:3
But avoid *f* disputes ..... Titus 3:9

FOOLISHLY
man acts *f*, and a man .... Prov 14:17
I speak *f*—I am bold ..... 2 Cor 11:21

FOOLISHNESS
O God, You know my *f* ..... Ps 69:5
Forsake *f* and live ..... Prov 9:6
of fools proclaims *f* ..... Prov 12:23
The *f* of a man twists ..... Prov 19:3
*F* is bound up in the ..... Prov 22:15
devising of *f* is sin ..... Prov 24:9
person will speak *f* ..... Is 32:6
of the cross is *f* ..... 1 Cor 1:18

Because the *f* of God ..... 1 Cor 1:25
this world is *f* with God ... 1 Cor 3:19

## FOOLS
*f* despise wisdom ..... Prov 1:7
folly of *f* is deceit ..... Prov 14:8
*F* mock at sin ..... Prov 14:9
has no pleasure in *f* ..... Eccl 5:4
*F* and blind! ..... Matt 23:17
to be wise, they became *f* .. Rom 1:22
We are *f* for Christ's ..... 1 Cor 4:10
not as *f* but as wise ..... Eph 5:15

## FOOT
your *f* will tread upon ..... Josh 1:3
your sandal off your *f* ..... Josh 5:15
*f* has trodden shall be ..... Josh 14:9
dash your *f* against a stone .. Ps 91:12
will not allow your *f* ..... Ps 121:3
*f* will not stumble ..... Prov 3:23
From the sole of the *f* ..... Is 1:6
you turn away your *f* ..... Is 58:13
dash your *f* against a stone .. Matt 4:6
*f* causes you to sin ..... Matt 18:8
you dash your *f* ..... Luke 4:11
If the *f* should say ..... 1 Cor 12:15

## FOOTMEN
have run with the *f* ..... Jer 12:5

## FOOTSTEPS
*f* were not known ..... Ps 77:19
and shall make His *f* ..... Ps 85:13

## FOOTSTOOL
God, and worship at His *f* .... Ps 99:5
Your enemies Your *f* ..... Ps 110:1
throne, and earth is My *f* ..... Is 66:1
by the earth, for it is His *f* .. Matt 5:35
Your enemies Your *f* ..... Matt 22:44
throne, and earth is My *f* ... Acts 7:49
"Sit here at my *f* ..... James 2:3

## FORBID
come to Me, and do not *f* .. Matt 19:14
said, "Do not *f* him ..... Mark 9:39
"Can anyone *f* water ..... Acts 10:47
prophesy, and do not *f* ... 1 Cor 14:39
*f* that I should boast ..... Gal 6:14

## FORBIDDEN
LORD your God has *f* you... Deut 4:23
they were *f* by the Holy .... Acts 16:6

## FORBIDDING
confidence, no one *f* ..... Acts 28:31
*f* us to speak to the ..... 1 Thess 2:16
*f* to marry ..... 1 Tim 4:3

## FORCE
violent take it by *f* ..... Matt 11:12
come and take Him by *f* ... John 6:15
a testament is in *f* ..... Heb 9:17

## FORCEFUL
*f* are right words ..... Job 6:25

## FORCES
Though they join *f* ..... Prov 11:21

## FOREFATHERS
*f* who refused to hear ..... Jer 11:10
and oppressed our *f* ..... Acts 7:19
conscience, as my *f* ..... 2 Tim 1:3

## FOREHEADS
strong against their *f* ..... Ezek 3:8
put a mark on the *f* ..... Ezek 9:4
seal of God on their *f* ..... Rev 9:4
his mark on their *f* ..... Rev 20:4

## FOREIGN
been a stranger in a *f* land ... Ex 2:22
put away the *f* gods ..... Josh 24:23
loved many *f* women ..... 1 Kin 11:1
the LORD'S song in a *f* land .. Ps 137:4
set out *f* seedlings ..... Is 17:10
promise as in a *f* country ... Heb 11:9

## FOREIGN GODS
"put away the *f* ..... Gen 35:2
to jealousy with *f;* ..... Deut 32:16
the LORD and serve *f* ..... Josh 24:20
So they put away the *f* .... Judg 10:16
then put away the *f* ..... 1 Sam 7:3
the altars of the *f* ..... 2 Chr 14:3
He took away the *f* ..... 2 Chr 33:15
forsaken Me and served *f* .... Jer 5:19
to be a proclaimer of *f* .... Acts 17:18

## FOREIGNER
"I am a *f* and a ..... Gen 23:4
of me, since I am a *f* ..... Ruth 2:10
to God except this *f* ..... Luke 17:18
who speaks will be a *f* .... 1 Cor 14:11

## FOREIGNERS
from the hand of *f* ..... Ps 144:11
with the children of *f* ..... Is 2:6
*f* shall build up your ..... Is 60:10
*f* who were there ..... Acts 17:21
longer strangers and *f* ..... Eph 2:19

## FOREKNEW
For whom He *f* ..... Rom 8:29
His people whom He *f* ..... Rom 11:2

## FOREKNOWLEDGE
purpose and *f* of God ..... Acts 2:23
according to the *f* ..... 1 Pet 1:2

## FOREORDAINED
He indeed was *f* ..... 1 Pet 1:20

## FORERUNNER
*f* has entered for us ..... Heb 6:20

## FORESAW
"I *f* the LORD ..... Acts 2:25

## FORESEEING
*f* that God would ..... Gal 3:8

## FORESEES
A prudent man *f* ..... Prov 22:3

## FORESKINS
in the flesh of your *f* ..... Gen 17:11
*f* of the Philistines ..... 1 Sam 18:25

## FOREST
beast of the *f* is Mine ..... Ps 50:10
See how great a *f* ..... James 3:5

## FORESTS
and strips the *f* ..... Ps 29:9

## FORETOLD
have also *f* these days ..... Acts 3:24
killed those who *f* ..... Acts 7:52

## FOREVER
*See* HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
and eat, and live *f* ..... Gen 3:22
shall not strive with man *f* ... Gen 6:3
This is My name *f* ..... Ex 3:15
and they shall inherit it *f* .... Ex 32:13
to our children *f* ..... Deut 29:29
has loved Israel *f* ..... 1 Kin 10:9
for His mercy endures *f* ... 2 Chr 5:13
for His mercy endures *f* .... 2 Chr 7:3
I would not live *f* ..... Job 7:16
from this generation *f* ..... Ps 12:7
LORD sits as King *f* ..... Ps 29:10
Do not cast us off *f* ..... Ps 44:23
throne, O God, is *f* ..... Ps 45:6
"You are a priest *f* ..... Ps 110:4
His mercy endures *f* ..... Ps 118:1
*F*, O LORD, Your word is.... Ps 119:89
be moved, but abides *f* ..... Ps 125:1
From this time forth and *f* ... Ps 125:2
This is My resting place *f* .. Ps 132:14
name, O LORD, endures *f* ... Ps 135:13
His mercy endures *f* ..... Ps 136:1
will bless Your name *f* ..... Ps 145:1
bless His holy name *f* ..... Ps 145:21
who keeps truth *f* ..... Ps 146:6
The LORD shall reign *f* ..... Ps 146:10
also established them *f* ..... Ps 148:6
lip shall be established *f* .. Prov 12:19
for riches are not *f* ..... Prov 27:24
Trust in the LORD *f* ..... Is 26:4
of our God stands *f* ..... Is 40:8
My salvation will be *f* ..... Is 51:6
will not cast off *f* ..... Lam 3:31
be the name of God *f* ..... Dan 2:20
Like the stars *f* ..... Dan 12:3
of the LORD our God *f* ..... Mic 4:5
and the glory *f* ..... Matt 6:13
eats this bread will live *f* ... John 6:58
the Christ remains *f* ..... John 12:34
He may abide with you *f* .. John 14:16
righteousness endures *f* .... 2 Cor 9:9
who is blessed *f* ..... 2 Cor 11:31
to whom be glory *f* ..... Gal 1:5
generation, *f* and ever ..... Eph 3:21
and Father be glory *f* ..... Phil 4:20
throne, O God, is *f* ..... Heb 1:8
"You are a priest *f* ..... Heb 5:6
*f* according to the order of .. Heb 6:20
has been perfected *f* ..... Heb 7:28
one sacrifice for sins *f* ..... Heb 10:12
yesterday, today, and *f* ..... Heb 13:8
lives and abides *f* ..... 1 Pet 1:23
of the LORD endures *f* ..... 1 Pet 1:25
blackness of darkness *f* ..... Jude 13
power, both now and *f* ..... Jude 25
throne, and to the Lamb, *f* .. Rev 5:13
And they shall reign *f* ..... Rev 22:5

## FOREVERMORE
Blessed be the LORD *f* ..... Ps 89:52
this time forth and *f* ..... Ps 113:2
behold, I am alive *f* ..... Rev 1:18

## FOREWARNED
all such, as we also *f* ..... 1 Thess 4:6

## FORGAVE
*f* the iniquity of my ..... Ps 32:5
and *f* him the debt ..... Matt 18:27
I *f* you all that debt ..... Matt 18:32
to repay, he freely *f* ..... Luke 7:42
the one whom he *f* more ... Luke 7:43
God in Christ *f* ..... Eph 4:32
even as Christ *f* ..... Col 3:13

## FORGED
The proud have *f* ..... Ps 119:69

## FORGERS
But you *f* of lies ..... Job 13:4

## FORGET
"For God has made me *f* .. Gen 41:51
yourselves, lest you *f* ..... Deut 4:23
*f* the covenant of your ..... Deut 4:31
*f* the LORD who brought .... Deut 6:12
the paths of all who *f* ..... Job 8:13
all the nations that *f* ..... Ps 9:17
this, you who *f* God ..... Ps 50:22
*f* the works of God ..... Ps 78:7
I will not *f* Your word ..... Ps 119:16
If I *f* you, O Jerusalem ..... Ps 137:5
My son, do not *f* ..... Prov 3:1
*f* her nursing child ..... Is 49:15
*f* the LORD your Maker..... Is 51:13
virgin *f* her ornaments ..... Jer 2:32
*f* your work and labor ..... Heb 6:10
Do not *f* to entertain ..... Heb 13:2
But do not *f* to do good .... Heb 13:16
do not *f* this one thing ..... 2 Pet 3:8

## FORGETFUL
not a *f* hearer but a doer .. James 1:25

## FORGETFULNESS
in the land of *f* ..... Ps 88:12

## FORGETS
*f* the covenant of her ..... Prov 2:17
and immediately *f* ..... James 1:24

## FORGETTING
*f* those things which ..... Phil 3:13

## FORGIVE
please *f* my sin only this .... Ex 10:17
if You will *f* their sin ..... Ex 32:32
dwelling place, and *f* ..... 1 Kin 8:39
*f* their sin and heal ..... 2 Chr 7:14

good, and ready to *f* ..... Ps 86:5
For I will *f* their iniquity .... Jer 31:34
O Lord, hear! O Lord, *f* ..... Dan 9:19
And *f* us our debts ..... Matt 6:12
Father will also *f* ..... Matt 6:14
*f* men their trespasses ..... Matt 6:15
sin against me, and I *f* .... Matt 18:21
his heart, does not *f* ..... Matt 18:35
Who can *f* sins but God ..... Mark 2:7
*f* him, that your Father ... Mark 11:25
if you do not *f*, neither ... Mark 11:26
power on earth to *f* sins ... Luke 5:24
*F*, and you will be ..... Luke 6:37
*f* us our sins, for we also ... Luke 11:4
and if he repents, *f* him .... Luke 17:3
'I repent,' you shall *f* him .. Luke 17:4
*f* them, for they do not .... Luke 23:34
*f* the sins of any ..... John 20:23
you ought rather to *f* ..... 2 Cor 2:7
anything, I also *f* ..... 2 Cor 2:10
*F* me this wrong ..... 2 Cor 12:13
*f* us our sins and to ..... 1 John 1:9

FORGIVEN
transgression is *f* ..... Ps 32:1
sins be *f* them ..... Mark 4:12
to whom little is *f* ..... Luke 7:47
of your heart may be *f* ..... Acts 8:22
indeed I have *f* ..... 2 Cor 2:10
*f* you all trespasses ..... Col 2:13
sins, he will be *f* ..... James 5:15
your sins are *f* ..... 1 John 2:12

FORGIVENESS
But there is *f* with ..... Ps 130:4
God belong mercy and *f* ..... Dan 9:9
never has *f*, but is subject . Mark 3:29
preached to you the *f* ..... Acts 13:38
they may receive *f* ..... Acts 26:18
His blood, the *f* ..... Eph 1:7
His blood, the *f* of sins ..... Col 1:14

FORGIVES
*f* all your iniquities ..... Ps 103:3
"Who is this who even *f* ... Luke 7:49

FORGIVING
tenderhearted, *f* ..... Eph 4:32
and *f* one another ..... Col 3:13

FORGOT
remember Joseph, but *f* .... Gen 40:23
*f* the LORD their God ..... Judg 3:7
*f* His works and His ..... Ps 78:11
They soon *f* His works ..... Ps 106:13

FORGOTTEN
*f* the God who fathered ... Deut 32:18
needy shall not always be *f* ... Ps 9:18
"Why have You *f* ..... Ps 42:9
If we had *f* the name ..... Ps 44:20
memory of them is *f* ..... Eccl 9:5
you will not be *f* ..... Is 44:21
And my Lord has *f* ..... Is 49:14
I have *f* prosperity ..... Lam 3:17
not one of them is *f* ..... Luke 12:6
*f* the exhortation ..... Heb 12:5
*f* that he was cleansed ..... 2 Pet 1:9

FORM
earth was without *f* ..... Gen 1:2
he sees the *f* of the LORD ... Num 12:8
of the words, but saw no *f* .. Deut 4:12
Who would *f* a god or ..... Is 44:10
*f* the light and create ..... Is 45:7
He has no *f* or comeliness ..... Is 53:2
descended in bodily *f* ..... Luke 3:22
time, nor seen His *f* ..... John 5:37
having the *f* of knowledge .. Rom 2:20
For the *f* of this ..... 1 Cor 7:31
who, being in the *f* ..... Phil 2:6
the *f* of a bondservant ..... Phil 2:7
Abstain from every *f* .... 1 Thess 5:22
having a *f* of godliness ..... 2 Tim 3:5

FORMED
And the LORD God *f* ..... Gen 2:7
And His hands *f* ..... Ps 95:5
*f* my inward parts ..... Ps 139:13
*f* everything gives the ..... Prov 26:10
say of him who *f* ..... Is 29:16
Me there was no God *f* ..... Is 43:10
This people I have *f* ..... Is 43:21
No weapon *f* against you .... Is 54:17
"Before I *f* you in ..... Jer 1:5
Will the thing *f* say to ..... Rom 9:20
until Christ is *f* ..... Gal 4:19
For Adam was *f* first ..... 1 Tim 2:13

FORMER
according to the *f* ..... Gen 40:13
not remember *f* inquiries ..... Ps 79:8
*f* lovingkindness ..... Ps 89:49
*f* days better than ..... Eccl 7:10
Who gives rain, both the *f* ... Jer 5:24
*f* rain to the earth ..... Hos 6:3
the *f* rain, and the latter .... Joel 2:23
*f* prophets preached ..... Zech 1:4
through the *f* prophets ..... Zech 7:12
The *f* account I made, O ..... Acts 1:1
*f* conduct in Judaism ..... Gal 1:13
your *f* conduct, the old ..... Eph 4:22
yourselves to the *f* lusts .... 1 Pet 1:14
in *f* times, the holy women .. 1 Pet 3:5
*f* things have passed ..... Rev 21:4

FORMS
clay say to him who *f* ..... Is 45:9
*f* the spirit of man ..... Zech 12:1

FORNICATION
"We were not born of *f* .... John 8:41
adultery, *f*, uncleanness ..... Gal 5:19
of the wrath of her *f* ..... Rev 14:8

FORNICATOR
you know, that no *f* ..... Eph 5:5
lest there be any *f* ..... Heb 12:16

FORNICATORS
but *f* and adulterers ..... Heb 13:4

FORSAKE
but if you *f* Him ..... 2 Chr 15:2
and did not *f* them ..... Neh 9:17
mercies You did not *f* ..... Neh 9:19
Do not leave me nor *f* me .... Ps 27:9
father and my mother *f* me .. Ps 27:10
Cease from anger, and *f* ..... Ps 37:8
And does not *f* His saints .... Ps 37:28
"If his sons *f* My law ..... Ps 89:30
*f* His inheritance ..... Ps 94:14
But I did not *f* Your ..... Ps 119:87
father, and do not *f* ..... Prov 1:8
Let not mercy and truth *f* ... Prov 3:3
worthless idols *f* ..... Jon 2:8
of you does not *f* ..... Luke 14:33
never leave you nor *f* ..... Heb 13:5

FORSAKEN
My God, why have You *f* ..... Ps 22:1
seen the righteous *f* ..... Ps 37:25
you dread will be *f* ..... Is 7:16
cities will be as a *f* ..... Is 17:9
a mere moment I have *f* ..... Is 54:7
no longer be termed *F* ..... Is 62:4
they have *f* Me ..... Jer 2:13
My God, why have You *f* .. Matt 27:46
persecuted, but not *f* ..... 2 Cor 4:9
for Demas has *f* ..... 2 Tim 4:10
*f* the right way ..... 2 Pet 2:15

FORSAKES
*f* the companion of her ..... Prov 2:17
and *f* them will have ..... Prov 28:13

FORSAKING
*f* the assembling ..... Heb 10:25

FORSOOK
*f* God who made him ..... Deut 32:15
all the disciples *f* ..... Matt 26:56
with me, but all *f* ..... 2 Tim 4:16
By faith he *f* Egypt ..... Heb 11:27

FORT
Man the *f*! ..... Nah 2:1

FORTRESS
LORD is my rock, my *f* .... 2 Sam 22:2
my rock of refuge, a *f* ..... Ps 31:2
He is my refuge and my *f* ..... Ps 91:2

FORTUNE-TELLING
masters much profit by *f* .. Acts 16:16

FORTY
to rain on the earth *f* days ... Gen 7:4
to pass, at the end of *f* days .. Gen 8:6
not do it for the sake of *f* .. Gen 18:29
Isaac was *f* years old ..... Gen 25:20
Esau was *f* years old ..... Gen 26:34
*F* days were required ..... Gen 50:3
Israel ate manna *f* years .... Ex 16:35
mountain *f* days and *f* ..... Ex 24:18
LORD *f* days and *f* nights .... Ex 34:28
out the land after *f* days .. Num 13:25
in the wilderness *f* years .. Num 14:33
*f* days, for each day you .. Num 14:34
in the wilderness *f* years .. Num 32:13
These *f* years the LORD ..... Deut 2:7
*f* years in the wilderness .... Deut 8:2
foot swell these *f* years ..... Deut 8:4
first, *f* days and *f* nights .... Deut 9:18
*f* nights I kept prostrating .. Deut 9:25
mountain *f* days and *f* ..... Deut 10:10
*F* blows he may give him .. Deut 25:3
*f* years old when Moses .... Josh 14:7
land had rest for *f* years .... Judg 5:31
the Philistines for *f* years ... Judg 13:1
judged Israel *f* years ..... 1 Sam 4:18
presented himself *f* ..... 1 Sam 17:16
*f* nights as far as Horeb ... 1 Kin 19:8
For *f* years I was grieved .... Ps 95:10
*f* days, and Nineveh shall .... Jon 3:4
when He had fasted *f* days .. Matt 4:2
for *f* days by the devil ..... Luke 4:2
seen by them during *f* days .. Acts 1:3
when he was *f* years old .... Acts 7:23
when *f* years had passed ... Acts 7:30
*f* who had formed this .... Acts 23:13
more than *f* of them lie .... Acts 23:21
*f* stripes minus one ..... 2 Cor 11:24
and saw My works *f* years ... Heb 3:9
was He angry *f* years ..... Heb 3:17

FORWARD
David from that day *f* ... 1 Sam 16:13
David from that day *f* .... 1 Sam 18:9

FOUGHT
*f* against me without ..... Ps 109:3
I have *f* the good fight, I .... 2 Tim 4:7

FOUL
My wounds are *f* ..... Ps 38:5
*f* weather today ..... Matt 16:3
a prison for every *f* ..... Rev 18:2

FOUND
*f* a helper comparable ..... Gen 2:20
Why have I *f* favor in ..... Ruth 2:10
where can wisdom be *f* .... Job 28:12
when You may be *f* ..... Ps 32:6
*f* My servant David ..... Ps 89:20
a thousand I have *f* ..... Eccl 7:28
this only I have *f* ..... Eccl 7:29
*f* the one I love ..... Song 3:4
LORD while He may be *f* ..... Is 55:6
none was *f* like Daniel ..... Dan 1:19
he *f* them ten times better .. Dan 1:20
balances, and *f* wanting .... Dan 5:27
any error or fault *f* in him ... Dan 6:4
*f* Daniel praying and ..... Dan 6:11
your fruit is *f* ..... Hos 14:8
and when you have *f* Him ... Matt 2:8
not *f* such great faith ..... Matt 8:10
when he had *f* one pearl .. Matt 13:46
*f* nothing on it but leaves .. Matt 21:19
*f* them sleeping, and said .. Matt 26:40
have *f* favor with God ..... Luke 1:30
they *f* Him in the temple ... Luke 2:46
fruit on it and *f* none ..... Luke 13:6

he was lost and is *f* ..... Luke 15:24
they *f* the stone rolled ..... Luke 24:2
*f* the Messiah" (which ..... John 1:41
we *f* the prison shut ..... Acts 5:23
I even *f* an altar with ..... Acts 17:23
I *f* to bring death ..... Rom 7:10
that one be *f* faithful ..... 1 Cor 4:2
and be *f* in Him ..... Phil 3:9
being *f* blameless ..... 1 Tim 3:10
be diligent to be *f* ..... 2 Pet 3:14
anyone not *f* written in .... Rev 20:15

## FOUNDATION

he shall lay its *f* ..... Josh 6:26
His *f* is in the holy ..... Ps 87:1
and justice are the *f* ..... Ps 89:14
Of old You laid the *f* ..... Ps 102:25
has an everlasting *f* ..... Prov 10:25
deep and laid the *f* ..... Luke 6:48
the earth without a *f* ..... Luke 6:49
loved Me before the *f* ..... John 17:24
I have laid the *f* ..... 1 Cor 3:10
*f* can anyone lay than ..... 1 Cor 3:11
us in Him before the *f* ..... Eph 1:4
the solid *f* of God ..... 2 Tim 2:19
not laying again the *f* ..... Heb 6:1
Lamb slain from the *f* ..... Rev 13:8
the first *f* was jasper ..... Rev 21:19

## FOUNDATIONS

when I laid the *f* ..... Job 38:4
*f* are destroyed ..... Ps 11:3
You who laid the *f* ..... Ps 104:5
shall raise up the *f* ..... Is 58:12
that the *f* of the prison .... Acts 16:26
The *f* of the wall ..... Rev 21:19

## FOUNDED

For He has *f* it upon ..... Ps 24:2
by wisdom *f* the earth ..... Prov 3:19
shake it, for it was *f* ..... Luke 6:48

## FOUNTAIN

Let your *f* be blessed ..... Prov 5:18
Immediately the *f* of her ... Mark 5:29
will become in him a *f* ..... John 4:14
I will give of the *f* of the .... Rev 21:6

## FOUNTAINS

on that day all the *f* ..... Gen 7:11
*f* be dispersed abroad ..... Prov 5:16
when there were no *f* ..... Prov 8:24
lead them to living *f* ..... Rev 7:17

## FOUR

became *f* riverheads ..... Gen 2:10
prophets are *f* hundred ... 1 Kin 18:22
Each one had *f* faces ..... Ezek 10:14
and each one *f* wings ..... Ezek 10:21
I see *f* men loose, walking .. Dan 3:25
*f* great beasts came up ..... Dan 7:3
*f* kingdoms shall arise ..... Dan 8:22
are *f* spirits of heaven ..... Zech 6:5
ate were *f* thousand ..... Matt 15:38
been in the tomb *f* days ... John 11:17
sheet bound at the *f* ..... Acts 10:11
Now this man had *f* virgin .. Acts 21:9
were *f* living creatures full ... Rev 4:6
the *f* angels to whom it was .. Rev 7:2

## FOWLER

you from the snare of the *f* ... Ps 91:3
bird from the hand of the *f* .. Prov 6:5

## FOX

build, if even a *f* ..... Neh 4:3
"Go, tell that *f* ..... Luke 13:32

## FOXES

caught three hundred *f* ..... Judg 15:4
*f* that spoil the vines ..... Song 2:15
*F* have holes and birds .... Luke 9:58

## FRAGMENTS

*f* that remained ..... Matt 14:20
of the leftover *f* ..... Luke 9:17
baskets with the *f* ..... John 6:13

## FRAGRANCE

garments is like the *f* ..... Song 4:11
was filled with the *f* ..... John 12:3
we are to God the *f* ..... 2 Cor 2:15

## FRAGRANT

the merchant's *f* powders ... Song 3:6
flask of very costly *f* oil .... Matt 26:7
an alabaster flask of *f* oil .. Luke 7:37
prepared spices and *f* ..... Luke 23:56
was this *f* oil not sold ..... John 12:5
*f* oil and frankincense ..... Rev 18:13

## FRAIL

that I may know how *f* ..... Ps 39:4

## FRAME

For He knows our *f* ..... Ps 103:14
*f* was not hidden ..... Ps 139:15

## FRAMED

that the worlds were *f* ..... Heb 11:3

## FRANKINCENSE

oil on it, and put *f* on it ..... Lev 2:1
with myrrh and *f* ..... Song 3:6
gold, *f*, and myrrh ..... Matt 2:11
incense, fragrant oil and *f* .. Rev 18:13

## FREE

and the servant is *f* ..... Job 3:19
let the oppressed go *f* ..... Is 58:6
'You will be made *f* ..... John 8:33
if the Son makes you *f* ..... John 8:36
And having been set *f* ..... Rom 6:18
now having been set *f* ..... Rom 6:22
Jesus has made me *f* ..... Rom 8:2
Am I not *f* ..... 1 Cor 9:1
is neither slave nor *f* ..... Gal 3:28
Jerusalem above is *f* ..... Gal 4:26
Christ has made us *f* ..... Gal 5:1
he is a slave or *f* ..... Eph 6:8
poor, *f* and slave ..... Rev 13:16

## FREED

has died has been *f* ..... Rom 6:7

## FREEDMAN

slave is the Lord's *f* ..... 1 Cor 7:22

## FREEDOM

The LORD gives *f* to the ..... Ps 146:7

## FREELY

the garden you may *f* ..... Gen 2:16
I will love them *f* ..... Hos 14:4
*F* you have received ..... Matt 10:8
*f* give us all things ..... Rom 8:32
that have been *f* ..... 1 Cor 2:12
the water of life *f* ..... Rev 22:17

## FREEWOMAN

the other by a *f* ..... Gal 4:22
with the son of the *f* ..... Gal 4:30

## FRESH

My glory is *f* within ..... Job 29:20
they shall be *f* ..... Ps 92:14
both salt water and *f* ..... James 3:12

## FRETS

and his heart *f* ..... Prov 19:3

## FRIEND

a man speaks to his *f* ..... Ex 33:11
of Abraham Your *f* ..... 2 Chr 20:7
though he were my *f* ..... Ps 35:14
*f* You have put far from me .. Ps 88:18
*f* loves at all times ..... Prov 17:17
*f* who sticks closer ..... Prov 18:24
not forsake your own *f* .... Prov 27:10
a *f* of tax collectors ..... Matt 11:19
of you shall have a *f* ..... Luke 11:5
*f* Lazarus sleeps ..... John 11:11
you are not Caesar's *f* .... John 19:12
Philemon our beloved *f* ..... Philem 1
he was called the *f* ..... James 2:23
wants to be a *f* ..... James 4:4

## FRIENDLY

friends must himself be *f* .. Prov 18:24

## FRIENDS

and hate your *f* ..... 2 Sam 19:6
My *f* scorn me ..... Job 16:20
*f* have forgotten me ..... Job 19:14
the rich has many *f* ..... Prov 14:20
one's life for his *f* ..... John 15:13
You are My *f* ..... John 15:14
I have called you *f* ..... John 15:15
to forbid any of his *f* ..... Acts 24:23

## FRIENDSHIP

no *f* with an angry man ... Prov 22:24
that *f* with the world ..... James 4:4

## FROGS

your territory with *f* ..... Ex 8:2
*f* coming out of the ..... Rev 16:13

## FRONTLETS

on your hand and as *f* ..... Ex 13:16
and they shall be as *f* ..... Deut 6:8

## FROZEN

the broad waters are *f* ..... Job 37:10

## FRUIT

*See* BEAR FRUIT
and showed them the *f* .... Num 13:26
Blessed shall be the *f* ..... Deut 28:4
brings forth its *f* ..... Ps 1:3
*f* is better than gold ..... Prov 8:19
The *f* of the righteous ..... Prov 11:30
with good by the *f* ..... Prov 12:14
*f* was sweet to my ..... Song 2:3
they shall eat the *f* ..... Is 3:10
like the first *f* ..... Is 28:4
"I create the *f* ..... Is 57:19
*f* is found in Me ..... Hos 14:8
does not bear good *f* ..... Matt 3:10
good tree bears good *f* ..... Matt 7:17
not drink of this *f* ..... Matt 26:29
and blessed is the *f* ..... Luke 1:42
life, and bring no *f* ..... Luke 8:14
and he came seeking *f* ..... Luke 13:6
And if it bears *f* ..... Luke 13:9
branch that bears *f* ..... John 15:2
that you bear much *f* ..... John 15:8
should go and bear *f* ..... John 15:16
*f* did you have then in ..... Rom 6:21
God, you have your *f* ..... Rom 6:22
that we should bear *f* ..... Rom 7:4
But the *f* of the Spirit is ..... Gal 5:22
(for the *f* of the Spirit is ..... Eph 5:9
but I seek the *f* ..... Phil 4:17
yields the peaceable *f* ..... Heb 12:11
the *f* of our lips, giving .... Heb 13:15
Now the *f* of ..... James 3:18
precious *f* of the earth ..... James 5:7
autumn trees without *f* ..... Jude 12
tree yielding its *f* ..... Rev 22:2

## FRUITFUL

*See* BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY
them, saying, "Be *f* ..... Gen 1:22
a *f* bough, a *f* ..... Gen 49:22
wife shall be like a *f* ..... Ps 128:3
heaven and *f* seasons ..... Acts 14:17
pleasing Him, being *f* ..... Col 1:10

## FRUITS

Therefore bear *f* ..... Matt 3:8
know them by their *f* ..... Matt 7:16
and increase the *f* ..... 2 Cor 9:10
being filled with the *f* of .... Phil 1:11
of mercy and good *f* ..... James 3:17
which bore twelve *f* ..... Rev 22:2

## FUEL

people shall be as *f* ..... Is 9:19
into the fire for *f* ..... Ezek 15:4

## FUGITIVE

A *f* and a vagabond ..... Gen 4:12

## FULFILL

the LORD, to *f* his vow ..... Lev 22:21
And you shall *f* ..... 1 Kin 5:9
*f* all your petitions ..... Ps 20:5

*f* the desire of those ..... Ps 145:19
for us to *f* all ..... Matt 3:15
come to destroy but to *f* .... Matt 5:17
for the flesh, to *f* its lusts .. Rom 13:14
*f* the law of Christ ..... Gal 6:2
*f* my joy by being ..... Phil 2:2
and *f* all the good ..... 2 Thess 1:11
evangelist, *f* your ministry .. 2 Tim 4:5
If you really *f* ..... James 2:8

FULFILLED
be *f* which was spoken by .. Matt 1:22
the law till all is *f* ..... Matt 5:18
could the Scriptures be *f* .. Matt 26:54
is *f*, and the kingdom ..... Mark 1:15
is *f* in your hearing ..... Luke 4:21
of the Gentiles are *f* ..... Luke 21:24
all things must be *f* ..... Luke 24:44
this joy of mine is *f* ..... John 3:29
the Scripture may be *f* .... John 13:18
My joy *f* in themselves .... John 17:13
this Scripture had to be *f* ... Acts 1:16
they had *f* their ministry .. Acts 12:25
of the law might be *f* ..... Rom 8:4
loves another has *f* ..... Rom 13:8
For all the law is *f* ..... Gal 5:14
the words of God are *f* ..... Rev 17:17

FULFILLMENT
for there will be a *f* ..... Luke 1:45
love is the *f* of the ..... Rom 13:10

FULL
I went out *f* ..... Ruth 1:21
For I am *f* of words ..... Job 32:18
of the LORD is *f* ..... Ps 29:4
who has his quiver *f* ..... Ps 127:5
Lest I be *f* and deny ..... Prov 30:9
yet the sea is not *f* ..... Eccl 1:7
the whole earth is *f* ..... Is 6:3
and it was *f* of bones ..... Ezek 37:1
But truly I am *f* ..... Mic 3:8
whole body will be *f* ..... Matt 6:22
of the Father, *f* of grace .... John 1:14
your joy may be *f* ..... John 15:11
chose Stephen, a man *f* ..... Acts 6:5
You are already *f* ..... 1 Cor 4:8
learned both to be *f* ..... Phil 4:12
I am *f*, having received ..... Phil 4:18
in *f* assurance of faith ..... Heb 10:22
that your joy may be *f* ..... 1 John 1:4
we may receive a *f* reward .. 2 John 8

FULL-GROWN
and sin, when it is *f* ..... James 1:15

FULLNESS
satisfied with the *f* ..... Ps 36:8
*f* we have all received ..... John 1:16
to Israel until the *f* ..... Rom 11:25
But when the *f* of the ..... Gal 4:4
dispensation of the *f* ..... Eph 1:10
filled with all the *f* ..... Eph 3:19
Him dwells all the *f* ..... Col 2:9

FULLY
did not *f* follow the LORD .. 1 Kin 11:6
time has not yet *f* come ..... John 7:8
Pentecost had *f* come ..... Acts 2:1
being *f* convinced that ..... Rom 4:21
*f* preached the gospel ..... Rom 15:19
*f* pleasing Him, being ..... Col 1:10
preached *f* through me .... 2 Tim 4:17
rest your hope *f* upon the .. 1 Pet 1:13

FUME
Why do you *f* with envy ..... Ps 68:16

FUNCTION
do not have the same *f* ..... Rom 12:4

FURIOUS
You have been *f* ..... Ps 89:38
*f* man do not go ..... Prov 22:24
fury and in *f* rebukes ..... Ezek 5:15
LORD avenges and is *f* ..... Nah 1:2
this, they were *f* ..... Acts 5:33

FURIOUSLY
for he drives *f* ..... 2 Kin 9:20

FURNACE
you out of the iron *f* ..... Deut 4:20
tested you in the *f* ..... Is 48:10
of a burning fiery *f* ..... Dan 3:6
cast them into the *f* ..... Matt 13:42
the smoke of a great *f* ..... Rev 9:2

FURNISHED
also *f* her table ..... Prov 9:2
a large upper room, *f* ..... Mark 14:15

FURNISHINGS
and the pattern of all its *f* .... Ex 25:9
tabernacle and all its *f* ..... Num 1:50
Solomon had all the *f* ..... 1 Kin 7:48
all the holy *f* that were in ... 2 Chr 5:5

FURY
*F* is not in Me ..... Is 27:4
they are full of the *f* ..... Is 51:20
*f* to His adversaries ..... Is 59:18
My own *f*, it sustained ..... Is 63:5
even in anger and *f* ..... Jer 21:5
and I will cause My *f* ..... Ezek 5:13
Thus will I spend My *f* ..... Ezek 6:12
in anger and *f* on the ..... Mic 5:15

FUTILE
For it is not a *f* thing ..... Deut 32:47
of the peoples are *f* ..... Jer 10:3
wise, that they are *f* ..... 1 Cor 3:20
risen, your faith is *f* ..... 1 Cor 15:17

FUTILITY
allotted months of *f* ..... Job 7:3
*f* have You created all ..... Ps 89:47
was subjected to *f* ..... Rom 8:20

FUTURE
for the *f* of that man ..... Ps 37:37
the *f* of the wicked ..... Ps 37:38
to give you a *f* and a hope .. Jer 29:11
to many days in the *f* ..... Dan 8:26

GAAL
Son of Ebed; vilifies Abimelech, Judg 9:26–41

GAASH
Hill of Ephraim, Judg 2:9
Joshua buried near, Josh 24:30

GABBATHA
Place of Pilate's court, John 19:13

GABRIEL
Messenger archangel; interprets Daniel's vision, Dan 8:16–27
Reveals the prophecy of 70 weeks, Dan 9:21–27
Announces John's birth, Luke 1:11–22
Announces Christ's birth, Luke 1:26–38
Stands in God's presence, Luke 1:19

GAD
Son of Jacob by Zilpah, Gen 30:10, 11
Blessed by Jacob, Gen 49:19
—— Tribe of:
Census of, Num 1:24, 25
Territory of, Num 32:20–36
Captivity of, 1 Chr 5:26
Later references to, Rev 7:5
—— Prophet in David's reign, 1 Sam 22:5
Message of, to David, 2 Sam 24:10–16

GADARENES (or Gergesenes)
People east of the Sea of Galilee, Mark 5:1
Healing of demon-possessed in territory of, Matt 8:28–34

GAIN
*See* DISHONEST GAIN
aside after dishonest *g* ..... 1 Sam 8:3
they did not *g* possession ..... Ps 44:3
That we may *g* a heart of .... Ps 90:12
*g* than fine gold ..... Prov 3:14
He who is greedy for *g* .... Prov 15:27
will have no lack of *g* ..... Prov 31:11
a time to *g* ..... Eccl 3:6
to get dishonest *g* ..... Ezek 22:27
him who covets evil *g* ..... Hab 2:9
and to die is *g* ..... Phil 1:21
what things were *g* to me .... Phil 3:7
rubbish, that I may *g* ..... Phil 3:8
is a means of *g* ..... 1 Tim 6:5
contentment is great *g* ..... 1 Tim 6:6
the sake of dishonest *g* .... Titus 1:11
for dishonest *g* ..... 1 Pet 5:2
people to *g* advantage ..... Jude 16

GAINED
which he had *g* ..... Gen 31:18
*g* in the land of Canaan ..... Gen 36:6
have *g* Him the victory ..... Ps 98:1
Wealth *g* by dishonesty ... Prov 13:11
Bread *g* by deceit is ..... Prov 20:17
An inheritance *g* hastily .. Prov 20:21
*g* more wisdom than all .... Eccl 1:16
you have *g* your brother .. Matt 18:15
received two *g* two more .. Matt 25:17
*g* five more talents ..... Matt 25:20

GAINS
understanding *g* favor .... Prov 13:15
*g* the whole world ..... Matt 16:26

GAIUS
Companion of Paul, Acts 19:29
—— Convert at Derbe, Acts 20:4
—— Paul's host at Corinth, Rom 16:23; 1 Cor 1:14

GALATIA
Paul visits, Acts 16:6; 18:23
Paul writes to Christians in, Gal 1:1
Peter writes to Christians in, 1 Pet 1:1

GALILEANS
Speech of, Mark 14:70
Faith of, John 4:45
Pilate's cruelty toward, Luke 13:1, 2

GALILEE
Prophecies concerning, Deut 33:18–23; Is 9:1, 2
Dialect of, distinctive, Matt 26:73
Herod's jurisdiction over, Luke 3:1
Christ's contacts with, Matt 2:22; 4:12–25; 26:32; 27:55; John 4:1, 3

GALILEE, SEA OF
Scene of many events in Christ's life, Mark 7:31
Called Chinnereth, Num 34:11
Later called Gennesaret, Luke 5:1

GALL
grapes are grapes of *g* .... Deut 32:32
They also gave me *g* ..... Ps 69:21
the wormwood and the *g* ... Lam 3:19
turned justice into *g* ..... Amos 6:12
wine mingled with *g* ..... Matt 27:34

GALLIO
Roman proconsul of Achaia, dismisses charges against Paul, Acts 18:12–17

GALLONS
twenty or thirty *g* apiece .... John 2:6

GALLOWS
both were hanged on a *g* ... Esth 2:23
should be hanged on the *g* .. Esth 9:25

GAMALIEL
Famous Jewish teacher, Acts 22:3
Respected by people, Acts 5:34–39

GAME
because he ate of his *g* .... Gen 25:28
Bring me *g* and make ..... Gen 27:7

GAP
and stand in the *g* ..... Ezek 22:30

GARDEN
LORD God planted a g. . . . . Gen 2:8
g enclosed is my . . . . . Song 4:12
like a watered g . . . . . Is 58:11
Eden, the g of God . . . . . Ezek 28:13
raise up for them a g . . . . . Ezek 34:29
where there was a g . . . . . John 18:1
in the g a new tomb . . . . . John 19:41

GARDENER
Him to be the g . . . . . John 20:15

GARDENS
I made myself g . . . . . Eccl 2:5
plant g and eat their . . . . . Jer 29:5

GARLANDS
brought oxen and g . . . . . Acts 14:13

GARLIC
the onions, and the g . . . . . Num 11:5

GARMENT
and Japheth took a g . . . . . Gen 9:23
like a hairy g all over . . . . . Gen 25:25
she caught him by his g . . . Gen 39:12
she kept his g with her . . . . Gen 39:16
beautiful Babylonian g . . . . . Josh 7:21
put on your best g . . . . . Ruth 3:3
g that is moth-eaten . . . . . Job 13:28
made sackcloth my g . . . . . Ps 69:11
with light as with a g . . . . . Ps 104:2
one who takes away a g . . Prov 25:20
the g of praise for the . . . . . Is 61:3
the hem of His g . . . . . Matt 9:20
have on a wedding g . . . . . Matt 22:11
cloth on an old g . . . . . Mark 2:21
throwing aside his g . . . . . Mark 10:50
all grow old like a g . . . . . Heb 1:11
hating even the g . . . . . Jude 23

GARMENTS
took off her widow's g . . . . . Gen 38:14
the g of her widowhood . . . Gen 38:19
g did not wear out on . . . . . Deut 8:4
and old g on themselves . . . . . Josh 9:5
our g and our sandals . . . . . Josh 9:13
cut off their g in the . . . . . 2 Sam 10:4
Why are your g hot . . . . . Job 37:17
They divide My g . . . . . Ps 22:18
She makes linen g and . . . . Prov 31:24
g always be white . . . . . Eccl 9:8
g rolled in blood . . . . . Is 9:5
from Edom, with dyed g . . . . . Is 63:1
nor were their g affected . . . . Dan 3:27
your heart, and not your g . . Joel 2:13
Take away the filthy g . . . . . Zech 3:4
man clothed in soft g . . . . . Matt 11:8
and divided His g . . . . . Matt 27:35
by them in shining g . . . . . Luke 24:4
and laid aside His g . . . . . John 13:4
divided My g among . . . . . John 19:24
g which Dorcas had made . . Acts 9:39
g are moth-eaten . . . . . James 5:2
be clothed in white g . . . . . Rev 3:5

GARRISON
gathered the whole g . . . . . Matt 27:27
Damascenes with a g . . . . . 2 Cor 11:32

GATE
sitting in the g of Sodom . . . . Gen 19:1
Boaz went up to the g . . . . . Ruth 4:1
people who were at the g . . Ruth 4:11
This is the g of the . . . . . Ps 118:20
by the narrow g . . . . . Matt 7:13
Because narrow is the g . . . . Matt 7:14
by the Sheep G a pool . . . . . John 5:2
laid daily at the g . . . . . Acts 3:2
she did not open the g . . . . Acts 12:14
suffered outside the g . . . . . Heb 13:12
each individual g . . . . . Rev 21:21

GATES
possess the g of those . . . . . Gen 24:60
g are burned with fire . . . . . Neh 1:3
I commanded the g to be . . Neh 13:19
they go down to the g . . . . . Job 17:16
up your heads, O you g . . . . . Ps 24:7
The LORD loves the g . . . . . Ps 87:2
Enter into His g with . . . . . Ps 100:4
Open to me the g . . . . . Ps 118:19
watching daily at my g . . . . . Prov 8:34
is known in the g . . . . . Prov 31:23
praise her in the g . . . . . Prov 31:31
go through the g . . . . . Is 62:10
and the g of Hades . . . . . Matt 16:18
wall with twelve g . . . . . Rev 21:12
g were twelve pearls . . . . . Rev 21:21
g shall not be shut . . . . . Rev 21:25

GATH
Philistine city, 1 Sam 6:17
Ark carried to, 1 Sam 5:8
David takes refuge in, 1 Sam 21:10–15
David's second flight to, 1 Sam 27:3–12
Captured by David, 1 Chr 18:1
Destruction of, prophetic, Amos 6:1–3
Name becomes proverbial, Mic 1:10

GATH HEPHER
Birthplace of Jonah, 2 Kin 14:25

GATHER
g my soul with sinners . . . . . Ps 26:9
G My saints together . . . . . Ps 50:5
and a time to g stones . . . . . Eccl 3:5
g the lambs with His . . . . . Is 40:11
g His wheat into the . . . . . Matt 3:12
sow nor reap nor g . . . . . Matt 6:26
Do men g grapes from . . . . . Matt 7:16
g where I have not . . . . . Matt 25:26
g together His elect . . . . . Mark 13:27
who does not g with Me . . Luke 11:23
often I wanted to g your . . Luke 13:34
G up the fragments that . . . . John 6:12
of the times He might g . . . . . Eph 1:10

GATHERED
g little had no lack . . . . . Ex 16:18
And g out of the lands . . . . . Ps 107:3
g some of every kind . . . . . Matt 13:47
g together in My name . . . . Matt 18:20
the nations will be g . . . . . Matt 25:32
many were g together . . . . . Acts 12:12
g the church together . . . . . Acts 14:27
when Paul had g a bundle . . Acts 28:3
when you are g together . . . . 1 Cor 5:4
who g much had nothing . . 2 Cor 8:15
they g them together . . . . . Rev 16:16

GATHERING
g together of the waters . . . . Gen 1:10
widow was there g . . . . . 1 Kin 17:10
I am g a couple of sticks . . 1 Kin 17:12
they were three days g . . . 2 Chr 20:25
He gives the work of g . . . . . Eccl 2:26
g where you have not . . . . . Matt 25:24
g a mob, set all the city in . . Acts 17:5
for this disorderly g . . . . . Acts 19:40
g together to Him . . . . . 2 Thess 2:1

GATHERS
g the waters of the . . . . . Ps 33:7
His heart g iniquity . . . . . Ps 41:6
He g together the outcasts . . . Ps 147:2
g her food in the . . . . . Prov 6:8
He who g in summer is a . . Prov 10:5
he who g by labor will . . . . Prov 13:11
extortion g it for him who . . Prov 28:8
The Lord GOD, who g . . . . . Is 56:8
together, as a hen g . . . . . Matt 23:37

GAUNT
out of the river, ugly and g . . Gen 41:3
g and ugly cows ate up . . . . Gen 41:20

GAVE
So Adam g names to all . . . . Gen 2:20
She also g to her husband . . . Gen 3:6
to be with me, she g . . . . . Gen 3:12
he g him a tithe of all . . . . . Gen 14:20
g her to her husband . . . . . Gen 16:3
and g the lad a drink . . . . . Gen 21:19
hand, and g him a drink . . . Gen 24:18
Abraham g all that he had . . Gen 25:5
Jacob g Esau bread and . . . Gen 25:34
which God g to Abraham . . . Gen 28:4
g him favor in the sight . . . . Gen 39:21
Joseph g a command . . . . . Gen 42:25
it g light by night to the . . . . . Ex 14:20
He g Moses two tablets of . . . Ex 31:18
So they g it to me, and I . . . . Ex 32:24
g the children of Israel . . . . Num 13:32
stone and g them to me . . . . Deut 5:22
the LORD g me the two . . . . . Deut 9:11
g you on this side of the . . . . Josh 1:14
g it as an inheritance . . . . . Josh 11:23
So he g her the upper . . . . . Josh 15:19
The LORD g them rest all . . Josh 21:44
Samson g a feast there . . . . Judg 14:10
g the changes of clothing . Judg 14:19
therefore I g her to your . . . Judg 15:2
LORD g her conception . . . . . Ruth 4:13
g birth, for her labor . . . . . 1 Sam 4:19
God g him another heart . . 1 Sam 10:9
g it to David, with his . . . . . 1 Sam 18:4
Saul g him Michal . . . . . 1 Sam 18:27
So the priest g him holy . . 1 Sam 21:6
g him the sword of . . . . . 1 Sam 22:10
this woman also g birth . . . 1 Kin 3:18
God g Solomon wisdom . . . 1 Kin 4:29
Hiram g Solomon cedar . . . 1 Kin 5:10
g to King Solomon . . . . . 1 Kin 10:10
g a commandment . . . . . 1 Chr 14:12
David g his son . . . . . 1 Chr 28:11
g it to the workmen . . . . . 2 Chr 34:10
Hilkiah g the book to . . . . 2 Chr 34:15
Josiah g the lay people . . . . 2 Chr 35:7
so he readily g beauty . . . . . Esth 2:9
g gifts according to the . . . . . Esth 2:18
He also g him a copy of . . . . . Esth 4:8
and g it to Mordecai . . . . . Esth 8:2
return to God who g it . . . . . Eccl 12:7
of the eunuchs g names . . . . . Dan 1:7
and g them vegetables . . . . . Dan 1:16
God g them knowledge . . . . . Dan 1:17
g him many great gifts . . . . . Dan 2:48
Belshazzar g the command . . Dan 5:2
g thanks before his God . . . . Dan 6:10
He g them power over . . . . . Matt 10:1
g You this authority . . . . . Matt 21:23
hungry and you g Me . . . . . Matt 25:35
g thanks, and g it to . . . . . Matt 26:27
g Him sour wine . . . . . Matt 27:34
platter, and g it to . . . . . Mark 6:28
To many blind He g sight . . Luke 7:21
g Me no water for My . . . . . Luke 7:44
g them to the innkeeper . . Luke 10:35
no one g him anything . . . Luke 15:16
saw it, g praise to God . . . . Luke 18:43
to them He g the right to . . . John 1:12
that He g His only . . . . . John 3:16
Those whom You g . . . . . John 17:12
glory which You g Me . . . . John 17:22
head, He g up His spirit . . . John 19:30
tongues, as the Spirit g . . . . . Acts 2:4
great power the apostles g . . Acts 4:33
who g alms generously to . . Acts 10:2
g us rain from heaven . . . . . Acts 14:17
God also g them up . . . . . Rom 1:24
but God g the increase . . . . . 1 Cor 3:6
but first g themselves to . . . . 2 Cor 8:5
but God g it to Abraham . . . . Gal 3:18
g Him to be head over all . . . Eph 1:22
captive, and g gifts to men . . . Eph 4:8
He Himself g some to be . . . . Eph 4:11
Abraham g a tenth part of . . . Heb 7:2
and the heaven g rain . . . . James 5:18
g Him glory, so that your . . 1 Pet 1:21
He g us commandment . . . 1 John 3:23
which God g Him to show . . . . Rev 1:1
g to the seven angels . . . . . Rev 15:7
The sea g up the dead . . . . . Rev 20:13

GAVE HIMSELF
who *g* for our sins, ..... Gal 1:4
who loved me and *g* ..... Gal 2:20
loved the church and *g* ..... Eph 5:25
who *g* a ransom for all, ..... 1 Tim 2:6
who *g* for us, ..... Titus 2:14

GAZA
Philistine city, Josh 13:3
Samson removes the gates of, Judg 16:1–3
Samson taken there as prisoner; his revenge, Judg 16:21–31
Sin of, condemned, Amos 1:6, 7
Philip journeys to, Acts 8:26

GAZED
*g* into heaven and saw ..... Acts 7:55

GAZING
why do you stand *g* ..... Acts 1:11

GEBA
Levite city in Benjamin, Josh 18:24; 21:17
Rebuilt by Asa, 1 Kin 15:22

GEDALIAH
Made governor of Judah, 2 Kin 25:22–26
Befriends Jeremiah, Jer 40:5, 6
Murdered by Ishmael, Jer 41:2, 18

GEHAZI
Elisha's servant; seeks reward from Naaman, 2 Kin 5:20–24
Afflicted with leprosy, 2 Kin 5:25–27
Relates Elisha's deeds to Jehoram, 2 Kin 8:4–6

GEMS
your stones with colorful *g* ... Is 54:11

GENEALOGIES
fables and endless *g* ..... 1 Tim 1:4

GENEALOGY
The book of the *g* ..... Matt 1:1
mother, without *g* ..... Heb 7:3

GENERAL
*g* assembly and church .... Heb 12:23

GENERATE
that they *g* strife ..... 2 Tim 2:23

GENERATION
*See* THIS GENERATION
before Me in this *g* ..... Gen 7:1
the third and the fourth *g* .... Ex 34:7
to the third and fourth *g* .. Num 14:18
until all the *g* that had .... Num 32:13
perverse and crooked *g* .... Deut 32:5
another *g* arose after ..... Judg 2:10
Telling to the *g* to come ..... Ps 78:4
That the *g* to come might ..... Ps 78:6
stubborn and rebellious *g* .... Ps 78:8
The *g* of the upright ..... Ps 112:2
*g* shall praise Your ..... Ps 145:4
*g* that curses its ..... Prov 30:11
*g* that is pure in its ..... Prov 30:12
One *g* passes away ..... Eccl 1:4
to *g* it shall lie waste ..... Is 34:10
who will declare His *g* ..... Is 53:8
O *g*, see the word of the ..... Jer 2:31
His dominion is from *g* to *g* .. Dan 4:3
kingdom is from *g* to *g* ..... Dan 4:34
their children another *g* ..... Joel 1:3
what shall I liken this *g* ... Matt 11:16
and adulterous *g* ..... Matt 12:39
this *g* will by no ..... Matt 24:34
O faithless *g*, how long .... Mark 9:19
fear Him from *g* to *g* ..... Luke 1:50
be required of this *g* ..... Luke 11:50
*g* than the sons of light .... Luke 16:8
*g* will by no means pass .. Luke 21:32
from this perverse *g* ..... Acts 2:40
who will declare His *g* ..... Acts 8:33
I was angry with that *g* ..... Heb 3:10
But you are a chosen *g* ..... 1 Pet 2:9

GENERATIONS
a just man, perfect in his *g* ... Gen 6:9
with you, for perpetual *g* .... Gen 9:12
according to their *g* ..... Gen 10:32
male child in your *g* ..... Gen 17:12
is My memorial to all *g* ..... Ex 3:15
*g* of those who hate Me ..... Ex 20:5
fourth *g* of those who hate .. Deut 5:9
mercy for a thousand *g* ..... Deut 7:9
grandchildren for four *g* ... Job 42:16
plans of His heart to all *g* ... Ps 33:11
be remembered in all *g* ..... Ps 45:17
Your praise to all *g* ..... Ps 79:13
Your faithfulness to all *g* ..... Ps 89:1
our dwelling place in all *g* .... Ps 90:1
His truth endures to all *g* .... Ps 100:5
for a thousand *g* ..... Ps 105:8
endures to all *g* ..... Ps 119:90
a crown endure to all *g* ... Prov 27:24
*g* will call me blessed ..... Luke 1:48
from ages and from *g* ..... Col 1:26

GENEROSITY
be ready as a matter of *g* ... 2 Cor 9:5

GENEROUS
uphold me by Your *g* Spirit .. Ps 51:12
*g* soul will be made ..... Prov 11:25
*g* eye will be blessed ..... Prov 22:9
no longer be called *g* ..... Is 32:5
*g* man devises *g* ..... Is 32:8

GENEROUSLY
gave alms *g* to the people .. Acts 10:2

GENNESARET
*See* GALILEE

GENTILE
with the *G* worshipers .... Acts 17:17

GENTILES
*G* were separated ..... Gen 10:5
Rejoice, O *G*, with His .... Deut 32:43
O LORD, among the *G*.... 2 Sam 22:50
Why should the *G* say, ..... Ps 115:2
Praise the LORD, all you *G* ... Ps 117:1
for the *G* shall seek Him ..... Is 11:10
as a light to the *G* ..... Is 42:6
*G* shall come to your ..... Is 60:3
the riches of the *G* ..... Is 61:6
The *G* shall see your ..... Is 62:2
the glory of the *G* like a ..... Is 66:12
all the *G* who are called ... Amos 9:12
shall be among the *G* ..... Mic 5:8
be great among the *G* ..... Mal 1:11
all these things the *G* ..... Matt 6:32
into the way of the *G* ..... Matt 10:5
revelation to the *G* ..... Luke 2:32
times of the *G* are ..... Luke 21:24
bear My name before *G* .... Acts 9:15
poured out on the *G* ..... Acts 10:45
a light to the *G* ..... Acts 13:47
blasphemed among the *G* .. Rom 2:24
also the God of the *G* ..... Rom 3:29
even named among the *G* ... 1 Cor 5:1
in perils of the *G*, in ..... 2 Cor 11:26
he would eat with the *G* ..... Gal 2:12
mystery among the *G* ..... Col 1:27
a teacher of the *G* ..... 1 Tim 2:7
and a teacher of the *G* .... 2 Tim 1:11
nothing from the *G* ..... 3 John 7

GENTLE
*g* tongue breaks a bone ... Prov 25:15
I drew them with *g* cords, ... Hos 11:4
from Me, for I am *g* ..... Matt 11:29
But we were *g* among .... 1 Thess 2:7
to be peaceable, *g* ..... Titus 3:2
pure, then peaceable, *g* ... James 3:17
only to the good and *g* ..... 1 Pet 2:18
ornament of a *g* and quiet ... 1 Pet 3:4

GENTLENESS
*g* has made me great ..... Ps 18:35
love and a spirit of *g* ..... 1 Cor 4:21
*g*, self-control ..... Gal 5:23
all lowliness and *g* ..... Eph 4:2
Let your *g* be known to ..... Phil 4:5
love, patience, *g* ..... 1 Tim 6:11

GERAR
Town of Philistia, Gen 10:19
Visited by Abraham, Gen 20:1–18
Visited by Isaac, Gen 26:1–17
Abimelech, king of, Gen 26:1, 26

GERIZIM
*See* MOUNT GERIZIM

GERSHOM (or Gershon)
Son of Moses, Ex 2:21, 22
Circumcised, Ex 4:25
Founder of Levite family, 1 Chr 23:14–16

GESHUR
Inhabitants of, not expelled by Israel, Josh 13:13
Talmai, king of, grandfather of Absalom, 2 Sam 3:3
Absalom flees to, 2 Sam 13:37, 38

GETHSEMANE
Garden near Jerusalem, Matt 26:30, 36
Often visited by Christ, Luke 22:39
Scene of Christ's agony and betrayal, Matt 26:36–56; John 18:1–12

GEZER
Canaanite city, Josh 10:33
Inhabitants not expelled, Josh 16:10
Given as dowry of Pharaoh's daughter, 1 Kin 9:15–17

GHOST
supposed it was a *g* ..... Mark 6:49

GIBEAH
Town of Benjamin; known for wickedness, Judg 19:12–30
Destruction of, Judg 20:1–48
Saul's birthplace, 1 Sam 10:26
Saul's political capital, 1 Sam 15:34
Wickedness of, long remembered, Hos 9:9

GIBEON
Sun stands still at, Josh 10:12
Location of tabernacle, 1 Chr 16:39
Joab struck Amasa at, 2 Sam 20:8–10
Joab killed at, 1 Kin 2:28–34
Site of Solomon's sacrifice and dream, 1 Kin 3:5–15

GIBEONITES
Trick Joshua into making treaty; subjected to forced labor, Josh 9:3–27
Rescued by Joshua, Josh 10
Massacred by Saul; avenged by David, 2 Sam 21:1–9

GIDEON
Called by an angel, Judg 6:11–24
Destroys Baal's altar, Judg 6:25–32
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Miraculous victory over the Midianites, Judg 7
Takes revenge on Succoth and Penuel, Judg 8:4–21
Refuses kingship; makes an ephod, Judg 8:22–28
Fathers 71 sons; dies, Judg 8:29–35

GIFT
*g* makes room for him .... Prov 18:16
A *g* in secret pacifies ..... Prov 21:14
it is the *g* of God ..... Eccl 3:13
Receive the *g* from the ..... Zech 6:10
bring your *g* to the altar .... Matt 5:23
swears by the *g* that is .... Matt 23:18
altar that sanctifes the *g* .. Matt 23:19
is Corban"—(that is, a *g* .. Mark 7:11

"If you knew the *g* ..... John 4:10
the *g* of the Holy Spirit ..... Acts 2:38
thought that the *g* of God ... Acts 8:20
the *g* of the Holy ..... Acts 10:45
same *g* as He gave us ..... Acts 11:17
to you some spiritual *g* ..... Rom 1:11
But the free *g* is not ..... Rom 5:15
of the *g* of righteousness ... Rom 5:17
but the *g* of God is ..... Rom 6:23
each one has his own *g* ..... 1 Cor 7:7
though I have the *g* ..... 1 Cor 13:2
it is the *g* of God ..... Eph 2:8
Not that I seek the *g* ..... Phil 4:17
Do not neglect the *g* ..... 1 Tim 4:14
you to stir up the *g* ..... 2 Tim 1:6
tasted the heavenly *g* ..... Heb 6:4
Every good *g* and every .. James 1:17
one has received a *g* ..... 1 Pet 4:10

## GIFTED

the women who were *g* ..... Ex 35:25
but good-looking, *g* ..... Dan 1:4

## GIFTS

*g* you shall offer ..... Num 18:29
You have received *g* ..... Ps 68:18
and Seba will offer *g* ..... Ps 72:10
though you give many *g* ... Prov 6:35
to one who gives *g* ..... Prov 19:6
how to give good *g* ..... Matt 7:11
rich putting their *g* ..... Luke 21:1
Having then *g* differing .... Rom 12:6
are diversities of *g* ..... 1 Cor 12:4
and desire spiritual *g* ..... 1 Cor 14:1
captive, and gave *g* ..... Eph 4:8

## GIHON

River of Eden, Gen 2:13
—— Spring outside Jerusalem, 1 Kin 1:33–45
Source of water supply, 2 Chr 32:30

## GILBOA

Range of limestone hills in Issachar, 1 Sam 28:4
Scene of Saul's death, 1 Sam 31:1–9
Under David's curse, 2 Sam 1:17, 21

## GILEAD

Plain east of the Jordan; taken from the Amorites and assigned to Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh, Num 21:21–31; 32:33–40; Deut 3:12, 13; Josh 13:24–31
Ishbosheth rules over, 2 Sam 2:8, 9
David takes refuge in, 2 Sam 17:21–26
Conquered by Hazael, 2 Kin 10:32, 33
Balm of, figurative of national healing, Jer 8:22

## GILGAL

Site of memorial stones, circumcision, first Passover in the Promised Land, Josh 4:19—5:12
Site of Gibeonite covenant, Josh 9:3–15
One location on Samuel's circuit, 1 Sam 7:15, 16
Saul made king and later rejected, 1 Sam 11:15; 13:4–15
Denounced for idolatry, Hos 9:15

## GIRD

*G* Your sword upon Your .... Ps 45:3
of wrath You shall *g* ..... Ps 76:10
I will *g* you, though you ..... Is 45:5
and another will *g* ..... John 21:18
Therefore *g* up the ..... 1 Pet 1:13

## GIRDED

a towel and *g* Himself ..... John 13:4
down to the feet and *g* ..... Rev 1:13

## GIRGASHITES

Descendants of Canaan, Gen 10:15, 16
Land of, given to Abraham's descendants, Gen 15:18, 21
Delivered to Israel, Josh 24:11

## GITTITES

600 follow David, 2 Sam 15:18–23

## GIVE

*g* thanks to the LORD ..... 1 Chr 16:8
*g* me wisdom and ..... 2 Chr 1:10
*G* ear to my prayer ..... Ps 17:1
*G* to them according ..... Ps 28:4
*g* you the desires ..... Ps 37:4
Yes, the LORD will *g* ..... Ps 85:12
*G* me understanding ..... Ps 119:34
*g* me your heart ..... Prov 23:26
You will *g* truth to ..... Mic 7:20
*G* to him who asks ..... Matt 5:42
*G* us this day our ..... Matt 6:11
what you have and *g* ..... Matt 19:21
authority I will *g* ..... Luke 4:6
*g* them eternal life ..... John 10:28
new commandment I *g* ... John 13:34
but what I do have I *g* ..... Acts 3:6
*g* us all things ..... Rom 8:32
*G* no offense ..... 1 Cor 10:32
So let each one *g* ..... 2 Cor 9:7
nor *g* place to the devil ..... Eph 4:27
*g* him who has need ..... Eph 4:28
*g* thanks to God ..... 2 Thess 2:13
*g* yourself entirely ..... 1 Tim 4:15
good works, ready to *g* .... 1 Tim 6:18
and always be ready to *g* .. 1 Pet 3:15
They will *g* an account to ... 1 Pet 4:5
I will *g* you the crown of .... Rev 2:10
I will *g* him a white stone, .. Rev 2:17
I will *g* him the morning .... Rev 2:28
"*G* me the little book ..... Rev 10:9
I will *g* of the fountain of ... Rev 21:6
*g* to every one according ... Rev 22:12

## GIVEN

I have *g* every green herb ... Gen 1:30
land which He has *g* you ... Deut 8:10
will tread upon I have *g* ..... Josh 1:3
I had *g* rest to Israel from .. Josh 23:1
see, I have *g* you a wise ... 1 Kin 3:12
He has *g* us rest on ..... 2 Chr 14:7
she was *g* whatever she .... Esth 2:13
You have *g* me wisdom ..... Dan 2:23
Ask and it will be *g* to you .. Matt 7:7
to him more will be *g* ..... Matt 13:12
nor are *g* in marriage ..... Matt 22:30
has, more will be *g* ..... Matt 25:29
to whom much is *g* ..... Luke 12:48
and are *g* in marriage .... Luke 20:34
My body which is *g* for ... Luke 22:19
law was *g* through Moses .. John 1:17
has *g* Him authority to ..... John 5:27
*g* Me I should lose ..... John 6:39
Spirit was not yet *g* ..... John 7:39
have been freely *g* ..... 1 Cor 2:12
*g* us the Spirit in our ..... 2 Cor 1:22
*g* according to the ..... Eph 4:7
utterance may be *g* to me ... Eph 6:19
not *g* to wine ..... 1 Tim 3:3
God has not *g* us a spirit ... 2 Tim 1:7
All Scripture is *g* by ..... 2 Tim 3:16
robe was *g* to each of ..... Rev 6:11

## GIVES

He who *g* to the poor ..... Prov 28:27
For God *g* wisdom and ..... Eccl 2:26
*g* life to the world ..... John 6:33
All that the Father *g* ..... John 6:37
The good shepherd *g* ..... John 10:11
not as the world *g* ..... John 14:27
*g* us richly all things ..... 1 Tim 6:17
who *g* to all liberally ..... James 1:5
*g* grace to the humble ..... James 4:6

## GLAD

*See* BE GLAD AND REJOICE
*g* of heart for the good .... 2 Chr 7:10
I will be *g* and ..... Ps 9:2
my heart is *g* ..... Ps 16:9
Be *g* in the LORD and ..... Ps 32:11
streams shall make *g* ..... Ps 46:4
And wine that makes *g* .... Ps 104:15
I will be *g* in the LORD ..... Ps 104:34
I was *g* when they said ..... Ps 122:1
son makes a *g* father ..... Prov 10:1
We will be *g* and rejoice .... Song 1:4
Be *g* and rejoice with all ... Zeph 3:14
shall see it and be *g* ..... Zech 10:7
and be exceedingly *g* ..... Matt 5:12
bring you these *g* tidings .. Luke 1:19
bringing the *g* tidings of .... Luke 8:1
make merry and be *g* ..... Luke 15:32
he saw it and was *g* ..... John 8:56
Let us be *g* and rejoice ..... Rev 19:7

## GLADNESS

in the day of your *g* ..... Num 10:10
day of feasting and *g* ..... Esth 9:17
You have put *g* in my ..... Ps 4:7
me hear joy and *g* ..... Ps 51:8
Serve the LORD with *g* ..... Ps 100:2
shall obtain joy and *g* ..... Is 35:10
They shall obtain joy and *g* .. Is 51:11
over you with *g* ..... Zeph 3:17
receive it with *g* ..... Mark 4:16
they ate their food with *g* ... Acts 2:46
You with the oil of *g* more ... Heb 1:9

## GLASS

there was a sea of *g* ..... Rev 4:6
like transparent *g* ..... Rev 21:21

## GLORIFIED

the people I must be *g* ..... Lev 10:3
and they *g* the God of ..... Matt 15:31
Jesus was not yet *g* ..... John 7:39
when Jesus was *g* ..... John 12:16
By this My Father is *g* ..... John 15:8
I have *g* You on the ..... John 17:4
*g* His Servant Jesus ..... Acts 3:13
these He also *g* ..... Rom 8:30
things God may be *g* ..... 1 Pet 4:11

## GLORIFY

My altar, and I will *g* ..... Is 60:7
*g* your Father in ..... Matt 5:16
"Father, *g* Your name .... John 12:28
He will *g* Me ..... John 16:14
And now, O Father, *g* ..... John 17:5
what death he would *g* ... John 21:19
God, they did not *g* ..... Rom 1:21
therefore *g* God in ..... 1 Cor 6:20
also Christ did not *g* ..... Heb 5:5
ashamed, but let him *g* .... 1 Pet 4:16

## GLORIOUS

*g* in holiness, fearful in ..... Ex 15:11
daughter is all *g* ..... Ps 45:13
And blessed be His *g* ..... Ps 72:19
*G* things are spoken ..... Ps 87:3
is honorable and *g* ..... Ps 111:3
*g* splendor of Your ..... Ps 145:5
habitation, holy and *g* ..... Is 63:15
also enter the *G* Land ..... Dan 11:41
engraved on stones, was *g* .. 2 Cor 3:7
it to Himself a *g* ..... Eph 5:27
be conformed to His *g* ..... Phil 3:21
*g* appearing of our ..... Titus 2:13

## GLORY

"Please, show me Your *g* ... Ex 33:18
filled with the *g* of the .... Num 14:21
*g* has departed from ..... 1 Sam 4:21
*G* in His holy name ..... 1 Chr 16:10
a shield for me, my *g* ..... Ps 3:3
who have set Your *g* ..... Ps 8:1
Who is this King of *g* ..... Ps 24:8
the place where Your *g* ..... Ps 26:8
Your power and Your *g* ..... Ps 63:2
shall speak of the *g* ..... Ps 145:11
wise shall inherit *g* ..... Prov 3:35
head is a crown of *g*, if ... Prov 16:31
The *g* of young men is .... Prov 20:29
It is the *g* of God to ..... Prov 25:2
"*G* to the righteous ..... Is 24:16
*g* I will not give ..... Is 42:8
*g* will be seen upon ..... Is 60:2

brightness of the LORD's g. . Ezek 10:4
then be likened in g ..... Ezek 31:18
I will set My g among .... Ezek 39:21
I will change their g ..... Hos 4:7
and I will be the g ..... Zech 2:5
He shall bear the g ..... Zech 6:13
that they may have g ..... Matt 6:2
the power and the g ..... Matt 6:13
g was not arrayed ..... Matt 6:29
Man will come in the g ... Matt 16:27
with power and great g ... Matt 24:30
"G to God in the ..... Luke 2:14
and we beheld His g ..... John 1:14
and manifested His g ..... John 2:11
I do not seek My own g .... John 8:50
"Give God the g ..... John 9:24
g which I had with You .... John 17:5
g which You gave Me I ... John 17:22
he did not give g ..... Acts 12:23
doing good seek for g ..... Rom 2:7
in faith, giving g ..... Rom 4:20
the adoption, the g ..... Rom 9:4
the riches of His g ..... Rom 9:23
God, alone wise, be g ..... Rom 16:27
who glories, let him g ..... 1 Cor 1:31
but woman is the g ..... 1 Cor 11:7
of the g that excels ..... 2 Cor 3:10
of the gospel of the g ..... 2 Cor 4:4
eternal weight of g ..... 2 Cor 4:17
who glories, let him g .... 2 Cor 10:17
to His riches in g ..... Phil 4:19
appear with Him in g ..... Col 3:4
For you are our g ..... 1 Thess 2:20
You crowned him with g ..... Heb 2:7
many sons to g ..... Heb 2:10
grass, and all the g ..... 1 Pet 1:24
to whom belong the g ..... 1 Pet 4:11
for the Spirit of g ..... 1 Pet 4:14
To Him be the g and the ... 1 Pet 5:11
the presence of His g ..... Jude 24
O Lord, to receive g ..... Rev 4:11

GLORY OF GOD
The heavens declare the g .... Ps 19:1
unto death, but for the g ... John 11:4
into heaven and saw the g .. Acts 7:55
fall short of the g ..... Rom 3:23
do all to the g ..... 1 Cor 10:31
he is the image and g ..... 1 Cor 11:7
g in the face of Jesus ..... 2 Cor 4:6
with smoke from the g ..... Rev 15:8
having the g. ..... Rev 21:11
for the g illuminated it ..... Rev 21:23

GLORY OF THE LORD
g appeared in the cloud ..... Ex 16:10
g rested on Mount Sinai, .... Ex 24:16
g filled the tabernacle ..... Ex 40:34
the g will appear to you ..... Lev 9:6
g appeared in the ..... Num 14:10
the g appeared to all ..... Num 16:19
and the g appeared ..... Num 16:42
the g appeared to them .... Num 20:6
the g filled the house ..... 1 Kin 8:11
the g filled the temple ..... 2 Chr 7:1
May the g endure forever .. Ps 104:31
They shall see the g ..... Is 35:2
the g shall be revealed, ..... Is 40:5
the g is risen upon you ..... Is 60:1
of the likeness of the g ..... Ezek 1:28
behold, the g stood there ... Ezek 3:23
the g went up ..... Ezek 10:4
the g came into the ..... Ezek 43:4
g filled the house of the .... Ezek 44:4
the knowledge of the g ..... Hab 2:14
the g shone around them, ... Luke 2:9
as in a mirror the g, ..... 2 Cor 3:18
by us to the g ..... 2 Cor 8:19

GLORYING
Your g is not good ..... 1 Cor 5:6

GLUTTON
g will come to poverty .... Prov 23:21
you say, 'Look, a g ..... Luke 7:34

GLUTTONS
companion of g shames .... Prov 28:7
evil beasts, lazy g ..... Titus 1:12

GNASHING
will be weeping and g ..... Matt 8:12

GO
He said, "Let Me g ..... Gen 32:26
'Let My people g ..... Ex 5:1
Presence does not g ..... Ex 33:15
for wherever you g ..... Ruth 1:16
"Look, I g forward ..... Job 23:8
For I used to g with the ..... Ps 42:4
g astray as soon as ..... Ps 58:3
I will g in the strength of .... Ps 71:16
Those who g down to ..... Ps 107:23
Where can I g from ..... Ps 139:7
G to the ant ..... Prov 6:6
All g to one place ..... Eccl 3:20
of mourning than to g ..... Eccl 7:2
out of Zion shall g forth ..... Is 2:3
You wherever You g ..... Matt 8:19
do not g out ..... Matt 24:26
He said to them, "G ..... Mark 16:15
And I say to one, 'G ..... Luke 7:8
also want to g away ..... John 6:67
to whom shall we g ..... John 6:68
g you cannot come ..... John 8:21
I g to prepare a place ..... John 14:2
will do, because I g ..... John 14:12
seek Me, let these g ..... John 18:8
and he shall g out no more .. Rev 3:12

GOADS
of the wise are like g ..... Eccl 12:11
to kick against the g ..... Acts 9:5

GOAL
I press toward the g ..... Phil 3:14

GOATS
drink the blood of g ..... Ps 50:13
his sheep from the g ..... Matt 25:32
with the blood of g ..... Heb 9:12
g could take away ..... Heb 10:4

GOD
*See* ANGEL OF GOD; GLORY OF GOD; HAND OF GOD; HOUSE OF GOD; KINGDOM OF GOD; LORD GOD OF HOSTS; LORD GOD OF ISRAEL; LOVE OF GOD; LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD; MAN OF GOD; PEOPLE OF GOD; POWER OF GOD; RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD; SON OF GOD; SONS OF GOD; SPIRIT OF GOD; THINGS OF GOD; THRONE OF GOD; WILL OF GOD; WORD OF GOD; WRATH OF GOD
Names of:
God, Gen 1:1
LORD God, Gen 2:4
God Most High, Gen 14:18–22
Lord GOD, Gen 15:2, 8
Almighty God, Gen 17:1, 2
I AM, Ex 3:14
Jealous, Ex 34:14
Eternal God, Deut 33:27
Living God, Josh 3:10
God of hosts, Ps 80:7
LORD of hosts, Is 1:24
Holy One of Israel, Is 43:3, 14, 15
Mighty God, Jer 32:18
God of heaven, Jon 1:9
Heavenly Father, Matt 6:26
King eternal, 1 Tim 1:17
only Potentate, 1 Tim 6:15
Father of lights, James 1:17
Manifestations of:
face of, Gen 32:30
voice of, Deut 5:22–26
glory of, Ex 40:34, 35
Angel of, Gen 16:7–13
name of, Ex 34:5–7
form of, Num 12:6–8
Nature of:
spirit, John 4:24
one, Deut 6:4
personal, John 17:1–3
trinitarian, 2 Cor 13:14
Attributes of:
incomparable, 2 Sam 7:22
invisible, John 1:18
inscrutable, Is 40:28
unchangeable, Num 23:19
unequaled, Is 40:13–25
unsearchable, Rom 11:33, 34
infinite, 1 King 8:27
eternal, Is 57:15
omnipotent, Jer 32:17, 27
omnipresent, Ps 139:7–12
omniscient, 1 John 3:20
foreknowing, Is 48:3, 5
wise, Acts 15:18
holy, Rev 4:8
impartial, 1 Pet 1:17
just, Ps 89:14
longsuffering, Ex 34:6, 7
love, 1 John 4:8, 16
mercy, Lam 3:22, 23
truth, Ps 117:2
vengeance, Deut 32:34–41
wrath, Deut 32:22

G created the heavens ..... Gen 1:1
Abram of G Most High .... Gen 14:19
and I will be their G ..... Gen 17:8
hands of the Mighty G .... Gen 49:24
the G of Abraham ..... Ex 3:6
He is my G ..... Ex 15:2
Stand before G for the ..... Ex 18:19
"I am the LORD your G ..... Ex 20:2
"This is your g ..... Ex 32:4
G is not a man ..... Num 23:19
G is a consuming fire ..... Deut 4:24
great and awesome G ..... Deut 7:21
my people, and your G .... Ruth 1:16
know that there is a G ... 1 Sam 17:46
a rock, except our G ..... 2 Sam 22:32
If the LORD is G ..... 1 Kin 18:21
G is greater than all ..... 2 Chr 2:5
G is greater than ..... Job 33:12
"Behold, G is mighty ..... Job 36:5
"Behold, G is great ..... Job 36:26
You have been My G ..... Ps 22:10
"Where is your G ..... Ps 42:3
G is our refuge ..... Ps 46:1
G is in the midst of ..... Ps 46:5
G is the King of all ..... Ps 47:7
The Mighty One, G ..... Ps 50:1
I am G, your G ..... Ps 50:7
me a clean heart, O G ..... Ps 51:10
Our G is the G ..... Ps 68:20
Who is so great a G ..... Ps 77:13
Restore us, O G ..... Ps 80:7
You alone are G ..... Ps 86:10
Exalt the LORD our G ..... Ps 99:9
Yes, our G is merciful ..... Ps 116:5
give thanks to the G ..... Ps 136:26
For G is in heaven ..... Eccl 5:2
Counselor, Mighty G ..... Is 9:6
G is my salvation ..... Is 12:2
Behold, this is our G ..... Is 25:9
"Behold your G ..... Is 40:9
Is there a G besides ..... Is 44:8
to Zion, "Your G ..... Is 52:7
stricken, smitten by G ..... Is 53:4
and I will be their G ..... Jer 31:33
and I saw visions of G ..... Ezek 1:1
Who is a G like You ..... Mic 7:18
translated, "G with us." .... Matt 1:23
in G my Savior ..... Luke 1:47
the Word was with G ..... John 1:1
enter the kingdom of G ..... John 3:5
For G so loved the ..... John 3:16
has certified that G ..... John 3:33
G is Spirit, and those ..... John 4:24

"My Lord and my *G* ..... John 20:28
Christ is the Son of *G* ..... Acts 8:37
To the Unknown *G* ..... Acts 17:23
Indeed, let *G* be true ..... Rom 3:4
If *G* is for us ..... Rom 8:31
*G* is faithful ..... 1 Cor 1:9
us there is one *G* ..... 1 Cor 8:6
*G* shall supply all ..... Phil 4:19
and I will be their *G* ..... Heb 8:10
*G* is a consuming fire ..... Heb 12:29
*G* is greater than our ..... 1 John 3:20
for *G* is love ..... 1 John 4:8
No one has seen *G* ..... 1 John 4:12
in the temple of My *G* ..... Rev 3:12
gave glory to the *G* ..... Rev 11:13
*G* Himself will be ..... Rev 21:3
and I will be his *G* ..... Rev 21:7

GOD THE FATHER
*G* has set His seal on Him .. John 6:27
the kingdom to *G* ..... 1 Cor 15:24
through Jesus Christ and *G* ... Gal 1:1
*G* and our Lord Jesus Christ .. Gal 1:3
for all things to *G* ..... Eph 5:20
love with faith, from *G* ..... Eph 6:23
to the glory of *G* ..... Phil 2:11
giving thanks to *G* ..... Col 3:17
in *G* and the Lord Jesus .. 1 Thess 1:1
mercy, and peace from *G* ... 2 Tim 1:2
mercy, and peace from *G* ... Titus 1:4
the foreknowledge of *G* ..... 1 Pet 1:2
For He received from *G* .... 2 Pet 1:17
*G* and from the Lord Jesus .. 2 John 3
sanctified by *G*, and ..... Jude 1

GODDESS
after Ashtoreth the *g* ..... 1 Kin 11:5
of the great *g* Diana ..... Acts 19:35

GODHEAD
eternal power and *G* ..... Rom 1:20
the fullness of the *G* ..... Col 2:9

GODLINESS
is the mystery of *g* ..... 1 Tim 3:16
*g* is profitable ..... 1 Tim 4:8
Now *g* with contentment ... 1 Tim 6:6
having a form of *g* ..... 2 Tim 3:5
pertain to life and *g* ..... 2 Pet 1:3
to perseverance *g* ..... 2 Pet 1:6

GODLY
Himself him who is *g* ..... Ps 4:3
everyone who is *g* ..... Ps 32:6
who desire to live *g* ..... 2 Tim 3:12
righteously, and *g* ..... Titus 2:12
reverence and *g* fear ..... Heb 12:28
to deliver the *g* ..... 2 Pet 2:9

GODS
*See* FOREIGN GODS
your God is God of *g* ..... Deut 10:17
the household *g* ..... 2 Kin 23:24
He judges among the *g* ..... Ps 82:1
I said, "You are *g* ..... Ps 82:6
yourselves with *g* ..... Is 57:5
If He called them *g* ..... John 10:35
*g* have come down to ..... Acts 14:11

GOG
Prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, Ezek 38:2, 3
—— Leader of the final battle, Rev 20:8–15

GOLAN
City of refuge, Josh 20:8, 21:27

GOLD
And the *g* of that land ..... Gen 2:12
a mercy seat of pure *g* ..... Ex 25:17
multiply silver and *g* ..... Deut 17:17
"If I have made *g* ..... Job 31:24
yea, than much fine *g* ..... Ps 19:10
is like apples of *g* ..... Prov 25:11
is Mine, and the *g* ..... Hag 2:8
*g* I do not have ..... Acts 3:6
with braided hair or *g* ..... 1 Tim 2:9
a man with *g* rings ..... James 2:2
Your *g* and silver are ..... James 5:3
more precious than *g* ..... 1 Pet 1:7
like silver or *g* ..... 1 Pet 1:18
of the city was pure *g* ..... Rev 21:21

GOLDEN
*g* bell and a pomegranate ... Ex 28:34
*g* tumors and five *g* rats .... 1 Sam 6:4
from the *g* calves that .... 2 Kin 10:29
or the *g* bowl is broken, or .. Eccl 12:6
the seven *g* lampstands ..... Rev 1:20
and *g* bowls full of incense, .. Rev 5:8
*g* altar which is before ..... Rev 9:13
having in her hand a *g* cup .. Rev 17:4

GOLGOTHA
Where Jesus died, Matt 27:33–35

GOLIATH
Giant of Gath, 1 Sam 17:4
Killed by David, 1 Sam 17:50
—— Brother of above; killed by Elhanan, 2 Sam 21:19

GOMER
Son of Japheth, Gen 10:2, 3; 1 Chr 1:5, 6
Northern nation, Ezek 38:6
—— Wife of Hosea, Hos 1:2, 3

GOMORRAH
*See* SODOM AND GOMORRAH
With Sodom, defeated by Chedorlaomer; Lot captured, Gen 14:8–12
Destroyed by God, Gen 19:23–29
Later references to, Is 1:10; Amos 4:11; Matt 10:15

GONE
I am *g* like a shadow ..... Ps 109:23
I have *g* astray like a ..... Ps 119:176
the word has *g* out of ..... Is 45:23
like sheep have *g* ..... Is 53:6

GOOD
*See* BE OF GOOD CHEER; LORD IS GOOD
God saw that it was *g* ..... Gen 1:10
but God meant it for *g* ..... Gen 50:20
LORD has promised *g* ..... Num 10:29
you have spoken is *g* ..... 2 Kin 20:19
seeking the *g* of his ..... Esth 10:3
Shall we indeed accept *g* .... Job 2:10
"Who will show us any *g* ..... Ps 4:6
is none who does *g* ..... Ps 14:1
*G* and upright is the ..... Ps 25:8
that he may see *g* ..... Ps 34:12
Truly God is *g* to ..... Ps 73:1
*g* man deals graciously ..... Ps 112:5
Your Spirit is *g* ..... Ps 143:10
*g* man obtains favor ..... Prov 12:2
*g* word makes it glad ..... Prov 12:25
on the evil and the *g* ..... Prov 15:3
A merry heart does *g* ..... Prov 17:22
who knows what is *g* ..... Eccl 6:12
learn to do *g* ..... Is 1:17
Zion, you who bring *g* ..... Is 40:9
tidings of *g* things ..... Is 52:7
talked to me, with *g* ..... Zech 1:13
said, "Be of *g* cheer ..... Matt 9:22
A *g* man out of the ..... Matt 12:35
"*G* Teacher, what *g* ..... Matt 19:16
No one is *g* but One ..... Matt 19:17
For she has done a *g* ..... Matt 26:10
behold, I bring you *g* ..... Luke 2:10
love your enemies, do *g* .... Luke 6:35
"Can anything *g* come ..... John 1:46
Some said, "He is *g* ..... John 7:12
who went about doing *g* .. Acts 10:38
For he was a *g* man ..... Acts 11:24
in that He did *g* ..... Acts 14:17
*g* man someone would ..... Rom 5:7
in my flesh) nothing *g* ..... Rom 7:18
overcome evil with *g* ..... Rom 12:21
according to the *g* pleasure .. Eph 1:5
fruitful in every *g* ..... Col 1:10
know that the law is *g* ..... 1 Tim 1:8
may wage the *g* warfare .. 1 Tim 1:18
For this is *g* and ..... 1 Tim 2:3
bishop, he desires a *g* ..... 1 Tim 3:1
for this is *g* and ..... 1 Tim 5:4
a *g* soldier of Jesus Christ .. 2 Tim 2:3
prepared for every *g* ..... 2 Tim 2:21
I have fought the *g* fight .... 2 Tim 4:7
and have tasted the *g* ..... Heb 6:5
obtained a *g* testimony ..... Heb 11:2
Every *g* gift and every .... James 1:17
*g* days, let him refrain ..... 1 Pet 3:10
to suffer for doing *g* ..... 1 Pet 3:17
*g* stewards of the ..... 1 Pet 4:10

GOOD WORKS
that they may see your *g* ... Matt 5:16
"Many *g* I have shown .... John 10:32
woman was full of *g* ..... Acts 9:36
in Christ Jesus for *g*, ..... Eph 2:10
godliness, with *g* ..... 1 Tim 2:10
well reported for *g*; ..... 1 Tim 5:10
*g* of some are clearly, ..... 1 Tim 5:25
that they be rich in *g* ..... 1 Tim 6:18
to be a pattern of *g* ..... Titus 2:7
stir up love and *g* ..... Heb 10:24
by your *g* which they ..... 1 Pet 2:12

GOODNESS
"I will make all My *g* ..... Ex 33:19
and abounding in *g* ..... Ex 34:6
"You are my Lord, my *g* ..... Ps 16:2
Surely *g* and mercy ..... Ps 23:6
that I would see the *g* ..... Ps 27:13
how great is Your *g* ..... Ps 31:19
The *g* of God endures ..... Ps 52:1
how great is its *g* ..... Zech 9:17
the riches of His *g* ..... Rom 2:4
consider the *g* and ..... Rom 11:22
kindness, *g* ..... Gal 5:22

GOODS
When *g* increase ..... Eccl 5:11
and plunder his *g* ..... Matt 12:29
ruler over all his *g* ..... Matt 24:47
"Soul, you have many *g* .. Luke 12:19
man was wasting his *g* .... Luke 16:1
I give half of my *g* ..... Luke 19:8
has this world's *g* ..... 1 John 3:17

GOSHEN
District of Egypt where Israel lived; the best of the land, Gen 45:10; 46:28, 29; 47:1–11

GOSPEL
*See* PREACH THE GOSPEL
The beginning of the *g* ..... Mark 1:1
and believe in the *g* ..... Mark 1:15
*g* must first be preached .. Mark 13:10
to testify to the *g* ..... Acts 20:24
separated to the *g* ..... Rom 1:1
not ashamed of the *g* ..... Rom 1:16
should live from the *g* ..... 1 Cor 9:14
if our *g* is veiled ..... 2 Cor 4:3
to a different *g* ..... Gal 1:6
of truth, the *g* ..... Eph 1:13
the mystery of the *g* ..... Eph 6:19
*g* which you heard ..... Col 1:23
the everlasting *g* ..... Rev 14:6

GOSSIPS
only idle but also *g* ..... 1 Tim 5:13

GOVERNMENT
and the *g* will be upon ..... Is 9:6

GRACE
But Noah found *g* ..... Gen 6:8
*G* is poured upon Your ..... Ps 45:2
The LORD will give *g* ..... Ps 84:11
the Spirit of *g* ..... Zech 12:10
and the *g* of God was ..... Luke 2:40
*g* and truth came ..... John 1:17
And great *g* was upon ..... Acts 4:33
*G* to you and peace ..... Rom 1:7

receive abundance of *g* ....Rom 5:17
*g* is no longer *g* .....Rom 11:6
The *g* of our Lord .....Rom 16:20
For you know the *g* .....2 Cor 8:9
"My *g* is sufficient .....2 Cor 12:9
The *g* of the Lord .....2 Cor 13:14
you have fallen from *g* .....Gal 5:4
to the riches of His *g* .....Eph 1:7
*g* you have been saved .....Eph 2:8
dispensation of the *g* .....Eph 3:2
*g* was given according .....Eph 4:7
*G* be with all those .....Eph 6:24
*G* to you and peace .....1 Thess 1:1
according to the *g* of ....2 Thess 1:12
and good hope by *g* .....2 Thess 2:16
be strong in the *g* that is ...2 Tim 2:1
the *g* of God that brings ...Titus 2:11
been justified by His *g* we ...Titus 3:7
*G* be with you all .....Titus 3:15
insulted the Spirit of *g* .....Heb 10:29
shaken, let us have *g* .....Heb 12:28
But He gives more *g* .....James 4:6
who prophesied of the *g* ...1 Pet 1:10
together of the *g* of life .....1 Pet 3:7
this is the true *g* .....1 Pet 5:12
but grow in the *g* .....2 Pet 3:18

GRACIOUS
he said, "God be *g* .....Gen 43:29
I will be *g* to whom I .....Ex 33:19
then He is *g* to him .....Job 33:24
wise man's mouth are *g* ...Eccl 10:12
of hosts will be *g* .....Amos 5:15
know that You are a *g* .....Jon 4:2
that He may be *g* .....Mal 1:9
at the *g* words which .....Luke 4:22
that the Lord is *g* .....1 Pet 2:3

GRACIOUSLY
God has dealt *g* with me ...Gen 33:11
A good man deals *g* and ....Ps 112:5
receive us *g*, for we will ....Hos 14:2

GRAFT
able to *g* them in again ...Rom 11:23

GRAFTED
in unbelief, will be *g* .....Rom 11:23

GRAIN
Israel went to buy *g* .....Gen 42:5
it treads out the *g* .....Deut 25:4
You provide their *g* .....Ps 65:9
be an abundance of *g* .....Ps 72:16
him who withholds *g* .....Prov 11:26
be revived like *g* .....Hos 14:7
*G* shall make the young ....Zech 9:17
to pluck heads of *g* .....Matt 12:1
unless a *g* of wheat .....John 12:24
it treads out the *g* .....1 Cor 9:9

GRAINFIELDS
the *g* on the Sabbath .....Matt 12:1
He went through the *g* .....Luke 6:1

GRANT
and *g* us Your salvation .....Ps 85:7
*G* that these two .....Matt 20:21
who overcomes I will *g* .....Rev 3:21

GRANTED
has *g* me my petition .....1 Sam 1:27
It shall be *g* you .....Esth 5:6
he *g* the body to Joseph ..Mark 15:45
*g* to him by My Father .....John 6:65
it was *g* to harm the earth ....Rev 7:2
He was *g* power to give ....Rev 13:15

GRAPEVINE
olives, or a *g* bear figs ....James 3:12

GRAPES
in the blood of *g* .....Gen 49:11
their *g* are *g* of gall .....Deut 32:32
*g* give a good smell .....Song 2:13
vines have tender *g* .....Song 2:15
brought forth wild *g* .....Is 5:2
Yet gleaning *g* will be .....Is 17:6
No *g* shall be on the vine ....Jer 8:13
have eaten sour *g* .....Ezek 18:2
Do men gather *g* .....Matt 7:16
*g* are fully ripe .....Rev 14:18

GRASPING
all is vanity and *g* .....Eccl 1:14

GRASS
they were as the *g* .....2 Kin 19:26
offspring like the *g* .....Job 5:25
*g* which grows up .....Ps 90:5
his days are like *g* .....Ps 103:15
The *g* withers .....Is 40:7
so clothes the *g* .....Matt 6:30
to sit down on the *g* .....Matt 14:19
"All flesh is as *g* .....1 Pet 1:24

GRASSHOPPERS
inhabitants are like *g* .....Is 40:22
generals like great *g* .....Nah 3:17

GRAVE
*g* does not come .....Job 7:9
for the *g* as my house .....Job 17:13
my soul up from the *g* .....Ps 30:3
the power of the *g* .....Ps 49:15
or wisdom in the *g* .....Eccl 9:10
And they made His *g* .....Is 53:9
the power of the *g* .....Hos 13:14

GRAVES
there were no *g* .....Ex 14:11
and the *g* were opened ....Matt 27:52
*g* which are not .....Luke 11:44
*g* will hear His voice .....John 5:28

GRAY
would bring down my *g* ...Gen 42:38
the man of *g* hairs .....Deut 32:25
of old men is their *g* .....Prov 20:29

GRAZE
cow and bear shall *g* .....Is 11:7
let him *g* with the beasts ....Dan 4:15

GREAT
God made two *g* lights .....Gen 1:16
and make your name *g* .....Gen 12:2
With *g* wrestlings I have ....Gen 30:8
there was a *g* cry in Egypt ..Ex 12:30
have committed a *g* sin .....Ex 32:30
shall shout with a *g* shout ...Josh 6:5
were *g* resolves of heart ....Judg 5:15
He has done us this *g* .....1 Sam 6:9
For the LORD is *g* .....1 Chr 16:25
I build will be *g* .....2 Chr 2:5
"The work is *g* .....Neh 4:19
Who does *g* things .....Job 5:9
*G* men are not always .....Job 32:9
in the *g* assembly .....Ps 22:25
*g* are Your works .....Ps 92:5
my God, You are very *g* .....Ps 104:1
"The LORD has done *g*.....Ps 126:2
*g* is the sum of them .....Ps 139:17
in the place of the *g* .....Prov 25:6
*g* is the Holy One .....Is 12:6
And do you seek *g* .....Jer 45:5
*g* is Your faithfulness .....Lam 3:23
The *g* day of the LORD .....Zeph 1:14
he shall be called *g* .....Matt 5:19
one pearl of *g* price .....Matt 13:46
desires to become *g* .....Matt 20:26
and *g* commandment .....Matt 22:38
a *g* windstorm arose, and ..Mark 4:37
*g* multitude followed .....Mark 5:24
he had *g* possessions .....Mark 10:22
She was of a *g* age, and ...Luke 2:36
*g* drops of blood .....Luke 22:44
before the coming of the *g* ..Acts 2:20
did *g* wonders and signs .....Acts 6:8
that he was someone *g* .....Acts 8:9
"*G* is Diana of the .....Acts 19:28
that I have *g* sorrow .....Rom 9:2
a *g* and effective door .....1 Cor 16:9
because of His *g* love with ...Eph 2:4
This is a *g* mystery, but I ...Eph 5:32
without controversy *g* .....1 Tim 3:16
with contentment is *g* .....1 Tim 6:6
But in a *g* house .....2 Tim 2:20
appearing of our *g* .....Titus 2:13
See how *g* a forest .....James 3:5
*g* men, the rich men .....Rev 6:15
Babylon the *G* .....Rev 17:5
Then I saw a *g* white .....Rev 20:11
the dead, small and *g* .....Rev 20:12

GREATER
the throne will I be *g* .....Gen 41:40
*g* than all the gods .....Ex 18:11
whose appearance was *g* ...Dan 7:20
kingdom of heaven is *g* ...Matt 11:11
place there is One *g* .....Matt 12:6
*g* than Jonah is here .....Matt 12:41
*g* than Solomon is here ...Matt 12:42
*g* things than these .....John 1:50
*g* than our father .....John 4:12
a servant is not *g* .....John 13:16
*G* love has no one .....John 15:13
'A servant is not *g* .....John 15:20
parts have *g* modesty ....1 Cor 12:23
he who prophesies is *g* ....1 Cor 14:5
swear by no one *g* .....Heb 6:13
condemns us, God is *g* ...1 John 3:20
witness of God is *g* .....1 John 5:9

GREATEST
little child is the *g* .....Matt 18:4
be considered the *g* .....Luke 22:24
but the *g* of these is .....1 Cor 13:13

GREATNESS
And in the *g* of Your .....Ex 15:7
According to the *g* .....Ps 79:11
*g* is unsearchable .....Ps 145:3
I will declare Your *g* .....Ps 145:6
I have attained *g* .....Eccl 1:16
traveling in the *g* .....Is 63:1
is the exceeding *g* .....Eph 1:19

GREECE
Paul preaches in, Acts 17:16–31
Daniel's vision of, Dan 8:21

GREED
part is full of *g* .....Luke 11:39

GREEDINESS
all uncleanness with *g* .....Eph 4:19
the faith in their *g* .....1 Tim 6:10

GREEDY
of everyone who is *g* .....Prov 1:19
not violent, not *g* .....1 Tim 3:3
not violent, not *g* .....Titus 1:7

GREEK
written in Hebrew, *G* .....John 19:20
and also for the *G* .....Rom 1:16
with me, being a *G* .....Gal 2:3
is neither Jew nor *G* .....Gal 3:28

GREEKS
Natives of Greece, Joel 3:6; Acts 16:1
Spiritual state of, Rom 10:12
Some believe, Acts 14:1

GREEN
and under every *g* tree ...2 Kin 17:10
lie down in *g* pastures .....Ps 23:2

GREET
*g* your brethren only .....Matt 5:47
*G* one another with a .....1 Cor 16:20
into your house nor *g* .....2 John 10
*G* the friends by name .....3 John 14

GREETED
and *g* Elizabeth .....Luke 1:40

GREW
Pharaoh's heart *g* hard .....Ex 7:13
Samuel *g* before the .....1 Sam 2:21
and you *g*, matured, and ...Ezek 16:7
*g* exceedingly great toward ..Dan 8:9
and the thorns *g* up and ....Mark 4:7
And the Child *g* .....Luke 2:40

But the word of God *g* .... Acts 12:24
the word of the Lord *g* .... Acts 19:20

GRIEF
burden and his own *g* ..... 2 Chr 6:29
*g* were fully weighed ..... Job 6:2
Though I speak, my *g* ..... Job 16:6
observe trouble and *g* ..... Ps 10:14
of mirth may be *g* ..... Prov 14:13
much wisdom is much *g* .... Eccl 1:18
and acquainted with *g* ..... Is 53:3
joy and not with *g* ..... Heb 13:17

GRIEVE
*g* the children of men ..... Lam 3:33
*g* the Holy Spirit ..... Eph 4:30

GRIEVED
earth, and He was *g* ..... Gen 6:6
Has not my soul *g* ..... Job 30:25
forty years I was *g* ..... Ps 95:10
a woman forsaken and *g* ..... Is 54:6
*g* His Holy Spirit ..... Is 63:10
with anger, being *g* ..... Mark 3:5
Peter was *g* because ..... John 21:17

GRINDERS
when the *g* cease ..... Eccl 12:3

GRINDING
the sound of *g* is low ..... Eccl 12:4
*g* the faces of the poor ..... Is 3:15
Two women will be *g* ..... Matt 24:41

GROAN
The dying *g* in the ..... Job 24:12
even we ourselves *g* ..... Rom 8:23
who are in this tent *g* ..... 2 Cor 5:4

GROANED
He *g* in the spirit and ..... John 11:33

GROANING
So God heard their *g* ..... Ex 2:24
I am weary with my *g* ..... Ps 6:6
Then Jesus, again *g* ..... John 11:38

GROANINGS
*g* which cannot ..... Rom 8:26

GROPE
And you shall *g* ..... Deut 28:29
They *g* in the dark ..... Job 12:25
We *g* for the wall like ..... Is 59:10
hope that they might *g* .... Acts 17:27

GROUND
"Cursed is the *g* ..... Gen 3:17
you stand is holy *g* ..... Ex 3:5
up your fallow *g* ..... Jer 4:3
give its fruit, the *g* ..... Zech 8:12
others fell on good *g* ..... Matt 13:8
bought a piece of *g* ..... Luke 14:18
God, the pillar and *g* ..... 1 Tim 3:15

GROUNDED
being rooted and *g* ..... Eph 3:17

GROUPS
sit down in *g* of fifty ..... Luke 9:14

GROW
they will all *g* old like ..... Ps 102:26
the horn of David *g* ..... Ps 132:17
the earth will *g* old like ..... Is 51:6
you shall go out and *g* ..... Mal 4:2
truth in love, may *g* ..... Eph 4:15
and they will all *g* ..... Heb 1:11
but *g* in the grace and ..... 2 Pet 3:18

GROWN
plants *g* up in their youth .. Ps 144:12
They have *g* fat, they are .... Jer 5:28
this people have *g* dull .... Matt 13:15
this people have *g* dull .... Acts 28:27

GROWS
shall eat every tree which *g* .. Ex 10:5
what *g* of its own accord ... Lev 25:11
It *g* old because of all my ..... Ps 6:7
when it is sown, it *g* up .... Mark 4:32
*g* into a holy temple in the .. Eph 2:21
your faith *g* exceedingly .. 2 Thess 1:3

GROWTH
causes *g* of the body for .... Eph 4:16

GRUDGINGLY
in his heart, not *g* ..... 2 Cor 9:7

GRUMBLERS
These are *g* ..... Jude 16

GUARANTEE
in our hearts as a *g* ..... 2 Cor 1:22
us the Spirit as a *g* ..... 2 Cor 5:5
who is the *g* of our ..... Eph 1:14

GUARD
*g* the way to the tree ..... Gen 3:24
I will *g* my ways, lest I sin .... Ps 39:1
will be your rear *g* ..... Is 52:12
*g* the doors of your ..... Mic 7:5
we were kept under *g* ..... Gal 3:23
to the whole palace *g* ..... Phil 1:13
*g* your hearts and minds ..... Phil 4:7
*g* you from the evil one ... 2 Thess 3:3
*G* what was committed .... 1 Tim 6:20

GUARDIANS
but is under *g* and ..... Gal 4:2

GUARDS
Unless the LORD *g* ..... Ps 127:1
And the *g* shook for ..... Matt 28:4

GUIDANCE
and excellent in *g* ..... Is 28:29

GUIDE
I will *g* you with My eye ..... Ps 32:8
He will be our *g* ..... Ps 48:14
Father, You are the *g* ..... Jer 3:4
*g* our feet into the ..... Luke 1:79
has come, He will *g* ..... John 16:13
Judas, who became a *g* ..... Acts 1:16
you yourself are a *g* ..... Rom 2:19

GUIDES
Woe to you, blind *g* ..... Matt 23:16
unless someone *g* ..... Acts 8:31

GUILT
they accept their *g* ..... Lev 26:41
*g* has grown up to the ..... Ezra 9:6
of your fathers' *g* ..... Matt 23:32

GUILTLESS
*g* who takes His name ..... Ex 20:7
have condemned the *g* ..... Matt 12:7

GUILTY
"We are truly *g* ..... Gen 42:21
we have been very *g* ..... Ezra 9:7
the world may become *g* ... Rom 3:19
in one point, he is *g* ..... James 2:10

GULF
you there is a great *g* ..... Luke 16:26

HABAKKUK
Prophet in Judah just prior to Babylonian invasion, Hab 1:1
Prayer of, in praise of God, Hab 3:1–19

HABITATION
to Your holy *h* ..... Ex 15:13
Is God in His holy *h* ..... Ps 68:5
in a peaceful *h* ..... Is 32:18
from His holy *h* ..... Zech 2:13
be clothed with our *h* ..... 2 Cor 5:2

HACHILAH
Hill in the Wilderness of Ziph where David hid, 1 Sam 23:19–26

HADADEZER
King of Zobah, 2 Sam 8:3–13
Defeated by David, 2 Sam 10:6–19

HADASSAH
Esther's Jewish name, Esth 2:7

HADES
be brought down to *H* .... Matt 11:23
*H* shall not prevail ..... Matt 16:18
being in torments in *H* .... Luke 16:23
not leave my soul in *H* ..... Acts 2:27
I have the keys of *H* ..... Rev 1:18
*H* were cast into the ..... Rev 20:14

HAGAR
Sarah's servant; bears Ishmael to Abraham, Gen 16
Abraham sends her away; God comforts her, Gen 21:9–21
Paul explains symbolic meaning of, Gal 4:22–31

HAGGAI
Postexilic prophet; contemporary of Zechariah, Ezra 5:1, 2; 6:14; Hag 1:1

HAGGITH
One of David's wives, 2 Sam 3:4
Mother of Adonijah, 1 Kin 1:5

HAIL
cause very heavy *h* ..... Ex 9:18
seen the treasury of *h* ..... Job 38:22
He casts out His *h* ..... Ps 147:17
*h* will sweep away the ..... Is 28:17
of the plague of the *h* ..... Rev 16:21

HAILSTONES
clouds passed with *h* ..... Ps 18:12

HAIR
bring down my gray *h* ..... Gen 42:38
shaved his consecrated *h* .. Num 6:19
*h* of his head began to .... Judg 16:22
he cut the *h* of his ..... 2 Sam 14:26
the *h* on my body stood ..... Job 4:15
Your *h* is like a flock ..... Song 4:1
*h* had grown like eagles' .... Dan 4:33
you cannot make one *h* .... Matt 5:36
clothed with camel's *h* ..... Mark 1:6
But not a *h* of your ..... Luke 21:18
wiped His feet with her *h* .. John 11:2
He had his *h* cut off at .... Acts 18:18
since not a *h* will fall ..... Acts 27:34
if a woman has long *h* .... 1 Cor 11:15
not with braided *h* ..... 1 Tim 2:9
arranging the *h* ..... 1 Pet 3:3
*h* were white like wool, ..... Rev 1:14
black as sackcloth of *h*, ..... Rev 6:12
*h* like women's *h* ..... Rev 9:8

HAIRS
are more than the *h* ..... Ps 40:12
*h* I will carry you ..... Is 46:4
yes, gray *h* are here ..... Hos 7:9
But the very *h* ..... Matt 10:30

HAIRY
*h* garment all over ..... Gen 25:25
A *h* man wearing a leather .. 2 Kin 1:8

HAKKOZ
Descendant of Aaron, 1 Chr 24:1, 10
Called Koz, Ezra 2:61, 62
Descendants of, kept from priesthood, Neh 7:63, 64

HALF
*h* of it in the morning and ... Lev 6:20
*h* the tribe of Manasseh .... Josh 22:9
*h* of the people followed .. 1 Kin 16:21
up to *h* the kingdom ..... Esth 5:6
you, up to *h* my kingdom .. Mark 6:23
I give *h* of my goods to .... Luke 19:8
*h* a time, from the ..... Rev 12:14

HALLOW
hosts, Him you shall *h* ..... Is 8:13
*h* the Holy One of ..... Is 29:23
*h* the Sabbath day ..... Jer 17:24

HALLOWED
the Sabbath day and *h* ..... Ex 20:11
but I will be *h* ..... Lev 22:32
who is holy shall be *h* ..... Is 5:16

heaven, *h* be Your name ....Matt 6:9

HAM
Noah's youngest son, Gen 5:32
Enters ark, Gen 7:7
His immoral behavior merits Noah's curse, Gen 9:22–25
Father of descendants of repopulated earth, Gen 10:6–20

HAMAN
Plots to destroy Jews, Esth 3:3–15
Invited to Esther's banquet, Esth 5:1–14
Forced to honor Mordecai, Esth 6:5–14
Hanged on his own gallows, Esth 7:1–10

HAMATH
Israel's northern boundary, Num 34:8; 1 Kin 8:65; Ezek 47:16–20
Conquered, 2 Kin 18:34; Jer 49:23
Israelites exiled there, Is 11:11

HAMMER
*h* that breaks the rock .....Jer 23:29
How the *h* of the whole .....Jer 50:23

HAMOR
Sells land to Jacob, Gen 33:18–20; Acts 7:16
Killed by Jacob's sons, Gen 34:1–31

HAMSTRUNG
their self-will they *h* an ox ..Gen 49:6
David *h* all the chariot .....2 Sam 8:4

HANANI
Father of Jehu the prophet, 1 Kin 16:1, 7
Rebukes Asa; confined to prison, 2 Chr 16:7–10
—— Nehemiah's brother; brings news concerning the Jews, Neh 1:2
Becomes a governor of Jerusalem, Neh 7:2

HANANIAH
False prophet who contradicts Jeremiah, Jer 28:1–17
—— Hebrew name of Shadrach, Dan 1:6, 7, 11

HAND
*See* AT THE RIGHT HAND; HIS RIGHT HAND; MY RIGHT HAND; STRETCH OUT MY HAND; STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND
lest he put out his *h* .....Gen 3:22
*h* shall be against .....Gen 16:12
your *h* under my thigh .....Gen 24:2
*h* toward Israel's right *h* ...Gen 48:13
What is that in your *h* .....Ex 4:2
took the rod of God in his *h* ..Ex 4:20
tooth for tooth, *h* .....Ex 21:24
lay his *h* on the bull's head ...Lev 4:4
Egypt with a mighty *h* .....Deut 9:26
and strengthened his *h* ..1 Sam 23:16
Uzzah put out his *h* .....2 Sam 6:6
let us fall into the *h* .....2 Sam 24:14
Then, by the good *h* .....Ezra 8:18
He would loose His *h* .....Job 6:9
he stretches out his *h* .....Job 15:25
that your own right *h* .....Job 40:14
*h* has held me up .....Ps 18:35
My times are in Your *h* .....Ps 31:15
and night Your *h* .....Ps 32:4
Your right *h* is full .....Ps 48:10
Let Your *h* be upon the .....Ps 80:17
*h* shall be established .....Ps 89:21
"Sit at My right *h* .....Ps 110:1
days is in her right *h* .....Prov 3:16
heart is in the *h* .....Prov 21:1
Whatever your *h* finds .....Eccl 9:10
is at his right *h* .....Eccl 10:2
do not withhold your *h* .....Eccl 11:6
His left *h* is under my .....Song 8:3
My *h* has laid the .....Is 48:13
Behold, the LORD'S *h* .....Is 59:1
are the work of Your *h* .....Is 64:8
the clay is in the potter's *h* ...Jer 18:6
Am I a God near at *h* .....Jer 23:23
and incense in their *h*, to ....Jer 41:5
*h* under their wings .....Ezek 10:8
a measuring rod in his *h* ...Ezek 40:3
of a man's *h* appeared .....Dan 5:5
a *h* touched me, which ....Dan 10:10
of heaven is at *h* .....Matt 3:2
if your right *h* causes .....Matt 5:30
do not let your left *h* .....Matt 6:3
*h* causes you to sin .....Mark 9:43
sitting at the right *h* .....Mark 14:62
delivered from the *h* .....Luke 1:74
Sit at My right *h*, .....Acts 2:34
at the right *h* of God .....Acts 7:55
is even at the right *h* .....Rom 8:34
Because I am not a *h* .....1 Cor 12:15
with my own *h* .....1 Cor 16:21
the right *h* of fellowship .....Gal 2:9
by the *h* of a mediator .....Gal 3:19
to you with my own *h* .....Gal 6:11
The Lord is at *h* .....Phil 4:5
sitting at the right *h* of God ...Col 3:1
"Sit at My right *h* .....Heb 1:13
right *h* of the throne of the ...Heb 8:1
down at the right *h* .....Heb 10:12
of the Lord is at *h* .....James 5:8
in His right *h* seven stars ...Rev 1:16
stars in His right *h* .....Rev 2:1

HAND OF GOD
the *h* was very heavy .....1 Sam 5:11
the *h* was on Judah .....2 Chr 30:12
the *h* has struck me .....Job 19:21
was from the *h* .....Eccl 2:24
their works are in the *h* .....Eccl 9:1
under the mighty *h*, .....1 Pet 5:6

HAND OF THE LORD
the *h* was against them, ....Deut 2:15
earth may know the *h*, .....Josh 4:24
of Israel out of the *h* .....Josh 22:31
*h* has gone out against .....Ruth 1:13
*h* was heavy on the .....1 Sam 5:6
*h* was against the .....1 Sam 7:13
let us fall into the *h* .....2 Sam 24:14
*h* came upon Elijah; .....1 Kin 18:46
the *h* came upon him .....2 Kin 3:15
according to the *h* .....Ezra 7:6
*h* my God was upon me ....Ezra 7:28
the *h* has done this .....Job 12:9
the right *h* does valiantly ...Ps 118:15
king's heart is in the *h* .....Prov 21:1
crown of glory in the *h* .....Is 62:3
the *h* shall be known .....Is 66:14
the *h* was strong upon me ..Ezek 3:14
the *h* came upon me .....Ezek 37:1
And the *h* was with him ...Luke 1:66
And the *h* was with them ..Acts 11:21
the *h* is upon you, .....Acts 13:11

HANDIWORK
firmament shows His *h* .....Ps 19:1

HANDKERCHIEFS
so that even *h* or aprons ..Acts 19:12

HANDLE
*h* the law did not know .....Jer 2:8
*H* Me and see .....Luke 24:39
do not taste, do not *h* .....Col 2:21

HANDLED
and our hands have *h* .....1 John 1:1

HANDS
the *h* are the *h* .....Gen 27:22
and Hur supported his *h* ....Ex 17:12
Moses had laid his *h* on ... Deut 34:9
here we are, in your *h* .....Josh 9:25
took his life in his *h* .....1 Sam 19:5
put my life in my *h* .....1 Sam 28:21
but His *h* make whole .....Job 5:18
and cleanse my *h* .....Job 9:30
*h* have made me and .....Job 10:8
They pierced My *h* .....Ps 22:16
washed my *h* in innocence ..Ps 73:13
establish the work of our *h* ..Ps 90:17
In their *h* they shall bear ....Ps 91:12
*h* formed the dry land .....Ps 95:5
stretches out her *h* .....Prov 31:19
say, 'He has no *h* .....Is 45:9
strike your *h* together ....Ezek 21:14
was cut out without *h* .....Dan 2:34
on the palms of my *h* .....Dan 10:10
The *h* of Zerubbabel have ...Zech 4:9
than having two *h* .....Matt 18:8
will lay *h* on the sick .....Mark 16:18
into Your *h* I commit .....Luke 23:46
Behold My *h* and My .....Luke 24:39
only, but also my *h* .....John 13:9
*h* the print of the .....John 20:25
his chains fell off his *h* .....Acts 12:7
know that these *h* .....Acts 20:34
and he laid his *h* on him ....Acts 28:8
a house not made with *h* ....2 Cor 5:1
his *h* what is good .....Eph 4:28
made without *h* .....Col 2:11
lifting up holy *h* .....1 Tim 2:8
the laying on of the *h* .....1 Tim 4:14
Do not lay *h* on anyone ...1 Tim 5:22
the laying on of my *h* .....2 Tim 1:6
baptisms, of laying on of *h* ...Heb 6:2
not made with *h* .....Heb 9:11
to fall into the *h* .....Heb 10:31
Cleanse your *h*, you .....James 4:8
and our *h* have handled, ...1 John 1:1
foreheads or on their *h* .....Rev 20:4

HANDWRITING
having wiped out the *h* .....Col 2:14

HANG
They will *h* on him all the ....Is 22:24
commandments *h* all the ..Matt 22:40
the hands which *h* down ..Heb 12:12

HANGED
for he who is *h* .....Deut 21:23
went and *h* himself .....Matt 27:5

HANGS
*h* the earth on nothing .....Job 26:7
is everyone who *h* .....Gal 3:13

HANNAH
Barren wife of Elkanah; prays for a son, 1 Sam 1:1–18
Bears Samuel and dedicates him to the Lord, 1 Sam 1:19–28
Magnifies God, 1 Sam 2:1–10

HANUN
King of Ammon; disgraces David's ambassadors and is defeated by him, 2 Sam 10:1–14

HAPPEN
show us what will *h* .....Is 41:22
understand what will *h* ....Dan 10:14
not know what will *h* .....James 4:14

HAPPINESS
one year, and bring *h* .....Deut 24:5

HAPPY
*h* are these your servants ...2 Chr 9:7
*H* is the man who has .....Ps 127:5
*H* are the people who .....Ps 144:15
*H* is the man who finds ....Prov 3:13
mercy on the poor, *h* .....Prov 14:21
trusts in the LORD, *h* .....Prov 16:20
*h* is he who keeps .....Prov 29:18
*H* is he who does not .....Rom 14:22

HARAN
Abraham's younger brother, Gen 11:26–31
—— City of Mesopotamia, Gen 11:31
Abraham leaves, Gen 12:4, 5
Jacob dwells at, Gen 29:4–35

HARASS
and Judah shall not *h* ..... Is 11:13
*h* some from the church .... Acts 12:1

HARD
Is anything too *h* ..... Gen 18:14
Pharaoh's heart is *h* ..... Ex 7:14
test him with *h* questions .. 1 Kin 10:1
His heart is as *h* ..... Job 41:24
shown Your people *h* ..... Ps 60:3
of the unfaithful is *h* ..... Prov 13:15
*h* to bear, and lay them .... Matt 23:4
I knew you to be a *h* ..... Matt 25:24
"This is a *h* saying ..... John 6:60
It is *h* for you to kick ..... Acts 9:5
are some things *h* ..... 2 Pet 3:16

HARDEN
But I will *h* his heart ..... Ex 4:21
Do not *h* your hearts ..... Ps 95:8
*h* your hearts as ..... Heb 3:8

HARDENED
But Pharaoh *h* his ..... Ex 8:32
Who has *h* himself ..... Job 9:4
their heart was *h* ..... Mark 6:52
eyes and *h* their hearts ... John 12:40
lest any of you be *h* ..... Heb 3:13

HARDENS
A wicked man *h* his ..... Prov 21:29
*h* his heart will fall ..... Prov 28:14
whom He wills He *h* ..... Rom 9:18

HARDER
brother offended is *h* to ... Prov 18:19
their faces *h* than rock ..... Jer 5:3
*h* than flint, I have made .... Ezek 3:9

HARDSHIP
*h* that has befallen us ..... Num 20:14
*h* as a good soldier ..... 2 Tim 2:3

HARLOT
play the *h* with their gods ... Ex 34:16
shall be no ritual *h* ..... Deut 23:17
of a *h* named Rahab ..... Josh 2:1
*h* is a deep pit ..... Prov 23:27
the deeds of a brazen *h* ... Ezek 16:30
Oholah played the *h* ..... Ezek 23:5
you, Israel, play the *h*, let ... Hos 4:15
*h* is one body with ..... 1 Cor 6:16
*h* Rahab did not perish .... Heb 11:31
of the great *h* who ..... Rev 17:1

HARLOTRIES
the land with your *h* ..... Jer 3:2
Let her put away her *h* ..... Hos 2:2

HARLOTRY
through her casual *h* ..... Jer 3:9
the lewdness of your *h* ..... Jer 13:27
let them put their *h* ..... Ezek 43:9
are the children of *h* ..... Hos 2:4
Ephraim, you commit *h* ..... Hos 5:3
for the spirit of *h* ..... Hos 5:4

HARLOTS
his blood while the *h* ..... 1 Kin 22:38
*h* enter the kingdom ..... Matt 21:31
Great, The Mother of *H* ..... Rev 17:5

HARM
do My prophets no *h* ..... 1 Chr 16:22
they thought to do me *h* ..... Neh 6:2
those who sought their *h* .... Esth 9:2
it only causes *h* ..... Ps 37:8
and do My prophets no *h* ... Ps 105:15
and I will not *h* you ..... Jer 25:6
Do yourself no *h*, for we .. Acts 16:28
Love does no *h* to a ..... Rom 13:10
and do not *h* the oil ..... Rev 6:6
Do not *h* the earth, the ..... Rev 7:3

HARMLESS
become blameless and *h* .... Phil 2:15
for us, who is holy, *h* ..... Heb 7:26

HARMONIOUS
the harp, with *h* sound ..... Ps 92:3

HAROD
Well near Gideon's camp, Judg 7:1

HARP
those who play the *h* ..... Gen 4:21
skillful player on the *h* .. 1 Sam 16:16
Praise the LORD with the *h*. ... Ps 33:2
Sing to the LORD with the *h*... Ps 98:5
On a *h* of ten strings I will .. Ps 144:9
with the lute and *h* ..... Ps 150:3
Lamb, each having a *h* ..... Rev 5:8

HARPS
to direct with *h* on the .... 1 Chr 15:21
We hung our *h* upon the .... Ps 137:2
playing their *h* ..... Rev 14:2
of glass, having *h* of God .... Rev 15:2

HARSH
a *h* word stirs up anger .... Prov 15:1
"Your words have been *h* ... Mal 3:13
but also to the *h* ..... 1 Pet 2:18

HARVEST
*See* FEAST OF HARVEST
seedtime and *h* ..... Gen 8:22
to death in the days of *h* .. 2 Sam 21:9
He who sleeps in *h* is a .... Prov 10:5
to the joy of *h* ..... Is 9:3
cloud of dew in the heat of *h* .. Is 18:4
shall eat up your *h* ..... Jer 5:17
"The *h* is past ..... Jer 8:20
of her *h* will come ..... Jer 51:33
the sickle, for the *h* is ripe .. Joel 3:13
*h* truly is plentiful ..... Matt 9:37
pray the Lord of the *h* ..... Matt 9:38
sickle, because the *h* ..... Mark 4:29
pray the Lord of the *h* to .. Luke 10:2
already white for *h* ..... John 4:35
the *h* of the earth is ..... Rev 14:15

HASTE
you shall eat it in *h* ..... Ex 12:11
For I said in my *h* ..... Ps 31:22
And they came with *h* ..... Luke 2:16
"Zacchaeus, make *h* ..... Luke 19:5

HASTEN
be multiplied who *h* ..... Ps 16:4
Do not *h* in your ..... Eccl 7:9
I, the LORD, will *h* ..... Is 60:22

HASTENING
*h* the coming of the ..... 2 Pet 3:12

HASTENS
and he sins who *h* ..... Prov 19:2
with an evil eye *h* ..... Prov 28:22
is near and *h* quickly ..... Zeph 1:14

HASTILY
utter anything *h* ..... Eccl 5:2
lay hands on anyone *h* .... 1 Tim 5:22

HASTY
Do you see a man *h* ..... Prov 29:20

HATE
"You shall not *h* ..... Lev 19:17
*h* all workers of ..... Ps 5:5
*h* the righteous shall ..... Ps 34:21
love the LORD, *h* evil ..... Ps 97:10
*h* every false way ..... Ps 119:104
*h* the double-minded ..... Ps 119:113
I *h* and abhor lying ..... Ps 119:163
love, and a time to *h* ..... Eccl 3:8
*h* robbery for burnt ..... Is 61:8
*H* evil, love good ..... Amos 5:15
I *h*, I despise your feast ... Amos 5:21
You who *h* good and ..... Mic 3:2
either he will *h* the one ..... Matt 6:24
but what I *h*, that I do ..... Rom 7:15
Nicolaitans, which I also *h* ... Rev 2:6
these will *h* the harlot, ..... Rev 17:16

HATED
So Esau *h* Jacob because .. Gen 27:41
they *h* knowledge ..... Prov 1:29
Therefore I *h* life ..... Eccl 2:17
*h* all my labor in ..... Eccl 2:18
but Esau I have *h* ..... Mal 1:3
And you will be *h* ..... Matt 10:22
have seen and also *h* ..... John 15:24
*h* Me without a cause ..... John 15:25
world has *h* them ..... John 17:14
but Esau I have *h* ..... Rom 9:13
For no one ever *h* ..... Eph 5:29
and *h* lawlessness ..... Heb 1:9

HATEFUL
*h* woman when she is ..... Prov 30:23
in malice and envy, *h* ..... Titus 3:3

HATERS
The *h* of the LORD ..... Ps 81:15
backbiters, *h* of God ..... Rom 1:30

HATES
six things the LORD *h* ..... Prov 6:16
lose it, and he who *h* ..... John 12:25
"If the world *h* ..... John 15:18
*h* his brother is ..... 1 John 2:11

HATING
*h* even the garment defiled ... Jude 23

HATRED
I hate them with perfect *h* .. Ps 139:22

HAUGHTY
Your eyes are on the *h* .. 2 Sam 22:28
bring down *h* looks ..... Ps 18:27
my heart is not *h* ..... Ps 131:1
*h* spirit before a fall ..... Prov 16:18
A proud and *h* man ..... Prov 21:24
Do not be *h*, but fear ..... Rom 11:20
age not to be *h* ..... 1 Tim 6:17

HAUNTS
are full of the *h* ..... Ps 74:20

HAURAN
District southeast of Mt. Hermon. Ezek 47:16

HAVE MERCY
*h* on me, and hear my prayer .. Ps 4:1
*h* on me, for I am ..... Ps 25:16
*H* upon me, O God, ..... Ps 51:1
arise and *h* on Zion; ..... Ps 102:13
and forsakes them will *h* .. Prov 28:13
nor *h* on their fatherless ..... Is 9:17
the Lord will *h* ..... Is 14:1
will *h* on His afflicted ..... Is 49:13
not pity nor spare nor *h* .... Jer 13:14
I will surely *h* on him," ..... Jer 31:20
captives of Jacob, and *h* .. Ezek 39:25
I will no longer *h* ..... Hos 1:6
how long will You not *h* ... Zech 1:12
"Son of David, *h* on us ..... Matt 9:27
"*H* on me, O Lord ..... Matt 15:22
Lord, *h* on my son, ..... Matt 17:15
"*H* on us, O Lord, ..... Matt 20:30
"Jesus, Son of David, *h* .. Mark 10:47
'Father Abraham, *h* ..... Luke 16:24
"Jesus, Master, *h* on us ... Luke 17:13
"Jesus, Son of David, *h* ... Luke 18:38
"I will *h* on whomever ..... Rom 9:15
that He might *h* on all .... Rom 11:32

HAVEN
shall dwell by the *h* ..... Gen 49:13
to their desired *h* ..... Ps 107:30

HAVOC
for Saul, he made *h* ..... Acts 8:3

HAY
precious stones, wood, *h* .. 1 Cor 3:12

HAZAEL
Anointed king of Syria by Elijah. 1 Kin 19:15–17
Elisha predicts his taking the throne. 2 Kin 8:7–15
Oppresses Israel. 2 Kin 8:28, 29; 10:32, 33; 12:17, 18; 13:3–7, 22

HAZAR ENAN
Village of north Palestine. Num 34:9, 10

## HAZEROTH
Scene of sedition of Miriam and Aaron, Num 11:35—12:16

## HAZOR
Royal Canaanite city destroyed by Joshua, Josh 11:1–13
Rebuilt and assigned to Naphtali, Josh 19:32, 36
Army of, defeated by Deborah and Barak, Judg 4:1–24

## HE WHO BELIEVES
*H* and is baptized ..... Mark 16:16
*H* in Him is not ..... John 3:18
*H* in the Son has ..... John 3:36
*h* in Me shall never thirst .. John 6:35
*h* in Me has everlasting .... John 6:47
*H* in Me, as the Scripture .. John 7:38
*H*, though he may die, .... John 11:25
and said, "*H* in Me, ..... John 12:44
*h* in Me, the works that ... John 14:12
precious, and *h* on Him ..... 1 Pet 2:6
the world, but *h* ..... 1 John 5:5
*H* in the Son of God ..... 1 John 5:10

## HEAD
He shall bruise your *h* ..... Gen 3:15
white baskets on my *h* .... Gen 40:16
on the *h* of the bed ..... Gen 47:31
your right hand on his *h* ... Gen 48:18
shall come upon his *h* .... 1 Sam 1:11
a bronze helmet on his *h* .. 1 Sam 17:5
and cut off his *h* with .... 1 Sam 17:51
crown from his *h* ..... 2 Sam 12:30
put ashes on her *h* ..... 2 Sam 13:19
and dust on his *h* ..... 2 Sam 15:32
My *h*, my *h*!" ..... 2 Kin 4:19
is with us as our *h* ..... 2 Chr 13:12
my skin, and laid my *h* .... Job 16:15
return upon his own *h* ..... Ps 7:16
of pure gold upon his *h* ..... Ps 21:3
the lip, they shake the *h* ..... Ps 22:7
You anoint my *h* with oil ..... Ps 23:5
than the hairs of my *h* ..... Ps 40:12
the precious oil upon the *h* .. Ps 133:2
The silver-haired *h* is a ... Prov 16:31
old men is their gray *h* .... Prov 20:29
coals of fire on his *h* ..... Prov 25:22
*h* is covered with dew ..... Song 5:2
The whole *h* is sick ..... Is 1:5
it to bow down his *h* ..... Is 58:5
For every *h* shall be bald ... Jer 48:37
visions of my *h* troubled ..... Dan 4:5
could lift up his *h* ..... Zech 1:21
you swear by your *h* ..... Matt 5:36
you fast, anoint your *h* ..... Matt 6:17
Baptist's *h* here on a ..... Matt 14:8
first the blade, then the *h* .. Mark 4:28
and poured it on His *h* .... Mark 14:3
thorns, put it on His *h* .... Mark 15:17
did not anoint My *h* with .. Luke 7:46
has nowhere to lay His *h* .. Luke 9:58
bowing His *h*, He gave .... John 19:30
coals of fire on his *h* ..... Rom 12:20
having his *h* covered ..... 1 Cor 11:4
or prophesies with her *h* ... 1 Cor 11:5
and gave Him to be *h* ..... Eph 1:22
For the husband is *h* ..... Eph 5:23
His *h* and his hair ..... Rev 1:14
having on His *h* a golden .. Rev 14:14
His *h* were many crowns .. Rev 19:12

## HEADS
*See* BOWED THEIR HEADS
men to ride over our *h* ..... Ps 66:12
Him, wagging their *h* ..... Matt 27:39
dragon having seven *h* ..... Rev 12:3

## HEAL
I wound and I *h* ..... Deut 32:39
surely I will *h* you ..... 2 Kin 20:5
O LORD, *h* me ..... Ps 6:2
*H* my soul, for I have ..... Ps 41:4
time to kill, and a time to *h* .. Eccl 3:3
sent Me to *h* the ..... Is 61:1
*h* your backslidings ..... Jer 3:22
who can *h* you ..... Lam 2:13
torn, but He will *h* ..... Hos 6:1
*h* all kinds of sickness ..... Matt 10:1
*H* the sick, cleanse ..... Matt 10:8
to *h* on the Sabbath ..... Matt 12:10
so that I should *h* ..... Matt 13:15
power to *h* sicknesses ..... Mark 3:15
sent Me to *h* the ..... Luke 4:18
Physician, *h* yourself ..... Luke 4:23

## HEALED
I have *h* this water ..... 2 Kin 2:21
His word and *h* them ..... Ps 107:20
And return and be *h* ..... Is 6:10
His stripes we are *h* ..... Is 53:5
*h* the hurt of My ..... Jer 6:14
When I would have *h* ..... Hos 7:1
and He *h* them ..... Matt 4:24
and my servant will be *h* .... Matt 8:8
and *h* all who were sick, ... Matt 8:16
Jesus' feet, and He *h* ..... Matt 15:30
be *h* of their diseases, ..... Luke 6:17
demon-possessed was *h* ... Luke 8:36
*h* the child, and gave him .. Luke 9:42
touched his ear and *h* .... Luke 22:51
and they were all *h* ..... Acts 5:16
he had faith to be *h* ..... Acts 14:9
but rather be *h* ..... Heb 12:13
that you may be *h* ..... James 5:16
whose stripes you were *h* .. 1 Pet 2:24
his deadly wound was *h* .... Rev 13:3

## HEALING
*h* shall spring forth ..... Is 58:8
so that there is no *h* ..... Jer 14:19
Your injury has no *h* ..... Nah 3:19
shall arise with *h* ..... Mal 4:2
and *h* all kinds of ..... Matt 4:23
*h* all who were oppressed . Acts 10:38
tree were for the *h* ..... Rev 22:2

## HEALINGS
to another gifts of *h* ..... 1 Cor 12:9
Do all have gifts of *h* ..... 1 Cor 12:30

## HEALS
*h* all your diseases ..... Ps 103:3
He *h* the broken-hearted .... Ps 147:3
*h* the stroke of their ..... Is 30:26
Jesus the Christ *h* ..... Acts 9:34

## HEALTH
It will be *h* to your flesh, ..... Prov 3:8
and *h* to all their flesh ..... Prov 4:22
of the wise promotes *h* .... Prov 12:18
to the soul and *h* ..... Prov 16:24
and for a time of *h* ..... Jer 8:15
no recovery for the *h* ..... Jer 8:22
For I will restore *h* to you .. Jer 30:17
all things and be in *h* ..... 3 John 2

## HEAP
This *h* is a witness ..... Gen 31:48
I could *h* up words ..... Job 16:4
sea together as a *h* ..... Ps 33:7
so you will *h* coals of ..... Prov 25:22
ears, they will *h* ..... 2 Tim 4:3

## HEAPS
Though he *h* up silver ..... Job 27:16

## HEAR
*See* EARS TO HEAR
with us, and we will *h* ..... Ex 20:19
Me, I will surely *h* their ..... Ex 22:23
"*H*, O Israel: The LORD ..... Deut 6:4
Him you shall *h* ..... Deut 18:15
of the oxen which I *h* .... 1 Sam 15:14
You *h* the supplication of .. 1 Kin 8:30
*h* in heaven Your ..... 1 Kin 8:43
*H* me when I call ..... Ps 4:1
O You who *h* prayer ..... Ps 65:2
*h* what God the LORD ..... Ps 85:8
ear, shall He not *h* ..... Ps 94:9
*h* the words of the ..... Prov 22:17
*h* rather than to give ..... Eccl 5:1
*H*, O heavens, and give ear ..... Is 1:2
*H*, you who are afar ..... Is 33:13
Let the earth *h* ..... Is 34:1
I have made you *h* new ..... Is 48:6
I spoke, you did not *h* ..... Is 65:12
cleansed and the deaf *h* .... Matt 11:5
'Hearing you will *h* ..... Matt 13:14
if he will not *h* ..... Matt 18:16
"Take heed what you *h* .... Mark 4:24
ears, do you not *h* ..... Mark 8:18
*h* the sound of it ..... John 3:8
that God does not *h* ..... John 9:31
My sheep *h* My voice ..... John 10:27
And how shall they *h* ..... Rom 10:14
man be swift to *h* ..... James 1:19
those who *h* the words of .... Rev 1:3
*h* what the Spirit says ..... Rev 2:7
has an ear, let him *h* ..... Rev 13:9

## HEARD
*h* the sound of the ..... Gen 3:8
*h* their cry because of ..... Ex 3:7
you only *h* a voice ..... Deut 4:12
certainly God has *h* ..... Ps 66:19
quietly, should be *h* ..... Eccl 9:17
Have you not *h* ..... Is 40:21
world men have not *h* ..... Is 64:4
Who has *h* such a thing ..... Is 66:8
*h* Ephraim bemoaning ..... Jer 31:18
that they will be *h* ..... Matt 6:7
*h* the word believed ..... Acts 4:4
I say, have they not *h* ..... Rom 10:18
not seen, nor ear *h* ..... 1 Cor 2:9
*h* inexpressible words ..... 2 Cor 12:4
things that you have *h* ..... 2 Tim 2:2
the things we have *h* ..... Heb 2:1
the word which they *h* ..... Heb 4:2
from death, and was *h* ..... Heb 5:7
which we have *h* ..... 1 John 1:1
Lord's Day, and I *h* ..... Rev 1:10

## HEARER
if anyone is a *h* ..... James 1:23
is not a forgetful *h* ..... James 1:25

## HEARERS
for not the *h* of the ..... Rom 2:13
impart grace to the *h* ..... Eph 4:29
of the word, and not *h* .... James 1:22

## HEARING
and read in the *h* ..... Ex 24:7
Book of Moses in the *h* ..... Neh 13:1
Do not speak in the *h* ..... Prov 23:9
'Keep on *h*, but do not ..... Is 6:9
*h* they do not ..... Matt 13:13
*h* they may hear ..... Mark 4:12
If the whole were *h* ..... 1 Cor 12:17
or by the *h* of faith ..... Gal 3:2
have become dull of *h* ..... Heb 5:11

## HEARS
for Your servant *h* ..... 1 Sam 3:9
out, and the LORD *h* ..... Ps 34:17
He who *h* you *h* Me ..... Luke 10:16
of God *h* God's words ..... John 8:47
And if anyone *h* ..... John 12:47
who is of the truth *h* ..... John 18:37
He who knows God *h* ..... 1 John 4:6
And let him who *h* ..... Rev 22:17

## HEART
*See* UPRIGHT IN HEART; WITH ALL YOUR HEART
*h* was only evil ..... Gen 6:5
for you know the *h* ..... Ex 23:9
as many as had a willing *h* .. Ex 35:22
*h* the LORD had put ..... Ex 36:2
seek Him with all your *h* ... Deut 4:29
the foreskin of your *h* ..... Deut 10:16
whatever your *h* desires .. Deut 14:26
and confusion of *h* ..... Deut 28:28
will circumcise your *h* ..... Deut 30:6
incline your *h* to the ..... Josh 24:23
great searchings of *h* ..... Judg 5:16

Hannah spoke in her *h* ... 1 Sam 1:13
*h* rejoices in the LORD ..... 1 Sam 2:1
God gave him another *h* .. 1 Sam 10:9
a man after His own *h* ... 1 Sam 13:14
LORD looks at the *h* ..... 1 Sam 16:7
his *h* died within him, ... 1 Sam 25:37
despised him in her *h* ..... 2 Sam 6:16
David's *h* condemned .... 2 Sam 24:10
and understanding *h* ..... 1 Kin 3:12
largeness of *h* like the ..... 1 Kin 4:29
*h* to build a temple for ..... 1 Kin 8:18
My eyes and My *h* will be .. 1 Kin 9:3
his wives turned his *h* ..... 1 Kin 11:4
Ezra had prepared his *h* .... Ezra 7:10
He pierces my *h* ..... Job 16:13
How my *h* yearns within ... Job 19:27
For God made my *h* ..... Job 23:16
My *h* is in turmoil and ..... Job 30:27
within your *h* on your bed ..... Ps 4:4
My *h* also instructs me ..... Ps 16:7
your *h* live forever ..... Ps 22:26
*h* is overflowing ..... Ps 45:1
My *h* is steadfast ..... Ps 57:7
Thus my *h* was grieved ..... Ps 73:21
my *h* and my flesh cry ..... Ps 84:2
*h* is set on pilgrimage ..... Ps 84:5
may gain a *h* of wisdom ..... Ps 90:12
*h* shall depart from me ..... Ps 101:4
look and a proud *h* ..... Ps 101:5
with my whole *h* ..... Ps 111:1
With my whole *h* I have .... Ps 119:10
I have hidden in my *h* ..... Ps 119:11
*h* is not haughty ..... Ps 131:1
O God, and know my *h* .... Ps 139:23
*h* makes a cheerful ..... Prov 15:13
The king's *h* is in the ..... Prov 21:1
as he thinks in his *h* ..... Prov 23:7
with a wicked *h* ..... Prov 26:23
*h* reveals the man ..... Prov 27:19
trusts in his own *h* ..... Prov 28:26
The *h* of the wise is ..... Eccl 7:4
and a wise man's *h* ..... Eccl 8:5
*h* yearned for him ..... Song 5:4
and the whole *h* ..... Is 1:5
*h* shall resound ..... Is 16:11
the yearning of Your *h* ..... Is 63:15
the mind and the *h* ..... Jer 11:20
*h* is deceitful above ..... Jer 17:9
I will give them a *h* ..... Jer 24:7
therefore My *h* yearns ..... Jer 31:20
and take the stony *h* ..... Ezek 11:19
get yourselves a new *h* ... Ezek 18:31
uncircumcised in *h* ..... Ezek 44:7
are the pure in *h* ..... Matt 5:8
is, there your *h* ..... Matt 6:21
of the *h* proceed evil ..... Matt 15:19
does not doubt in his *h* ... Mark 11:23
Did not our *h* burn ..... Luke 24:32
*h* will flow rivers ..... John 7:38
"Let not your *h* ..... John 14:1
believed were of one *h* ..... Acts 4:32
Satan filled your *h* ..... Acts 5:3
*h* is not right in the ..... Acts 8:21
is that of the *h* ..... Rom 2:29
*h* that God has raised ..... Rom 10:9
with the *h* one believes ... Rom 10:10
in sincerity of *h* ..... Eph 6:5
refresh my *h* in the ..... Philem 20
always go astray in their *h* .. Heb 3:10
and shuts up his *h* ..... 1 John 3:17
if our *h* condemns us ..... 1 John 3:20


## HEARTILY


you do, do it *h* ..... Col 3:23


## HEARTS


God tests the *h* ..... Ps 7:9
who seek God, your *h* ..... Ps 69:32
let the *h* of those ..... Ps 105:3
And he will turn the *h* ..... Mal 4:6
*h* failing them from ..... Luke 21:26
purifying their *h* ..... Acts 15:9
will guard your *h* ..... Phil 4:7


## HEAT


and harvest, cold and *h*, .... Gen 8:22
storm, a shade from the *h* ..... Is 25:4
in the *h* of my spirit ..... Ezek 3:14
will melt with fervent *h* .... 2 Pet 3:12


## HEATHEN


repetitions as the *h* ..... Matt 6:7
him be to you like a *h* .... Matt 18:17


## HEAVEN


*See* FATHER IN HEAVEN; HOST OF HEAVEN; KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
called the firmament *H* ..... Gen 1:8
High, Possessor of *h* ..... Gen 14:19
called to him from *h* ..... Gen 22:11
multiply as the stars of *h* ... Gen 26:4
give you of the dew of *h* ... Gen 27:28
and this is the gate of *h* .... Gen 28:17
with blessings of *h* above .. Gen 49:25
out his rod toward *h* ..... Ex 9:23
rain bread from *h* for you .... Ex 16:4
Out of *h* He let you hear ... Deut 4:36
precious things of *h* ..... Deut 33:13
foundations of *h* quaked .. 2 Sam 22:8
the host of *h* standing .... 1 Kin 22:19
came down from *h* ..... 2 Kin 1:12
Elijah into *h* by a ..... 2 Kin 2:1
would make windows in *h* .. 2 Kin 7:2
Behold, *h* and the *h* of ..... 2 Chr 6:18
The LORD's throne is in *h* ..... Ps 11:4
LORD looks down from *h* ..... Ps 14:2
Whom have I in *h* but You .. Ps 73:25
word is settled in *h* ..... Ps 119:89
For God is in *h* ..... Eccl 5:2
"*H* is My throne ..... Is 66:1
"If *h* above can be ..... Jer 31:37
and the birds of the *h* ..... Dan 2:38
come to know that *H* ..... Dan 4:26
though they climb up to *h* .. Amos 9:2
These are four spirits of *h* ... Zech 6:5
for the kingdom of *h* ..... Matt 3:2
your Father in *h* ..... Matt 5:16
Our Father in *h*, hallowed ... Matt 6:9
on earth as it is in *h* ..... Matt 6:10
*H* and earth will ..... Matt 24:35
from Him a sign from *h* ... Mark 8:11
but are like angels in *h* ... Mark 12:25
with the clouds of *h* ..... Mark 14:62
prayed, the *h* was opened .. Luke 3:21
fall like lightning from *h* .. Luke 10:18
names are written in *h* .... Luke 10:20
done on earth as it is in *h* .. Luke 11:2
will be more joy in *h* ..... Luke 15:7
have sinned against *h* .... Luke 15:18
descending from *h* like a ... John 1:32
you shall see *h* open ..... John 1:51
one has ascended to *h* ..... John 3:13
the true bread from *h* ..... John 6:32
a voice came from *h* ..... John 12:28
sheet, let down from *h* ..... Acts 11:5
the whole family in *h* ..... Eph 3:15
laid up for you in *h* ..... Col 1:5
and the *h* gave rain ..... James 5:18
there was silence in *h* ..... Rev 8:1
sign appeared in *h* ..... Rev 12:1
Now I saw a new *h* ..... Rev 21:1


## HEAVEN AND EARTH


High, Possessor of *h* ..... Gen 14:19
"I call *h* to witness ..... Deut 4:26
You have made *h* ..... 2 Kin 19:15
of Israel, who made *h* ..... 2 Chr 2:12
servants of the God of *h* .... Ezra 5:11
Let *h* praise Him, the seas ... Ps 69:34
the LORD, who made *h* ..... Ps 121:2
LORD who made *h* bless ..... Ps 134:3
who made *h*, the sea, and ... Ps 146:6
You have made *h* ..... Is 37:16
"do I not fill *h*?" says ..... Jer 23:24
the ordinances of *h* ..... Jer 33:25
I will shake *h*, the sea and ... Hag 2:6
till *h* pass away, one jot .... Matt 5:18
Father, Lord of *h* ..... Matt 11:25
"*H* will pass away, but .... Matt 24:35
You are God, who made *h* .. Acts 4:24
the whole family in *h* ..... Eph 3:15
worship Him who made *h* ... Rev 14:7


## HEAVENLY


*h* host praising God ..... Luke 2:13
if I tell you *h* things ..... John 3:12
are those who are *h* ..... 1 Cor 15:48
the image of the *h* Man ... 1 Cor 15:49
blessing in the *h* ..... Eph 1:3
the *h* places in Christ Jesus .. Eph 2:6
and powers in the *h* places .. Eph 3:10
wickedness in the *h* places .. Eph 6:12
and have tasted the *h* ..... Heb 6:4
*h* things themselves ..... Heb 9:23
a better, that is, a *h* ..... Heb 11:16
the living God, the *h* ..... Heb 12:22


## HEAVENLY FATHER


your *h* will also forgive .... Matt 6:14
yet your *h* feeds them ..... Matt 6:26
*h* knows that you need ..... Matt 6:32
My *h* has not planted ..... Matt 15:13
"So My *h* also will do ..... Matt 18:35
your *h* give the Holy ..... Luke 11:13


## HEAVENS


I will make your *h* ..... Lev 26:19
and the highest *h* ..... Deut 10:14
*h* cannot contain ..... 1 Kin 8:27
the LORD made the *h* ..... 1 Chr 16:26
Till the *h* are no more ..... Job 14:12
in the *h* shall laugh ..... Ps 2:4
*h* declare the glory ..... Ps 19:1
Let the *h* declare His ..... Ps 50:6
*h* can be compared ..... Ps 89:6
The *h* are Yours ..... Ps 89:11
For as the *h* are high ..... Ps 103:11
When He prepared the *h* ... Prov 8:27
*h* are higher than the ..... Is 55:9
behold, I create new *h* ..... Is 65:17
and behold, the *h* ..... Matt 3:16
*h* will be shaken ..... Matt 24:29
*h* are the work of Your ..... Heb 1:10
*h* will pass away ..... 2 Pet 3:10


## HEAVINESS


and I am full of *h* ..... Ps 69:20
My soul melts from *h* ..... Ps 119:28


## HEAVY


the bondage was *h* ..... Neh 5:18


## HEBREW

Term applied to:
- Abram, Gen 14:13
- Israelites, 1 Sam 4:6, 9
- Jews, Acts 6:1
- Paul, Phil 3:5

## HEBRON

- Abram, Isaac, and Jacob dwell there, Gen 13:18; 23:2–20; 35:27
- Visited by spies, Num 13:21, 22
- Defeated by Joshua, Josh 10:1–37
- Caleb's inheritance, Josh 14:12–15
- David's original capital; sons born there, 2 Sam 2:1–3, 11; 3:2–5
- Site of Absalom's rebellion, 2 Sam 15:7–10

## HEDGE


behold, I will *h* up your ..... Hos 2:6
sharper than a thorn *h* ..... Mic 7:4
a vineyard and set a *h* ..... Mark 12:1


## HEDGED


and whom God has *h* ..... Job 3:23
You have *h* me behind ..... Ps 139:5
He has *h* me in so that ..... Lam 3:7


## HEED


*See* TAKE HEED
By taking *h* according ..... Ps 119:9
if you *h* Me carefully ..... Jer 17:24

and let us not give *h* . . . . . Jer 18:18
Take *h.* watch and pray . . Mark 13:33
stands take *h* lest he . . . . . 1 Cor 10:12
nor give *h* to fables . . . . . 1 Tim 1:4
giving *h* to deceiving . . . . . 1 Tim 4:1
the more earnest *h* . . . . . Heb 2:1

## HEEDS
*h* counsel is wise . . . . . Prov 12:15

## HEEL
you shall bruise His *h* . . . . . Gen 3:15
took hold of Esau's *h* . . . . . Gen 25:26
has lifted up his *h* . . . . . Ps 41:9
Me has lifted up his *h* . . . . . John 13:18

## HEIFER
a red *h* without blemish . . . . Num 19:2
not plowed with my *h* . . . . . Judg 14:18
goats and the ashes of a *h* . . Heb 9:13

## HEIGHT
"Is not God in the *h* . . . . . Job 22:12
looked down from the *h* . . . . Ps 102:19
nor *h* nor depth . . . . . Rom 8:39
length and depth and *h* . . . . . Eph 3:18

## HEIR
own body shall be your *h* . . . Gen 15:4
Has he no *h* . . . . . Jer 49:1
Now I say that the *h* . . . . . Gal 4:1
if a son, then an *h* . . . . . Gal 4:7
He has appointed *h* . . . . . Heb 1:2
the world and became *h* . . . . Heb 11:7

## HEIRS
of God and joint *h* . . . . . Rom 8:17
should be fellow *h* . . . . . Eph 3:6
be rich in faith and *h* . . . . . James 2:5
vessel, and as being *h* . . . . . 1 Pet 3:7

## HELAM
Place between Damascus and Hamath where David defeated Syrians, 2 Sam 10:16–19

## HELL
shall be turned into *h* . . . . . Ps 9:17
go down alive into *h* . . . . . Ps 55:15
house is the way to *h* . . . . . Prov 7:27
his soul from *h* . . . . . Prov 23:14
*H* and Destruction are . . . . Prov 27:20
"*H* from beneath is . . . . . Is 14:9
be in danger of *h* fire . . . . . Matt 5:22
to be cast into *h* . . . . . Matt 18:9
the condemnation of *h* . . . . Matt 23:33
power to cast into *h* . . . . . Luke 12:5
it is set on fire by *h* . . . . . James 3:6

## HELLENISTS
Greek-speaking Jews, Acts 6:1
Hostile to Paul, Acts 9:29
Gospel preached to, Acts 11:20

## HELMET
a breastplate, and a *h* . . . . . Is 59:17
And take the *h* of . . . . . Eph 6:17
and love, and as a *h* . . . . . 1 Thess 5:8

## HELP
the shield of your *h* . . . . . Deut 33:29
Is my *h* not within me . . . . . Job 6:13
"There is no *h* for him . . . . . Ps 3:2
May He send you *h* . . . . . Ps 20:2
He is our *h* and our . . . . . Ps 33:20
yet praise Him, the *h* . . . . . Ps 42:11
A very present *h* . . . . . Ps 46:1
Give us *h* from trouble . . . . . Ps 60:11
God, make haste to *h* . . . . . Ps 71:12
"I have given *h* . . . . . Ps 89:19
the LORD had been my *h* . . . . Ps 94:17
there was none to *h* . . . . . Ps 107:12
He is their *h* and . . . . . Ps 115:9
Our *h* is in the name . . . . . Ps 124:8
let no one *h* him . . . . . Prov 28:17
*h* my unbelief . . . . . Mark 9:24
tell her to *h* me . . . . . Luke 10:40
and find grace to *h* . . . . . Heb 4:16

## HELPED
far the LORD has *h.* . . . . . 1 Sam 7:12
*h* the people to . . . . . Neh 8:7
fall, but the LORD *h* . . . . . Ps 118:13
of salvation I have *h* . . . . . Is 49:8
*h* His servant Israel . . . . . Luke 1:54

## HELPER
I will make him a *h* . . . . . Gen 2:18
Behold, God is my *h* . . . . . Ps 54:4
give you another *H* . . . . . John 14:16
"But when the *H* . . . . . John 15:26
she has been a *h* . . . . . Rom 16:2
"The LORD is my *h* . . . . . Heb 13:6

## HELPFUL
all things are not *h* . . . . . 1 Cor 6:12

## HELPS
the Spirit also *h* . . . . . Rom 8:26
gifts of healings, *h* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:28

## HEM
and touched the *h* . . . . . Matt 9:20
might only touch the *h* . . . . Matt 14:36

## HEMAN
Composer of a psalm, Ps 88:title

## HEMLOCK
judgment springs up like *h* . . Hos 10:4

## HEN
as a *h* gathers her chicks . . Matt 23:37
as a *h* gathers her brood . . Luke 13:34

## HENNA
is to me a cluster of *h* . . . . . Song 1:14
fragrant *h* with spikenard . . Song 4:13

## HERB
the *h* that yields seed, and . . Gen 1:11
every green *h* for food . . . . . Gen 1:30
struck every *h* of the field . . . . Ex 9:25
ate every *h* of the land . . . . . Ex 10:15
raindrops on the tender *h* . . Deut 32:2
field and the green *h* . . . . . 2 Kin 19:26
And wither as the green *h* . . . . Ps 37:2
the field and the green *h* . . . . . Is 37:27

## HERBS
with bitter *h* they shall eat . . . Ex 12:8
bread and bitter *h* . . . . . Num 9:11
a dinner of *h* where love . . Prov 15:17

## HERD
And Abraham ran to the *h* . . Gen 18:7
a burnt sacrifice of the *h* . . . . . Lev 1:3
tithe of the *h* or the flock . . Lev 27:32
there be no *h* in the stalls . . . Hab 3:17
into the *h* of swine . . . . . Matt 8:31

## HERE
Then I said, "*H* am I . . . . . Is 6:8

## HERE I AM
And he said, "*H* . . . . . Gen 22:1
And he answered him, "*H* . . Gen 27:1
'Jacob.' And I said, '*H* . . . . . Gen 31:11
So he said to him, "*H* . . . . . Gen 37:13
Jacob!" And he said, "*H* . . . . Gen 46:2
Moses!" And he said, "*H* . . . . . Ex 3:4
And he answered, "*H* . . . . . 1 Sam 3:4
"*H.* Witness against me . . . 1 Sam 12:3
*h.* let Him do to me as . . . 2 Sam 15:26
*h.* the first to come . . . . . 2 Sam 19:20
nor let the eunuch say, "*H* . . . . Is 56:3
cry, and He will say, '*H* . . . . . Is 58:9
I said, '*H, h,*' to a nation . . . . . Is 65:1
*h.* in your hand; do with . . . . Jer 26:14
And he said, "*H* . . . . . Acts 9:10

## HERESIES
dissensions, *h* . . . . . Gal 5:20
in destructive *h* . . . . . 2 Pet 2:1

## HERITAGE
give it to you as a *h* . . . . . Ex 6:8
have given me the *h* . . . . . Ps 61:5
for that is his *h* . . . . . Eccl 3:22
for it is his *h* . . . . . Eccl 5:18
This is the *h* of the . . . . . Is 54:17
of My people, My *h* . . . . . Joel 3:2
The flock of Your *h* . . . . . Mic 7:14

## HERMES
Paul acclaimed as, Acts 14:12

## HERMON
Highest mountain (9,166 ft.) in Syria; also called Sirion, Shenir, Deut 3:8, 9

## HEROD
—— Herod the Great, procurator of Judea (37–4 B.C.), Luke 1:5
Inquires about Jesus' birth, Matt 2:3–8
Slays infants of Bethlehem, Matt 2:12–18
—— Herod Antipas, the tetrarch, ruler of Galilee and Perea (4 B.C.–A.D. 39), Luke 3:1
Imprisons John the Baptist, Luke 3:18–21
Has John the Baptist beheaded, Matt 14:1–12
Disturbed about Jesus, Luke 9:7–9
Jesus sent to him, Luke 23:7–11
—— Herod Agrippa I (A.D. 37–44), Acts 12:1, 19
Kills James, Acts 12:1, 2
Imprisons Peter, Acts 12:3–11, 19
Slain by an angel, Acts 12:20–23
—— Herod Agrippa II (A.D. 53–70); called Agrippa and King Agrippa, Acts 25:22–24, 26
Festus tells him about Paul, Acts 25:13–27
Paul makes a defense before, Acts 26:1–32

## HERODIANS
Join Pharisees against Jesus, Mark 3:6
Seek to trap Jesus, Matt 22:15–22
Jesus warns against, Mark 8:15

## HERODIAS
Granddaughter of Herod the Great; plots John's death, Matt 14:3–12
Married her uncle, Mark 6:17, 18

## HESHBON
Ancient Moabite city; taken by Moses, Num 21:23–34
Assigned to Reubenites, Num 32:1–37
Prophecies concerning, Is 15:1–4; 16:8–14; Jer 48:2, 34, 35

## HETH
Son of Canaan, Gen 10:15
Abraham buys field from sons of, Gen 23:3–20
Esau marries daughters of, Gen 27:46

## HEW
*H* for yourself two tablets . . Deut 10:1

## HEWN
she has *h* out her seven . . . . . Prov 9:1
in a tomb that was *h* . . . . . Luke 23:53

## HEZEKIAH
Righteous king of Judah; reforms temple and worship, 2 Chr 29—31
Wars with Assyria; prayer for deliverance is answered, 2 Kin 18:7—19:37
His sickness and recovery; thanksgiving, 2 Kin 20:1–11; Is 38:9–22
Boasts to Babylonian ambassadors, 2 Kin 20:12–19
Death, 2 Kin 20:20, 21

## HID
naked; and I *h* myself . . . . . Gen 3:10
child, she *h* him three . . . . . Ex 2:2
Egyptian and *h* him in the . . . . Ex 2:12
she *h* the messengers . . . . . Josh 6:25
David *h* in the field . . . . . 1 Sam 20:24
they *h* him and his nurse . . 2 Kin 11:2
And we *h.* as it were, our . . . . . Is 53:3
and *h* his lord's money . . . . Matt 25:18

she *h* herself five months, . . Luke 1:24
*h* in three measures of . . . . Luke 13:21
but Jesus *h* Himself and . . . John 8:59
*h* themselves in the caves . . . Rev 6:15

### HIDDEKEL
Hebrew name of the river Tigris, Gen 2:14; Dan 10:4

### HIDDEN
and the LORD has *h*. . . . . 2 Kin 4:27
It is *h* from the eyes . . . . . Job 28:21
*h* Your righteousness . . . . . Ps 40:10
and my sins are not *h* . . . . . Ps 69:5
Your word I have *h* . . . . . Ps 119:11
*h* riches of secret places . . . . . Is 45:3
there His power was *h* . . . . . Hab 3:4
*h* that will not . . . . . Matt 10:26
the *h* wisdom which God . . . 1 Cor 2:7
bring to light the *h* . . . . . 1 Cor 4:5
have renounced the *h* . . . . . 2 Cor 4:2
rather let it be the *h* . . . . . 1 Pet 3:4
give some of the *h* . . . . . Rev 2:17

### HIDE
*h* by the Brook Cherith, . . . 1 Kin 17:3
*H* me under the shadow . . . . . Ps 17:8
tabernacle He shall *h* me . . . . . Ps 27:5
You shall *h* them in . . . . . Ps 31:20
O God, and do not *h* . . . . . Ps 55:1
You *h* Your face . . . . . Ps 104:29
darkness shall not *h* . . . . . Ps 139:12
You are God, who *h* . . . . . Is 45:15
*h* yourself from your . . . . . Is 58:7
"Fall on us and *h* . . . . . Rev 6:16

### HIDES
He *h* His face . . . . . Ps 10:11

### HIDING
You are my *h* place . . . . . Ps 32:7
A man will be as a *h* . . . . . Is 32:2

### HIEL
Native of Bethel; rebuilds Jericho, 1 Kin 16:34
Fulfills Joshua's curse, Josh 6:26

### HIGH
*See* MOST HIGH
priest of God Most *H* . . . . . Gen 14:18
For the LORD Most *H* . . . . . Ps 47:2
*h* is Your right hand . . . . . Ps 89:13
are on *h* forevermore . . . . . Ps 92:8
the LORD is on *h* . . . . . Ps 138:6
"I dwell in the *h* . . . . . Is 57:15
know that the Most *H* . . . . . Dan 4:17
whose habitation is *h* . . . . . Obad 3
up on a *h* mountain by . . . . . Matt 17:1
your mind on *h* things . . . . Rom 12:16
*h* thing that exalts . . . . . 2 Cor 10:5
and faithful *H* Priest . . . . . Heb 2:17

### HIGH PLACE
people today on the *h* . . . . . 1 Sam 9:12
coming down from the *h* . . 1 Sam 10:5
great *h*: Solomon offered . . . . 1 Kin 3:4
Solomon built a *h* for . . . . . 1 Kin 11:7
*h* which Jeroboam the . . . . 2 Kin 23:15
*h* that was at Gibeon . . . . . 1 Chr 16:39
Moab is weary on the *h* . . . . . Is 16:12
made a *h* for yourself in . . Ezek 16:24
this *h* to which you go?' . . Ezek 20:29

### HIGH PLACES
I will destroy your *h* . . . . . Lev 26:30
him up to the *h* of Baal . . . Num 22:41
demolish all their *h* . . . . . Num 33:52
shall tread down their *h* . . Deut 33:29
Israel is slain on your *h* . . . 2 Sam 1:19
and sets me on my *h* . . . . 2 Sam 22:34
people sacrificed at the *h* . . . 1 Kin 3:2
made shrines on the *h* . . . . 1 Kin 12:31
the *h* were not removed . . 1 Kin 15:14
He removed the *h* and . . . . . 2 Kin 18:4
to burn incense on the *h* . . . 2 Kin 23:5
He also removed the *h* . . . . 2 Chr 14:5
threw down the *h* and . . . . . 2 Chr 31:1
taken away His *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 32:12
*h*, the wooden images . . . . . 2 Chr 34:3
He makes peace in His *h* . . . . Job 25:2
deer, and sets me on my *h* . . . Ps 18:33
Him to anger with their *h* . . . Ps 78:58
to the *h* to weep. Moab will . . . Is 15:2
have built the *h* of Tophet . . . Jer 7:31
your *h* of sin within all . . . . . Jer 17:3
I will destroy your *h* . . . . . Ezek 6:3
adorned multicolored *h* . . . Ezek 16:16
of their kings on their *h* . . . . Ezek 43:7
Also the *h* of Aven, the sin . . Hos 10:8
who treads the *h* of the . . . Amos 4:13

### HIGH PRIEST
'And he who is the *h* . . . . . Lev 21:10
until the death of the *h* . . . Num 35:25
"Go up to Hilkiah the *h* . . . . 2 Kin 22:4
*h*, was a son-in-law of . . . . . Neh 13:28
son of Jehozadak, the *h* . . . . . Hag 1:1
showed me Joshua the *h* . . . . Zech 3:1
at the palace of the *h* . . . . . Matt 26:3
days of Abiathar the *h* . . . . Mark 2:26
servant of the *h*, and . . . . . Mark 14:47
Caiaphas, being *h* that . . . . John 11:49
the courtyard of the *h* . . . . John 18:15
Annas the *h*, Caiaphas, . . . . . Acts 4:6
of the Lord, went to the *h* . . . . Acts 9:1
*h* Ananias commanded . . . . . Acts 23:2
a merciful and faithful *H* . . . . Heb 2:17
we have a great *H* who . . . . . Heb 4:14
we do not have a *H* who . . . . Heb 4:15
called by God as *H* . . . . . Heb 5:10
*H* forever according to the . . Heb 6:20
We have such a *H*, who is . . . Heb 8:1
*h* went alone once a year . . . . Heb 9:7
*H* over the house of God . . Heb 10:21

### HIGHER
They are *h* than heaven . . . . . Job 11:8
you, 'Friend, go up *h* . . . . . Luke 14:10
*h* than the heavens . . . . . Heb 7:26

### HIGHEST
the *h* heavens belong to . . . Deut 10:14
Hosanna in the *h*! . . . . . Matt 21:9
the power of the *H* will . . . . Luke 1:35
Glory to God in the *h* . . . . . Luke 2:14
and glory in the *h* . . . . . Luke 19:38

### HIGHLY
Rejoice, *h* favored one . . . . . Luke 1:28
also has *h* exalted Him . . . . . Phil 2:9

### HIGHWAY
of the upright is a *h* . . . . . Prov 15:19
in the desert a *h* . . . . . Is 40:3
up, build up the *h* . . . . . Is 62:10

### HIGHWAYS
*h* shall be elevated . . . . . Is 49:11
go into the *h* . . . . . Matt 22:9

### HILKIAH
Shallum's son, 1 Chr 6:13
High priest in Josiah's reign, 2 Chr 34:9–22
Oversees temple work, 2 Kin 22:4–7
Finds the Book of the Law, 2 Kin 22:8–14
Aids in reformation, 2 Kin 23:4

### HILL
My King on My holy *h* . . . . . Ps 2:6
*h* cannot be hidden . . . . . Matt 5:14
and *h* brought low . . . . . Luke 3:5
to the brow of the *h* . . . . . Luke 4:29

### HILLS
of the everlasting *h* . . . . . Gen 49:26
possess is a land of *h* . . . . . Deut 11:11
of the *h* are His also . . . . . Ps 95:4
up my eyes to the *h* . . . . . Ps 121:1
settled, before the *h* . . . . . Prov 8:25

### HINDER
takes away, who can *h* . . . . . Job 9:12
all things lest we *h* . . . . . 1 Cor 9:12

### HINDERED
come to you (but was *h* . . . . Rom 1:13
Who *h* you from obeying . . . . . Gal 5:7
prayers may not be *h* . . . . . 1 Pet 3:7

### HINDERS
*h* me from being baptized . . Acts 8:36

### HINNOM, VALLEY OF THE SON OF
*See* TOPHET
Place near Jerusalem used for human sacrifice, 2 Kin 23:10; 2 Chr 28:3; Jer 7:31, 32; 19:1–15

### HIP
socket of Jacob's *h* . . . . . Gen 32:25

### HIRAM
King of Tyre; provided materials for David's palace and Solomon's temple, 2 Sam 5:11; 1 Kin 5:1–12; 9:10–14, 26–28; 10:11; 1 Chr 14:1

### HIRE
*h* laborers for his . . . . . Matt 20:1

### HIRED
*h* man who eagerly . . . . . Job 7:2
as the years of a *h* man . . . . . Is 16:14
*h* about the eleventh hour . . Matt 20:9
*h* servants have bread . . . . Luke 15:17

### HIRELING
The *h* flees because . . . . . John 10:13

### HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
for He is good! For *H* . . . . 1 Chr 16:34
"For He is good, for *H* . . . . 2 Chr 5:13
"Praise the LORD, for *H* . . 2 Chr 20:21
For *H* toward Israel." . . . . . Ezra 3:11
for He is good! For *H* . . . . . Ps 106:1
for He is good! For *H* . . . . . Ps 107:1
for He is good! For *H* . . . . . Ps 118:1
for He is good! For *H* . . . . . Ps 136:1
the LORD is good, for *H* . . . . . Jer 33:11

### HIS RIGHT HAND
Ephraim with *h* toward . . . . Gen 48:13
on the thumb of *h*, and on . . . Lev 8:23
on *H* and on His left . . . . . 1 Kin 22:19
the saving strength of *H* . . . . . Ps 20:6
*H* and His holy arm have . . . . . Ps 98:1
A wise man's heart is at *h* . . Eccl 10:2
is under my head, and *h* . . . . Song 2:6
The LORD has sworn by *H*. . . . . Is 62:8
He has drawn back *H* from . . Lam 2:3
when he held up *h* and his . . Dan 12:7
Satan standing at *h* to . . . . . Zech 3:1
will set the sheep on *H* . . . . Matt 25:33
a reed in *H*. And they . . . . . Matt 27:29
God has exalted to *H* . . . . . Acts 5:31
seated Him at *H* in . . . . . Eph 1:20
He had in *H* seven stars . . . . . Rev 1:16
holds the seven stars in *H* . . . . Rev 2:1

### HITTITES
One of seven Canaanite nations, Deut 7:1
Israelites intermarry with, Judg 3:5, 6; 1 Kin 11:1; Ezra 9:1, 2

### HIVITES
One of seven Canaanite nations, Deut 7:1
Esau intermarries with, Gen 36:2
Gibeonites belong to, Josh 9:3, 7

### HOLD
he took *h* of his father's . . . Gen 48:17
for we must *h* a feast to the . . Ex 10:9
sorrow will take *h* of the . . . . Ex 15:14
trembling will take *h* of . . . . . Ex 15:15
took *h* of the doors of the . . Judg 16:3
took *h* of the horns of the . . 1 Kin 1:50
enough to *h* two seahs . . . . 1 Kin 18:32

out his hand to *h* the ark .. 1 Chr 13:9
Take *h* of shield and ..... Ps 35:2
*h* my eyelids open ..... Ps 77:4
right hand shall *h* ..... Ps 139:10
LORD your God, will *h* ..... Is 41:13
cisterns that can *h* no ..... Jer 2:13
I cannot *h* my peace ..... Jer 4:19
Herod had laid *h* of John ... Matt 14:3
who had laid *h* of Jesus ... Matt 26:57
you *h* the tradition of men .. Mark 7:8
*h* fast that word ..... 1 Cor 15:2
*h* fast our confession ..... Heb 4:14
*h* fast and repent ..... Rev 3:3
*H* fast what you have, that .. Rev 3:11

## HOLES
"Foxes have *h* ..... Matt 8:20

## HOLIER
near me, for I am *h* ..... Is 65:5

## HOLIEST
the way into the *H* ..... Heb 9:8
to enter the *H* by the ..... Heb 10:19

## HOLINESS
You, glorious in *h* ..... Ex 15:11
*H* to the LORD ..... Ex 28:36
LORD in the beauty of *h* .. 1 Chr 16:29
has spoken in His *h* ..... Ps 60:6
I have sworn by My *h* ..... Ps 89:35
*h* adorns Your house ..... Ps 93:5
the Highway of *H* ..... Is 35:8
to the Spirit of *h* ..... Rom 1:4
spirit, perfecting *h* ..... 2 Cor 7:1
uncleanness, but in *h* ..... 1 Thess 4:7
be partakers of His *h* ..... Heb 12:10

## HOLY
*See* MOST HOLY PLACE
where you stand is *h* ..... Ex 3:5
rest, a *h* Sabbath to the ..... Ex 16:23
priests and a *h* nation ..... Ex 19:6
day, to keep it *h* ..... Ex 20:8
put the *h* crown on the ..... Ex 29:6
the altar shall be most *h* .... Ex 29:37
It shall be a *h* anointing oil .. Ex 30:25
distinguish between *h* ..... Lev 10:10
the LORD your God am *h* .... Lev 19:2
the priest is *h* to his God .... Lev 21:7
all the congregation is *h* ... Num 16:3
"No one is *h* like the ..... 1 Sam 2:2
priest gave him *h* bread ... 1 Sam 21:6
the *h* ark in the house ..... 2 Chr 35:3
*h* seed is mixed ..... Ezra 9:2
This day is *h* to the LORD .... Neh 8:9
*h* ones will you turn ..... Job 5:1
LORD is in His *h* temple..... Ps 11:4
may dwell in Your *h* hill ..... Ps 15:1
*H* One to see corruption ..... Ps 16:10
God sits on His *h* ..... Ps 47:8
God, in His *h* mountain..... Ps 48:1
my life, for I am *h* ..... Ps 86:2
"*H, h, h* is the LORD..... Is 6:3
*H* One of Israel, in truth ..... Is 10:20
destroy in all My *h* ..... Is 11:9
hallow the *H* One of Jacob ... Is 29:23
Redeemer, the *H* One of ..... Is 41:14
call them The *H* People ..... Is 62:12
It shall be the *h* district ... Ezek 48:21
Spirit of the *H* God is in ..... Dan 4:9
I heard a *h* one speaking ... Dan 8:13
the *h* angels with Him .... Matt 25:31
name of Your *h* Servant .... Acts 4:30
if the firstfruit is *h* ..... Rom 11:16
bodies a living sacrifice, *h* .. Rom 12:1
one another with a *h* ..... Rom 16:16
that we should be *h* ..... Eph 1:4
lifting up *h* hands, without .. 1 Tim 2:8
called us with a *h* calling ... 2 Tim 1:9
has not entered the *h* ..... Heb 9:24
He who called you is *h* .... 1 Pet 1:15
it is written, "Be *h* ..... 1 Pet 1:16
a *h* priesthood, to offer up ... 1 Pet 2:5
a *h* nation, His own special .. 1 Pet 2:9
you to be in *h* conduct ..... 2 Pet 3:11
says He who is *h* ..... Rev 3:7
*H, h, h,* Lord God ..... Rev 4:8
For You alone are *h* ..... Rev 15:4
is *h*, let him be *h* ..... Rev 22:11

## HOLY CITY
dwell in Jerusalem, the *h* ... Neh 11:1
call themselves after the *h* .... Is 48:2
O Jerusalem, the *h* ..... Is 52:1
people and for your *h* ..... Dan 9:24
took Him up into the *h* ..... Matt 4:5
they went into the *h* and .. Matt 27:53
they will tread the *h* under .. Rev 11:2
Then I, John, saw the *h* ..... Rev 21:2
Book of Life, from the *h* ... Rev 22:19

## HOLY NAME
and profane My *h* ..... Lev 20:3
Glory in His *h*; let ..... 1 Chr 16:10
You a house for Your *h* .. 1 Chr 29:16
remembrance of His *h* ..... Ps 30:4
we have trusted in His *h* .... Ps 33:21
remembrance of His *h*..... Ps 97:12
is within me, bless His *h* .... Ps 103:1
Glory in His *h*; let the ..... Ps 105:3
to give thanks to Your *h* ... Ps 106:47
all flesh shall bless His *h* ... Ps 145:21
profane My *h* no more .... Ezek 20:39
I had concern for My *h* ... Ezek 36:21
be jealous for My *h* ..... Ezek 39:25
same girl, to defile My *h* ... Amos 2:7

## HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL
on high? Against the *H* ... 2 Kin 19:22
sing with the harp, O *H* ..... Ps 71:22
And our king to the *H*..... Ps 89:18
have provoked to anger the *H* .. Is 1:4
depend on the LORD, the *H*... Is 10:20
great is the *H* in your midst ... Is 12:6
and your Redeemer, the *H* ... Is 41:14
LORD who is faithful, the *H*.... Is 49:7
of the LORD, Zion of the *H* ... Is 60:14
the LORD, against the *H*..... Jer 50:29

## HOLY PLACE
between the *h* and the ..... Ex 26:33
when he goes into the *h*..... Ex 28:29
sweet incense for the *h* ..... Ex 31:11
it shall be eaten in a *h* ..... Lev 6:16
any time into the *H* inside ... Lev 16:2
most *h* you shall eat ..... Num 18:10
sanctuary, as the Most *H* .. 1 Kin 6:16
the needs of the *h*, and ... 1 Chr 23:32
And he made the Most *H* ... 2 Chr 3:8
*H*, under the wings of the ... 2 Chr 5:7
the rubbish from the *h* .... 2 Chr 29:5
stand in the *h* according ... 2 Chr 35:5
to give us a peg in His *h*..... Ezra 9:8
who may stand in His *h*? ..... Ps 24:3
the *h* of the tabernacle of ..... Ps 46:4
as in Sinai, in the *H* ..... Ps 68:17
"I dwell in the high and *h* .... Is 57:15
"This is the Most *H*..... Ezek 41:4
standing in the *h* ..... Matt 24:15
words against this *h* and ... Acts 6:13
and has defiled this *h* ..... Acts 21:28
He entered the Most *H* ..... Heb 9:12
priest enters the Most *H* .... Heb 9:25

## HOLY SPIRIT
*See* FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
Affirmed as divine:
called God, Acts 5:3, 4
joined with the Father and the Son, Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14
eternal, Heb 9:14
omnipotent, Luke 1:35
omniscient, 1 Cor 2:10, 11
omnipresent, Ps 139:7–13
Creator, Gen 1:2
sovereign, 1 Cor 12:6, 11
new creation, John 3:3, 8
sin against, unforgiveable, Matt 12:31, 32
Work of:
speaks in Scripture, Acts 1:16, 17; 28:25; 2 Tim 3:16
role in Christ's ministry, Matt 3:16; 12:28; Luke 1:35; 4:1, 17, 18; Rom 1:4; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 9:14
regenerates, John 3:3, 5
indwells, Rom 8:11
anoints, 1 John 2:20, 27
baptizes, Acts 2:17–41
guides, John 16:13
empowers, Mic 3:8
sanctifies, Rom 15:16; 2 Thess 2:13
bears witness, Rom 8:16; Heb 10:15
helps, John 14:16–26
gives joy, Rom 14:17
gives discernment, 1 Cor 2:10–16; 1 John 4:1–6
bears fruit, Gal 5:22, 23
gives gifts, 1 Cor 12:3–11
comforts, Acts 9:31
illuminates the mind, 1 Cor 2:12, 13; Eph 1:16, 17
reveals things of God, Is 40:13, 14; 1 Cor 2:10, 13
Promised, Joel 2:28–32
Received by disciples, Acts 2:1–21
Received by Gentiles, Acts 10:45
Persons filled by:
Bezalel, Ex 31:2
Jesus, Luke 4:1
John the Baptist, Luke 1:15, 60
Elizabeth, Luke 1:41
Zacharias, Luke 1:67
Pentecost Christians, Acts 2:1–4
Peter, Acts 4:8
seven deacons, Acts 6:3–5
Stephen, Acts 7:55
Barnabas, Acts 11:22, 24
Paul, Acts 13:9
certain disciples, Acts 13:52
not take Your *H* from me .... Ps 51:11
rebelled and grieved His *H* ... Is 63:10
found with child of the *H* ... Matt 1:18
baptize you with the *H* ..... Matt 3:11
speaks against the *H*, it ... Matt 12:32
of the Son and of the *H* ... Matt 28:19
himself said by the *H* .... Mark 12:36
who speak, but the *H* .... Mark 13:11
filled with the *H*, even ..... Luke 1:15
was filled with the *H* ..... Luke 1:41
the *H*, and prophesied ..... Luke 1:67
and the *H* was upon him ... Luke 2:25
And the *H* descended in ... Luke 3:22
being filled with the *H* ..... Luke 4:1
Father give the *H* ..... Luke 11:13
the *H* was not yet given .... John 7:39
"But the Helper, the *H* .... John 14:26
to them, "Receive the *H* .. John 20:22
be baptized with the *H* ..... Acts 1:5
receive power when the *H* ... Acts 1:8
were all filled with the *H* .... Acts 2:4
the promise of the *H* ..... Acts 2:33
receive the gift of the *H* .... Acts 2:38
Peter, filled with the *H* ..... Acts 4:8
were all filled with the *H* ... Acts 4:31
to lie to the *H* and keep ..... Acts 5:3
full of the *H* and wisdom .... Acts 6:3
You always resist the *H* .... Acts 7:51
they might receive the *H* ... Acts 8:15
and be filled with the *H* .... Acts 9:17
in the comfort of the *H* ..... Acts 9:31
the *H* fell upon all those ... Acts 10:44
the *H* fell upon them, as ... Acts 11:15
the *H* said, "Now separate .. Acts 13:2
with joy and with the *H* ... Acts 13:52
by giving them the *H* just ... Acts 15:8
it seemed good to the *H* ... Acts 15:28
were forbidden by the *H* .... Acts 16:6
the *H* testifies in every .... Acts 20:23
*H* has made you ..... Acts 20:28

says the *H*, "So shall the .. Acts 21:11
out in our hearts by the *H* ... Rom 5:5
me witness in the *H* ..... Rom 9:1
peace and joy in the *H* .... Rom 14:17
sanctified by the *H* ..... Rom 15:16
but which the *H* teaches ... 1 Cor 2:13
is the temple of the *H* ..... 1 Cor 6:19
is Lord except by the *H* .... 1 Cor 12:3
by kindness, by the *H* ..... 2 Cor 6:6
were sealed with the *H* of ... Eph 1:13
And do not grieve the *H* .... Eph 4:30
by the *H* who dwells ..... 2 Tim 1:14
and renewing of the *H* ..... Titus 3:5
miracles, and gifts of the *H* .. Heb 2:4
become partakers of the *H* ... Heb 6:4
were moved by the *H* ..... 2 Pet 1:21
the Word, and the *H* ..... 1 John 5:7

HOME
LORD has brought me *h* .... Ruth 1:21
sparrow has found a *h* ..... Ps 84:3
the stork has her *h* ..... Ps 104:17
to his eternal *h* ..... Eccl 12:5
said to him, "Go *h* ..... Mark 5:19
into an everlasting *h* ..... Luke 16:9
to him and make Our *h* ... John 14:23
took her to his own *h* ..... John 19:27
let him eat at *h* ..... 1 Cor 11:34
own husbands at *h* ..... 1 Cor 14:35
that while we are at *h* ..... 2 Cor 5:6
to show piety at *h* ..... 1 Tim 5:4

HOMELESS
and beaten, and *h* ..... 1 Cor 4:11

HOMEMAKERS
be discreet, chaste, *h* ..... Titus 2:5

HOMOSEXUALS
nor adulterers, nor *h*, nor ... 1 Cor 6:9

HONEST
we are *h* men ..... Gen 42:11

HONEY
*See* MILK AND HONEY
flowing with milk and *h* .. Num 16:13
"What is sweeter than *h* .. Judg 14:18
I tasted a little of this *h* .. 1 Sam 14:29
Sweeter also than *h* and ..... Ps 19:10
and with *h* from the ..... Ps 81:16
sweeter than *h* to my ..... Ps 119:103
My son, eat *h* because .... Prov 24:13
not good to eat much *h* ... Prov 25:27
*h* and milk are under ..... Song 4:11
was locusts and wild *h* ..... Matt 3:4
sweet as *h* in my mouth .... Rev 10:10

HONEYCOMB
than honey and the *h* ..... Ps 19:10
words are like a *h* ..... Prov 16:24
fish and some *h* ..... Luke 24:42

HONOR
*H* your father and your ..... Ex 20:12
both riches and *h* ..... 1 Kin 3:13
the king delights to *h* ..... Esth 6:6
earth, and lay my *h* ..... Ps 7:5
A man who is in *h* ..... Ps 49:20
Sing out the *h* of His ..... Ps 66:2
will deliver him and *h* ..... Ps 91:15
*H* and majesty are ..... Ps 96:6
*h* have all His saints ..... Ps 149:9
*H* the LORD with your ..... Prov 3:9
before *h* is humility ..... Prov 15:33
*h* is not fitting ..... Prov 26:1
spirit will retain *h* ..... Prov 29:23
Father, where is My *h* ..... Mal 1:6
is not without *h* ..... Matt 13:57
'*H* your father and your .... Matt 15:4
*h* the Son just as they ..... John 5:23
"I do not receive *h* ..... John 5:41
but I *h* My Father ..... John 8:49
"If I *h* Myself ..... John 8:54
him My Father will *h* ..... John 12:26
make one vessel for *h* ..... Rom 9:21
to whom fear, *h* ..... Rom 13:7
we bestow greater *h* ..... 1 Cor 12:23
sanctification and *h* ..... 1 Thess 4:4
alone is wise, be *h* ..... 1 Tim 1:17
worthy of double *h* ..... 1 Tim 5:17
and clay, some for *h* ..... 2 Tim 2:20
no man takes this *h* ..... Heb 5:4
*H* the king ..... 1 Pet 2:17
from God the Father *h* ..... 2 Pet 1:17
give glory and *h* ..... Rev 4:9

HONORABLE
of God, and he is an *h* ..... 1 Sam 9:6
His work is *h* and ..... Ps 111:3
It is *h* for a man to ..... Prov 20:3
traders are the *h* ..... Is 23:8
holy day of the LORD *h*. ..... Is 58:13
providing *h* things ..... 2 Cor 8:21
Marriage is *h* among ..... Heb 13:4
having your conduct *h* ..... 1 Pet 2:12

HONORABLY
desiring to live *h* ..... Heb 13:18

HONORS
*h* those who fear the ..... Ps 15:4
'This people *h* Me ..... Mark 7:6
It is My Father who *h* ..... John 8:54

HOOKS
will lament who cast *h* ..... Is 19:8
spears into pruning *h* ..... Mic 4:3

HOOVES
those that have cloven *h* .... Lev 11:4
I will make your *h* bronze ... Mic 4:13

HOPE
I should say I have *h* ..... Ruth 1:12
are spent without *h* ..... Job 7:6
so You destroy the *h* ..... Job 14:19
where then is my *h* ..... Job 17:15
*h* He has uprooted ..... Job 19:10
also will rest in *h* ..... Ps 16:9
heart, all you who *h* ..... Ps 31:24
My *h* is in You ..... Ps 39:7
For You are my *h* ..... Ps 71:5
I *h* in Your word ..... Ps 119:147
O Israel, *h* in the ..... Ps 130:7
*h* will not be cut ..... Prov 23:18
There is more *h* ..... Prov 26:12
the living there is *h* ..... Eccl 9:4
O the *H* of Israel ..... Jer 14:8
good that one should *h* ..... Lam 3:26
Achor as a door of *h* ..... Hos 2:15
you prisoners of *h* ..... Zech 9:12
I have *h* in God ..... Acts 24:15
to *h*, in *h* believed ..... Rom 4:18
and rejoice in *h* ..... Rom 5:2
*h* does not disappoint ..... Rom 5:5
*h* that is seen is ..... Rom 8:24
But if we *h* for what ..... Rom 8:25
And now abide faith, *h* ... 1 Cor 13:13
life only we have *h* ..... 1 Cor 15:19
may know what is the *h* .... Eph 1:18
were called in one *h* ..... Eph 4:4
*h* which is laid ..... Col 1:5
Christ in you, the *h* ..... Col 1:27
For what is our *h* ..... 1 Thess 2:19
others who have no *h* ... 1 Thess 4:13
and as a helmet the *h* ..... 1 Thess 5:8
Jesus Christ, our *h* ..... 1 Tim 1:1
in *h* of eternal life ..... Titus 1:2
for the blessed *h* ..... Titus 2:13
to lay hold of the *h* ..... Heb 6:18
of a better *h* ..... Heb 7:19
us again to a living *h* ..... 1 Pet 1:3
you a reason for the *h* ..... 1 Pet 3:15
who has this *h* in Him ..... 1 John 3:3

HOPED
substance of things *h* ..... Heb 11:1

HOPHNI
Wicked son of Eli, 1 Sam 1:3; 2:12–17, 22–25
Prophecy against, 1 Sam 2:27–36; 3:11–14
Carries ark into battle; killed, 1 Sam 4:1–11

HOR
Mountain of Edom; scene of Aaron's death, Num 20:22–29; 33:37–39

HOREB
*See* SINAI
God appears to Moses at, Ex 3:1–22
Water flows from, Ex 17:6
Elijah lodged here 40 days, 1 Kin 19:8, 9

HORITES
Inhabitants of Mt. Seir, Gen 36:20
Defeated by Chedorlaomer, Gen 14:5, 6
Driven out by Esau's descendants, Gen 36:20–29; Deut 2:12, 22

HORMAH
Destroyed by Israel, Num 21:1–3

HORN
my shield and the *h* ..... Ps 18:2
*h* will be exalted ..... Ps 112:9
goat had a notable *h* ..... Dan 8:5
and has raised up a *h* ..... Luke 1:69

HORRIBLE
*h* thing has been ..... Jer 5:30
I have seen a *h* ..... Hos 6:10

HORROR
and behold, *h* and ..... Gen 15:12
sorrow, the cup of *h* ..... Ezek 23:33
you will become a *h* ..... Ezek 27:36

HORSE
The *h* and its rider He ..... Ex 15:1
Have you given the *h* ..... Job 39:19
*h* is a vain hope ..... Ps 33:17
the strength of the *h* ..... Ps 147:10
*h* is prepared for the ..... Prov 21:31
and behold, a white *h* ..... Rev 6:2
and behold, a black *h* ..... Rev 6:5
and behold, a pale *h* ..... Rev 6:8
and behold, a white *h* ..... Rev 19:11

HORSES
seen servants on *h* ..... Eccl 10:7
*h* are swifter than ..... Jer 4:13
Do *h* run on rocks ..... Amos 6:12
we put bits in *h* ..... James 3:3

HOSANNA
*H* in the highest ..... Matt 21:9

HOSEA
Son of Beeri, prophet of the northern kingdom, Hos 1:1

HOSHEA
Original name of Joshua, the son of Nun, Deut 32:44; Num 13:8, 16
—— Israel's last king; usurps throne, 2 Kin 15:30
Reigns wickedly; Israel taken to Assyria during his reign, 2 Kin 17:1–23

HOSPITABLE
of good behavior, *h* ..... 1 Tim 3:2
Be *h* to one another ..... 1 Pet 4:9

HOST
who brings out their *h* ..... Is 40:26
of the heavenly *h* ..... Luke 2:13

HOST OF HEAVEN
all the *h*, you feel driven ... Deut 4:19
throne, and all the *h* ..... 1 Kin 22:19
worshiped all the *h* ..... 2 Kin 17:16
and for all the *h* ..... 2 Kin 23:4
The *h* worships You ..... Neh 9:6
All the *h* shall be dissolved .... Is 34:4
the moon and all the *h* ..... Jer 8:2
burned incense to all the *h* .. Jer 19:13
the *h* cannot be numbered .. Jer 33:22
And it grew up to the *h* ..... Dan 8:10
them up to worship the *h* ... Acts 7:42

HOSTILITY
Him who endured such *h* ... Heb 12:3

HOSTS
*See* LORD GOD OF HOSTS; LORD OF HOSTS
name of the LORD of *h* . . . 1 Sam 17:45
As the LORD of *h* lives . . . . 1 Kin 18:15
The LORD of *h* is with . . . . . Ps 46:7
LORD, all you His *h* . . . . . Ps 103:21
praise Him, all His *h* . . . . . Ps 148:2
word of the LORD of *h* . . . . . Is 39:5
LORD of *h* is His name . . . . . Is 47:4
against spiritual *h* . . . . . Eph 6:12

HOT
of the LORD was *h* . . . . . Judg 2:14
My heart was *h* within . . . . . Ps 39:3
are neither cold nor *h* . . . . . Rev 3:15

HOUND
My enemies would *h* . . . . . Ps 56:2

HOUR
*h* what you should . . . . . Matt 10:19
day and *h* no one knows . . Matt 24:36
Man is coming at an *h* . . . . Matt 24:44
Behold, the *h* is at . . . . . Matt 26:45
But this is your *h* . . . . . Luke 22:53
*h* has not yet come . . . . . John 2:4
But the *h* is coming . . . . . John 4:23
*h* has come that the . . . . . John 12:23
save Me from this *h* . . . . . John 12:27
"Father, the *h* has come . . . . John 17:1
will not know what *h* . . . . . Rev 3:3
keep you from the *h* . . . . . Rev 3:10

HOURS
Are there not twelve *h* . . . . . John 11:9

HOUSE
from your father's *h* . . . . . Gen 12:1
But as for me and my *h* . . . Josh 24:15
*h* appointed for all . . . . . Job 30:23
with them to the *h* . . . . . Ps 42:4
the goodness of Your *h* . . . . . Ps 65:4
For her *h* leads down . . . . . Prov 2:18
Through wisdom a *h* . . . . . Prov 24:3
better to go to the *h* . . . . . Eccl 7:2
of the *h* tremble . . . . . Eccl 12:3
to the *h* of the God of . . . . . Is 2:3
to those who join *h* . . . . . Is 5:8
*h* was filled with . . . . . Is 6:4
'Set your *h* in order . . . . . Is 38:1
*h* shall be called a . . . . . Is 56:7
built his *h* on the rock . . . . . Matt 7:24
and beat on that *h* . . . . . Matt 7:25
blew and beat on that *h* . . . . Matt 7:27
had come into Peter's *h* . . . . Matt 8:14
came into the ruler's *h* . . . . . Matt 9:23
sheep of the *h* of Israel . . . . . Matt 10:6
*h* divided against . . . . . Matt 12:25
enter a strong man's *h* . . . . Matt 12:29
*h* shall be called a . . . . . Matt 21:13
Your *h* is left to you . . . . . Matt 23:38
the *h* of Simon the leper . . . . Matt 26:6
no one who has left *h* . . . . Mark 10:29
My *h* shall be called a *h* . . Mark 11:17
the *h* of Zacharias . . . . . Luke 1:40
bed, and go to your *h* . . . . . Luke 5:24
ruin of that *h* was great . . . . Luke 6:49
Whatever *h* you enter . . . . . Luke 9:4
*h* may be filled . . . . . Luke 14:23
light a lamp, sweep the *h* . . Luke 15:8
has come to this *h* . . . . . Luke 19:9
make My Father's *h* . . . . . John 2:16
for Your *h* has eaten Me . . . John 2:17
the *h* was filled with the . . . John 12:3
*h* are many mansions . . . . . John 14:2
bread from *h* to *h*, they . . . . . Acts 2:46
hour I prayed in my *h* . . . . . Acts 10:30
in the *h* of Simon . . . . . Acts 10:32
publicly and from *h* . . . . . Acts 20:20
in his own rented *h* . . . . . Acts 28:30
church that is in their *h* . . . . Rom 16:5
a *h* not made with hands, . . . 2 Cor 5:1
who rules his own *h* . . . . . 1 Tim 3:4
children, manage the *h* . . . . 1 Tim 5:14
in a great *h* there are . . . . . 2 Tim 2:20
the church in your *h* . . . . . Philem 2
has more honor than the *h* . . . Heb 3:3
For every *h* is built . . . . . Heb 3:4
His own *h*, whose *h* . . . . . Heb 3:6
Priest over the *h* of God . . . Heb 10:21
being built up a spiritual *h* . . 1 Pet 2:5
to begin at the *h* of God . . . . 1 Pet 4:17
him into your *h* . . . . . 2 John 1:10

HOUSE OF DAVID
a covenant with the *h* . . . . 1 Sam 20:16
house of Saul and the *h* . . . . 2 Sam 3:1
rebellion against the *h* . . . . 1 Kin 12:19
may return to the *h* . . . . . 1 Kin 12:26
shall be born to the *h* . . . . . 1 Kin 13:2
away from the *h* . . . . . 1 Kin 14:8
shall not dwell in the *h* . . . . 2 Chr 8:11
would not destroy the *h* . . . 2 Chr 21:7
the wall, beyond the *h* . . . . . Neh 12:37
the thrones of the *h* . . . . . Ps 122:5
And it was told to the *h* . . . . . Is 7:2
The key of the *h* I will lay . . . . Is 22:22
'O *h*! Thus says the LORD: . . . Jer 21:12
*h* shall be like God . . . . . Zech 12:8
was Joseph, of the *h* . . . . . Luke 1:27

HOUSE OF GOD
none other than the *h* . . . . . Gen 28:17
the *h* was in Shiloh . . . . . Judg 18:31
of the tabernacle of the *h* . . 1 Chr 6:48
stones to build the *h* . . . . . 1 Chr 22:2
all the service of the *h* . . . . 1 Chr 28:21
King Solomon for the *h* . . . 2 Chr 4:11
of the LORD filled the *h* . . . . 2 Chr 5:14
people dedicated the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 7:5
also brought into the *h* . . . 2 Chr 15:18
with them in the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 22:12
articles from the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 36:18
freewill offerings for the *h* . . . Ezra 1:4
oversee the work of the *h* . . . Ezra 3:8
or the courts of the *h* . . . . . Neh 8:16
"Why is the *h* forsaken?" . . Neh 13:11
I went with them to the *h* . . . . . Ps 42:4
a green olive tree in the *h* . . . . Ps 52:8
walked to the *h* in the . . . . . Ps 55:14
when you go to the *h* . . . . . Eccl 5:1
the articles of the *h* . . . . . Dan 1:2
from the temple of the *h* . . . . . Dan 5:3
how he entered the *h* and . . Matt 12:4
conduct yourself in the *h* . . 1 Tim 3:15
High Priest over the *h* . . . . . Heb 10:21
to begin at the *h* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:17

HOUSE OF THE LORD
you shall bring into the *h* . . . Ex 23:19
price of a dog to the *h* . . . . Deut 23:18
into the treasury of the *h* . . . Josh 6:24
she went up to the *h* . . . . . 1 Sam 1:7
brought him to the *h* . . . . . 1 Sam 1:24
he went into the *h* and . . . 2 Sam 12:20
his own house, and the *h* . . . 1 Kin 3:1
he began to build the *h* . . . . . 1 Kin 6:1
the cloud filled the *h* . . . . . 1 Kin 8:10
hidden with her in the *h* . . . 2 Kin 11:3
the damage of the *h* . . . . . 2 Kin 12:12
service of song in the *h* . . . . 1 Chr 6:31
David said, "This is the *h* . . 1 Chr 22:1
began to build the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 3:1
for the *h* was finished . . . . . 2 Chr 5:1
So the *h* was completed. . . 2 Chr 8:16
heart on repairing the *h* . . . 2 Chr 24:4
cut off from the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 26:21
of the *h* to cleanse it . . . . . 2 Chr 29:16
built altars in the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 33:4
of the Law in the *h* . . . . . 2 Chr 34:15
from the *h* to Babylon . . . . . 2 Chr 36:7
build the *h* God of Israel . . . . Ezra 1:3
heart, to beautify the *h* . . . . . Ezra 7:27
I will dwell in the *h* forever . . . Ps 23:6
that I may dwell in the *h* . . . . . Ps 27:4
who are planted in the *h* . . . . Ps 92:13
"Let us go into the *h* . . . . . Ps 122:1
Hezekiah went up to the *h* . . . Is 37:14
these words in the *h* . . . . . Jer 26:7
of praise into the *h*. For I . . . Jer 33:11
He burned the *h* and the . . . . Jer 52:13
noise in the *h* as on the . . . . . Lam 2:7
LORD filled the *h*; and I . . . . Ezek 44:4
it shall not come into the *h* . . . Hos 9:4
shall flow from the *h* . . . . . Joel 3:18
came and worked on the *h* . . Hag 1:14
priests who were in the *h* . . . Zech 7:3

HOUSEHOLD
over the ways of her *h* . . . . Prov 31:27
If the *h* is worthy . . . . . Matt 10:13
be those of his own *h* . . . . . Matt 10:36
make ruler over his *h* . . . . . Luke 12:42
*h* were baptized . . . . . Acts 16:15
saved, you and your *h* . . . . Acts 16:31
also baptized the *h* . . . . . 1 Cor 1:16
the *h* of Stephanas . . . . . 1 Cor 16:15
those who are of the *h* . . . . . Gal 6:10
who are of Caesar's *h* . . . . . Phil 4:22
mercy to the *h* of . . . . . 2 Tim 1:16
ark for the saving of his *h* . . Heb 11:7

HOUSEHOLDER
*h* who brings out of . . . . . Matt 13:52

HOUSEHOLDS
that He provided *h* for . . . . . Ex 1:21
heads of the fathers' *h* . . . . Ezra 10:16
those who creep into *h* . . . . . 2 Tim 3:6
who subvert whole *h* . . . . . Titus 1:11

HOUSES
*h* are safe from fear . . . . . Job 21:9
Yet He filled their *h* . . . . . Job 22:18
is that their *h* will last . . . . . Ps 49:11
*H* and riches are an . . . . . Prov 19:14
who has left *h* or . . . . . Matt 19:29
you devour widows' *h* . . . . Matt 23:14
Do you not have *h* . . . . . 1 Cor 11:22

HOUSETOP
dwell in a corner of a *h* . . . Prov 25:24
they went up on the *h* . . . . . Luke 5:19
went up on the *h* to pray, . . . Acts 10:9

HOUSETOPS
herb, as the grass on the *h* . . . Is 37:27
ear, preach on the *h* . . . . . Matt 10:27
be proclaimed on the *h* . . . . Luke 12:3

HOVERING
Spirit of God was *h* . . . . . Gen 1:2

HOW
"*H* can this be . . . . . Luke 1:34
*H* long do You keep . . . . . John 10:24
*h* you turned to God . . . . . 1 Thess 1:9

HULDAH
Wife of Shallum, 2 Kin 22:14
Foretells Jerusalem's ruin, 2 Kin 22:15–17; 2 Chr 34:22–25
Exempts Josiah from trouble, 2 Kin 22:18–20

HUMAN
broken without *h* means . . . . Dan 8:25
for joy that a *h* being . . . . . John 16:21
I speak in *h* terms . . . . . Rom 6:19
words of *h* wisdom . . . . . 1 Cor 2:4
we have had *h* fathers . . . . . Heb 12:9

HUMBLE
man Moses was very *h* . . . . Num 12:3
*h* you and test you . . . . . Deut 8:2
who is proud, and *h* . . . . . Job 40:11
the cry of the *h* . . . . . Ps 9:12
Do not forget the *h* . . . . . Ps 10:12
the desire of the *h* . . . . . Ps 10:17
*h* He guides in justice . . . . . Ps 25:9
*h* shall hear of it and . . . . . Ps 34:2
LORD lifts up the *h* . . . . . Ps 147:6
*h* spirit with the . . . . . Prov 16:19
contrite and *h* spirit . . . . . Is 57:15
a meek and *h* people . . . . . Zeph 3:12
associate with the *h* . . . . . Rom 12:16
gives grace to the *h* . . . . . James 4:6

*H* yourselves in the ..... James 4:10
gives grace to the *h* ..... 1 Pet 5:5
*h* yourselves under the ..... 1 Pet 5:6

HUMBLED
*h* himself greatly ..... 2 Chr 33:12
as a man, He *h* Himself ..... Phil 2:8

HUMBLES
*h* Himself to behold ..... Ps 113:6

HUMILIATION
to plunder, and to *h* ..... Ezra 9:7
*h* His justice was ..... Acts 8:33
but the rich in his *h* ..... James 1:10

HUMILITY
By *h* and the fear of ..... Prov 22:4
righteousness, seek *h* ..... Zeph 2:3
the Lord with all *h* ..... Acts 20:19
delight in false *h* ..... Col 2:18
mercies, kindness, *h* ..... Col 3:12
*h* correcting those ..... 2 Tim 2:25
gentle, showing all *h* ..... Titus 3:2
and be clothed with *h* ..... 1 Pet 5:5

HUNDRED
Adam lived were nine *h* ..... Gen 5:5
of Lamech were seven *h* .... Gen 5:31
of Jacob's life was one *h* .. Gen 47:28
Joseph lived one *h* and .... Gen 50:22
one *h* cubits long for one ..... Ex 27:9
of which was one *h* ..... Num 7:13
for a *h* foreskins of the ... 2 Sam 3:14
one *h* summer fruits ..... 2 Sam 16:1
had taken one *h* prophets .. 1 Kin 18:4

HUNDREDFOLD
in the same year a *h* ..... Gen 26:12
some a *h*, some sixty ..... Matt 13:8
receive a *h* now in this ... Mark 10:30
up, and yielded a crop a *h* .. Luke 8:8

HUNGER
you, allowed you to *h* ..... Deut 8:3
lack and suffer *h* ..... Ps 34:10
They shall neither *h* ..... Is 49:10
likely to die from *h* ..... Jer 38:9
are those who *h* ..... Matt 5:6
for you shall *h* ..... Luke 6:25
to Me shall never *h* ..... John 6:35
present hour we both *h* .... 1 Cor 4:11
They shall neither *h* ..... Rev 7:16

HUNGRY
bread from the *h* ..... Job 22:7
and fills the *h* ..... Ps 107:9
gives food to the *h* ..... Ps 146:7
*h* soul every bitter ..... Prov 27:7
your soul to the *h* ..... Is 58:10
for I was *h* and you ..... Matt 25:35
when did we see You *h* ... Matt 25:37
and one is *h* and ..... 1 Cor 11:21
But if anyone is *h* ..... 1 Cor 11:34
to be full and to be *h* ..... Phil 4:12

HUNT
Yet you *h* my life to ..... 1 Sam 24:11
*h* the violent man ..... Ps 140:11
*h* the souls of My ..... Ezek 13:18

HUNTER
Nimrod the mighty *h* ..... Gen 10:9
Esau was a skillful *h* ..... Gen 25:27

HUR
Man of Judah; of Caleb's house, 1 Chr 2:18–20
Supports Moses' hands, Ex 17:10–12
Aids Aaron, Ex 24:14

HURAM
Master craftsman of Solomon's temple, 1 Kin 7:13–40, 45; 2 Chr 2:13, 14

HURT
*h* a woman with child ..... Ex 21:22
who plot my *h* ..... Ps 35:4
but I was not *h* ..... Prov 23:35
another to his own *h* ..... Eccl 8:9
They shall not *h* ..... Is 11:9
of my people I am *h* ..... Jer 8:21
Woe is me for my *h* ..... Jer 10:19
it will by no means *h* ..... Mark 16:18
shall not be *h* by the ..... Rev 2:11

HUSBAND
She also gave to her *h* ..... Gen 3:6
desire shall be for your *h* ... Gen 3:16
"Surely you are a *h* ..... Ex 4:25
Uriah her *h* was dead .... 2 Sam 11:26
*h* safely trusts her ..... Prov 31:11
Her *h* is known in the ..... Prov 31:23
your Maker is your *h* ..... Is 54:5
though I was a *h* ..... Jer 31:32
you will call Me "My *H* ..... Hos 2:16
I have no *h* ..... John 4:17
now have is not your *h* .... John 4:18
But if the *h* dies, she is ..... Rom 7:2
woman have her own *h* ..... 1 Cor 7:2
For the unbelieving *h* ..... 1 Cor 7:14
you will save your *h* ..... 1 Cor 7:16
betrothed you to one *h* .... 2 Cor 11:2
For the *h* is head of ..... Eph 5:23
the *h* of one wife ..... 1 Tim 3:2
a bride adorned for her *h* ... Rev 21:2

HUSBANDS
them ask their own *h* ..... 1 Cor 14:35
*H*, love your wives ..... Eph 5:25
*H*, love your wives and do ... Col 3:19
Let deacons be the *h* ..... 1 Tim 3:12
women to love their *h* ..... Titus 2:4
submissive to your own *h* ... 1 Pet 3:1

HUSHAI
Archite; David's friend, 2 Sam 15:32–37
Feigns sympathy with Absalom, 2 Sam 16:16–19
Defeats Ahithophel's advice, 2 Sam 17:5–23

HYACINTH
*h* blue, and sulfur yellow .... Rev 9:17

HYMENAEUS
False teacher excommunicated by Paul, 1 Tim 1:19, 20

HYMN
they had sung a *h* ..... Matt 26:30

HYMNS
praying and singing *h* ..... Acts 16:25
in psalms and *h* ..... Eph 5:19

HYPOCRISY
you are full of *h* ..... Matt 23:28
Pharisees, which is *h* ..... Luke 12:1
Let love be without *h* ..... Rom 12:9
away with their *h* ..... Gal 2:13
and without *h* ..... James 3:17
malice, all deceit, *h* ..... 1 Pet 2:1

HYPOCRITE
of the *h* shall perish ..... Job 8:13
and the joy of the *h* ..... Job 20:5
is the hope of the *h* ..... Job 27:8
for everyone is a *h* ..... Is 9:17
also played the *h* ..... Gal 2:13

HYPOCRITES
"But the *h* in heart ..... Job 36:13
will I go in with *h* ..... Ps 26:4
For you were *h* ..... Jer 42:20
not be like the *h* ..... Matt 6:5
do you test Me, you *h* ..... Matt 22:18
and Pharisees, *h* ..... Matt 23:13

HYSSOP
Purge me with *h* ..... Ps 51:7
sour wine, put it on *h* ..... John 19:29

I AM WITH YOU
do not fear, for *I*, I will .... Gen 26:24
"Behold, *I* and will keep ... Gen 28:15
Fear not, for *I*; be not ..... Is 41:10
*I* to deliver you," says the ..... Jer 1:8
prevail against you; for *I* ... Jer 15:20
For *I*," says the LORD, 'to .... Jer 30:11
*I*, to save you and deliver ... Jer 42:11
saying, "*I*, says the LORD." .. Hag 1:13
and lo, *I* always, even to .. Matt 28:20
*I*, and no one will attack .. Acts 18:10
absent in the flesh, yet *I* in ... Col 2:5

I WILL BE WITH YOU
"Dwell in this land, and *I* ... Gen 26:3
to your family, and *I* ..... Gen 31:3
I swore to them, and *I* .... Deut 31:23
as I was with Moses, so *I* .... Josh 1:5
"Surely *I*, and you shall .... Judg 6:16
David did, then *I* ..... 1 Kin 11:38
pass through the waters, *I* .... Is 43:2

IBZAN
Judge of Israel; father of 60 children, Judg 12:8, 9

ICE
dark because of the *i* ..... Job 6:16

ICHABOD
Son of Phinehas, 1 Sam 4:19–22

ICONIUM
City of Asia Minor; visited by Paul, Acts 13:51
Many converts in, Acts 14:1–6

IDDO
Leader of Jews at Casiphia, Ezra 8:17–20
—— Seer whose writings are cited, 2 Chr 9:29

IDLE
For they are *i* ..... Ex 5:8
*i* person will suffer ..... Prov 19:15
*i* word men may speak .... Matt 12:36
saw others standing *i* ..... Matt 20:3
they learn to be *i* ..... 1 Tim 5:13
both *i* talkers and ..... Titus 1:10

IDLENESS
not eat the bread of *i* ..... Prov 31:27
through *i* of hands the ..... Eccl 10:18
food, and abundance of *i* .. Ezek 16:49

IDLY
They speak *i* everyone with .. Ps 12:2

IDOL
lifted up his soul to an *i* ..... Ps 24:4
if he blesses an *i* ..... Is 66:3
a wooden *i* is a worthless .... Jer 10:8
that an *i* is nothing ..... 1 Cor 8:4
thing offered to an *i* ..... 1 Cor 8:7
That an *i* is anything ..... 1 Cor 10:19

IDOLATER
or covetous, or an *i* ..... 1 Cor 5:11
man, who is an *i* ..... Eph 5:5

IDOLATERS
fornicators, nor *i* ..... 1 Cor 6:9
immoral, sorcerers, *i* ..... Rev 21:8
and murderers and *i* ..... Rev 22:15

IDOLATRIES
and abominable *i* ..... 1 Pet 4:3

IDOLATROUS
he removed the *i* priests ... 2 Kin 23:5
I have not sat with *i* mortals .. Ps 26:4
pay for your *i* sins ..... Ezek 23:49
the names of the *i* priests ... Zeph 1:4

IDOLATRY
beloved, flee from *i* ..... 1 Cor 10:14
*i*, sorcery, hatred ..... Gal 5:20
covetousness, which is *i* ..... Col 3:5

IDOLS
stolen the household *i* ..... Gen 31:19
of the peoples are *i* ..... Ps 96:5
*i* are silver and gold ..... Ps 115:4
land is also full of *i* ..... Is 2:8

insane with their *i* ..... Jer 50:38
in the room of his *i* ..... Ezek 8:12
from their wooden *i* ..... Hos 4:12
who regard worthless *i* ..... Jon 2:8
*i* speak delusion ..... Zech 10:2
things polluted by *i* ..... Acts 15:20
You who abhor *i* ..... Rom 2:22
This was offered to *i* ..... 1 Cor 10:28
keep yourselves from *i* ... 1 John 5:21
worship demons, and *i* ..... Rev 9:20

IDUMEA
Name used by Greeks and Romans to designate Edom, Mark 3:8

IGNORANCE
unintentionally or in *i* .... Ezek 45:20
that you did it in *i* ..... Acts 3:17
*i* God overlooked ..... Acts 17:30
sins committed in *i* ..... Heb 9:7
to silence the *i* ..... 1 Pet 2:15

IGNORANT
I was so foolish and *i* ..... Ps 73:22
though Abraham was *i* ..... Is 63:16
For they being *i* of God's ... Rom 10:3
be *i* of this mystery ..... Rom 11:25
not want you to be *i* ..... 1 Cor 12:1
But if anyone is *i* ..... 1 Cor 14:38
*i* disputes, knowing that ... 2 Tim 2:23
on those who are *i* ..... Heb 5:2

IGNORANTLY
because I did it *i* ..... 1 Tim 1:13

IJON
Town of Naphtali; captured by Ben-Hadad, 1 Kin 15:20
Captured by Tiglath-Pileser, 2 Kin 15:29

ILL
God sent a spirit of *i* will ... Judg 9:23
David, and it became *i* ... 2 Sam 12:15
bed and pretend to be *i* ... 2 Sam 13:5
go *i* with him who is ..... Job 20:26

ILLEGITIMATE
then you are *i* ..... Heb 12:8

ILLUMINATED
after you were *i* ..... Heb 10:32
and the earth was *i* ..... Rev 18:1
for the glory of God *i* ..... Rev 21:23

ILLYRICUM
Paul preaches in, Rom 15:19

IMAGE
*See* WOODEN IMAGE; WOODEN IMAGES
Us make man in Our *i* ..... Gen 1:26
yourselves a carved *i* ..... Deut 4:16
shall despise their *i* ..... Ps 73:20
the king made an *i* ..... Dan 3:1
to them, "Whose *i* ..... Matt 22:20
since he is the *i* ..... 1 Cor 11:7
He is the *i* of the ..... Col 1:15
and not the very *i* ..... Heb 10:1
the beast and his *i* ..... Rev 14:9
who worshiped his *i* ..... Rev 19:20

IMAGINATION
although the *i* of man's ..... Gen 8:21
the proud in the *i* ..... Luke 1:51

IMITATE
I urge you, *i* me ..... 1 Cor 4:16
as I also *i* Christ ..... 1 Cor 11:1
*i* those who through ..... Heb 6:12

IMMANUEL
shall call His name *I* ..... Is 7:14
shall call His name *I* ..... Matt 1:23

IMMEDIATELY
*I* the fig tree withered ..... Matt 21:19
*i* the Spirit drove Him ..... Mark 1:12
*i* they left their nets and ... Mark 1:18
hear, Satan comes *i* ..... Mark 4:15
*i* he puts in the sickle, ..... Mark 4:29
*I* his mouth was opened ... Luke 1:64
*i* her flow of blood ..... Luke 8:44
stones would *i* cry out .... Luke 19:40
I sent to you *i*, and you .... Acts 10:33
*i* an angel of the Lord ..... Acts 12:23
I did not *i* confer with flesh .. Gal 1:16
*i* forgets what kind of .... James 1:24
*I* I was in the Spirit ..... Rev 4:2

IMMORAL
lips of an *i* woman drip ..... Prov 5:3
*i* woman is a deep pit ..... Prov 22:14
with sexually *i* people ..... 1 Cor 5:9
murderers, sexually *i* ..... Rev 21:8

IMMORALITY
except sexual *i* ..... Matt 5:32
wife, except for sexual *i* .... Matt 19:9
and from sexual *i* ..... Acts 15:29
unrighteousness, sexual *i* .. Rom 1:29
*i* as is not even named ..... 1 Cor 5:1
Flee sexual *i* ..... 1 Cor 6:18
abstain from sexual *i* ..... 1 Thess 4:3
themselves over to sexual *i* .... Jude 7
to repent of her sexual *i* ..... Rev 2:21

IMMORTAL
to the King eternal, *i* ..... 1 Tim 1:17

IMMORTALITY
glory, honor, and *i* ..... Rom 2:7
mortal must put on *i* ..... 1 Cor 15:53
who alone has *i* ..... 1 Tim 6:16
and brought life and *i* ..... 2 Tim 1:10

IMMOVABLE
be steadfast, *i* ..... 1 Cor 15:58

IMMUTABLE
that by two *i* things ..... Heb 6:18

IMPART
see you, that I may *i* ..... Rom 1:11
that it may *i* grace ..... Eph 4:29

IMPENITENT
*i* heart you are ..... Rom 2:5

IMPERISHABLE
but we for an *i* crown ..... 1 Cor 9:25

IMPLANTED
with meekness the *i* ..... James 1:21

IMPORTED
had horses *i* from Egypt .. 1 Kin 10:28
*i* from Egypt a chariot ..... 2 Chr 1:17

IMPOSSIBLE
and nothing will be *i* ..... Matt 17:20
"With men this is *i* ..... Matt 19:26
God nothing will be *i* ..... Luke 1:37
It is *i* that no offenses ..... Luke 17:1
For it is *i* for those who ..... Heb 6:4
which it is *i* for God to lie ... Heb 6:18
without faith it is *i* ..... Heb 11:6

IMPOSTORS
*i* will grow worse ..... 2 Tim 3:13

IMPRISONMENT
and of chains and *i* ..... Heb 11:36

IMPRISONMENTS
in stripes, in *i* ..... 2 Cor 6:5

IMPULSIVE
but he who is *i* ..... Prov 14:29

IMPURITY
during her *i* shall be ..... Lev 15:20
cleansed from her *i* ..... 2 Sam 11:4
end to another with their *i* .. Ezra 9:11
a woman during her *i* ..... Ezek 18:6

IMPUTE
"Do not let my lord *i* .... 2 Sam 19:19
the LORD does not *i* ..... Ps 32:2
the LORD shall not *i* ..... Rom 4:8

IMPUTED
bloodshed shall be *i* ..... Lev 17:4
might be *i* to them ..... Rom 4:11
alone that it was *i* ..... Rom 4:23
but sin is not *i* ..... Rom 5:13

IMPUTES
*i* righteousness apart ..... Rom 4:6

IN MY NAME
which He speaks *i* ..... Deut 18:19
to speak a word *i* ..... Deut 18:20
*i* his horn shall be exalted. .. Ps 89:24
prophets prophesy lies *i* .... Jer 14:14
prophesy falsely to you *i* ..... Jer 29:9
little child like this *i* ..... Matt 18:5
are gathered together *i* .... Matt 18:20
many will come *i*, saying ... Matt 24:5
who works a miracle *i* .... Mark 9:39
cup of water to drink *i* .... Mark 9:41
*I* they will cast out ..... Mark 16:17
whatever you ask *i* ..... John 14:13
the Father will send *i* ..... John 14:26
you ask the Father *i* ..... John 15:16
day you will ask *i* ..... John 16:26

IN THE WORLD
He was *i*, and the world .... John 1:10
"As long as I am *i*, I am ..... John 9:5
His own who were *i* ..... John 13:1
*I* you will have ..... John 16:33
"Now I am no longer *i* .... John 17:11
I was with them *i* ..... John 17:12
until the law sin was *i* ..... Rom 5:13
an idol is nothing *i* ..... 1 Cor 8:4
we conducted ourselves *i* .. 2 Cor 1:12
no hope and without God *i* .. Eph 2:12
you shine as lights *i* ..... Phil 2:15
why, as though living *i* ..... Col 2:20
believed on *i*, received .... 1 Tim 3:16
the corruption that is *i* ..... 2 Pet 1:4
the world or the things *i* .. 1 John 2:15
greater than he who is *i* ... 1 John 4:4

INCENSE
oil and for the sweet *i* ..... Ex 25:6
lamps, he shall burn *i* on it ... Ex 30:7
perpetual *i* before the LORD .. Ex 30:8
the pure *i* of sweet spices, ... Ex 37:29
the cloud of *i* may cover ... Lev 16:13
put *i* in it, and each of .... Num 16:17
burned *i* at the high places .. 1 Kin 3:3
be set before You as *i* ..... Ps 141:2
*i* is an abomination to Me ..... Is 1:13
*i* to the queen of heaven ....Jer 44:18
oil and My *i* before them .. Ezek 16:18
In every place *i* shall be ..... Mal 1:11
his lot fell to burn *i* when ... Luke 1:9
right side of the altar of *i* .. Luke 1:11
golden bowls full of *i* ..... Rev 5:8
the smoke of the *i*, with ..... Rev 8:4
cinnamon and *i*, fragrant .. Rev 18:13

INCLINE
*i* your heart to the ..... Josh 24:23
*I* Your ear to me, and hear ... Ps 17:6
*I* Your ear to my cry ..... Ps 88:2
*I* my heart to Your ..... Ps 119:36
*i* my heart to any evil ..... Ps 141:4
*i* your ear to my sayings ... Prov 4:20
not obey Me or *i* their ear .... Jer 7:26
O my God, *i* Your ear and .. Dan 9:18

INCORRUPTIBLE
the glory of the *i* ..... Rom 1:23
dead will be raised *i* ..... 1 Cor 15:52
to an inheritance *i* ..... 1 Pet 1:4
corruptible seed but *i* ..... 1 Pet 1:23
*i* beauty of a gentle ..... 1 Pet 3:4

INCORRUPTION
it is raised in *i* ..... 1 Cor 15:42
corruption inherit *i* ..... 1 Cor 15:50
must put on *i* ..... 1 Cor 15:53

INCREASE
if riches *i*, do not set ..... Ps 62:10
the LORD give you *i* ..... Ps 115:14
hear and *i* learning ..... Prov 1:5
When goods *i*, they ..... Eccl 5:11
Of the *i* of His ..... Is 9:7
and knowledge shall *i* ..... Dan 12:4

Lord, "*I* our faith ..... Luke 17:5
He must *i*, but I must ..... John 3:30
but God gave the *i* ..... 1 Cor 3:6
grows with the *i* ..... Col 2:19
for they will *i* ..... 2 Tim 2:16

INCREASED
The waters *i* and ..... Gen 7:17
*i* your mercy which you ... Gen 19:19
nation and *i* its joy ..... Is 9:3
And Jesus *i* in wisdom ..... Luke 2:52

INCREASES
*i* knowledge *i* sorrow ..... Eccl 1:18
who have no might He *i* ..... Is 40:29

INCREDIBLE
should it be thought *i* ..... Acts 26:8

INCURABLE
My wound is *i* ..... Job 34:6
'Your affliction is *i* ..... Jer 30:12
Your sorrow is *i* ..... Jer 30:15

INDEBTED
everyone who is *i* ..... Luke 11:4

INDEED
*i* it was very good ..... Gen 1:31
"But will God *i* ..... 1 Kin 8:27
"Behold, an Israelite *i* ..... John 1:47

INDIA
Eastern limit of Persian Empire, Esth 1:1

INDICATING
the Holy Spirit *i* ..... Heb 9:8
who was in them was *i* .... 1 Pet 1:11

INDIGNANT
saw it, they were *i* ..... Matt 26:8

INDIGNATION
of His anger, wrath, *i* ..... Ps 78:49
*I* has taken hold ..... Ps 119:53
in whose hand is My *i* ..... Is 10:5
For the *i* of the LORD ..... Is 34:2
have filled me with *i* ..... Jer 15:17
can stand before His *i* ..... Nah 1:6
*i* which will devour ..... Heb 10:27
into the cup of His *i* ..... Rev 14:10

INDIVIDUALLY
He fashions their hearts *i* .... Ps 33:15
*i* members of one another .. Rom 12:5
Christ, and members *i* .... 1 Cor 12:27

INDUCED
O LORD, You *i* me ..... Jer 20:7
if the prophet is *i* ..... Ezek 14:9

INDULGENCE
no value against the *i* ..... Col 2:23

INEXCUSABLE
Therefore you are *i* ..... Rom 2:1

INEXPRESSIBLE
Paradise and heard *i* ..... 2 Cor 12:4
you rejoice with joy *i* ..... 1 Pet 1:8

INFALLIBLE
suffering by many *i* ..... Acts 1:3

INFANTS
*i* who never saw ..... Job 3:16
*i* You have ordained ..... Ps 8:2
*i* You have perfected ..... Matt 21:16
they also brought *i* ..... Luke 18:15

INFERIOR
another kingdom *i* ..... Dan 2:39
that I am not at all *i* ..... 2 Cor 11:5

INFIRMITIES
"He Himself took our *i* ..... Matt 8:17
boast, except in my *i* ..... 2 Cor 12:5
and your frequent *i* ..... 1 Tim 5:23

INFIRMITY
a spirit of *i* eighteen ..... Luke 13:11
had an *i* thirty-eight years .. John 5:5
*i* I preached the gospel to .... Gal 4:13

INFLAMING
*i* yourselves with gods ..... Is 57:5

INGATHERING
the Feast of *I* at the year's .. Ex 34:22

INHABIT
the wicked will not *i* ..... Prov 10:30
cities and *i* them ..... Amos 9:14

INHABITANT
Cry out and shout, O *i* ..... Is 12:6
And the *i* will not say ..... Is 33:24

INHABITANTS
He looks on all the *i* ..... Ps 33:14
give ear, all *i* ..... Ps 49:1
Let the *i* of Sela sing ..... Is 42:11
Woe to the *i* of the ..... Rev 12:12

INHABITED
rejoicing in His *i* ..... Prov 8:31
'You shall be *i* ..... Is 44:26
who formed it to be *i* ..... Is 45:18

INHERIT
*i* the iniquities ..... Job 13:26
descendants shall *i* ..... Ps 25:13
The righteous shall *i* ..... Ps 37:29
The wise shall *i* ..... Prov 3:35
love me to *i* wealth ..... Prov 8:21
The simple *i* folly ..... Prov 14:18
the blameless will *i* ..... Prov 28:10
*i* the kingdom prepared ... Matt 25:34
I do that I may *i* ..... Mark 10:17
unrighteous will not *i* ..... 1 Cor 6:9
you may *i* a blessing ..... 1 Pet 3:9
who overcomes shall *i* ..... Rev 21:7

INHERITANCE
"You shall have no *i* ..... Num 18:20
is the place of His *i* ..... Deut 32:9
the portion of my *i* ..... Ps 16:5
yes, I have a good *i* ..... Ps 16:6
*i* shall be forever ..... Ps 37:18
He will choose our *i* ..... Ps 47:4
You confirmed Your *i* ..... Ps 68:9
the tribe of Your *i* ..... Ps 74:2
*i* gained hastily ..... Prov 20:21
right of *i* is yours ..... Jer 32:8
*i* has been turned ..... Lam 5:2
will arise to your *i* ..... Dan 12:13
And God gave him no *i* ..... Acts 7:5
and give you an *i* ..... Acts 20:32
For if the *i* is of the ..... Gal 3:18
we have obtained an *i* ..... Eph 1:11
be partakers of the *i* ..... Col 1:12
receive as an *i* ..... Heb 11:8
to an *i* incorruptible ..... 1 Pet 1:4

INIQUITIES
How many are my *i* ..... Job 13:23
*i* have overtaken me ..... Ps 40:12
*I* prevail against me ..... Ps 65:3
forgives all your *i* ..... Ps 103:3
LORD, should mark *i* ..... Ps 130:3
was bruised for our *i* ..... Is 53:5
He shall bear their *i* ..... Is 53:11
*i* have separated you ..... Is 59:2

INIQUITY
*See* WORKERS OF INIQUITY
God, visiting the *i* of the ..... Ex 20:5
He has not observed *i* .... Num 23:21
wicked brings forth *i* ..... Ps 7:14
O LORD, pardon my *i* ..... Ps 25:11
*i* I have not hidden ..... Ps 32:5
was brought forth in *i* ..... Ps 51:5
If I regard *i* in my ..... Ps 66:18
Add *i* to their *i* ..... Ps 69:27
workers of *i* flourish ..... Ps 92:7
*i* boast in themselves ..... Ps 94:4
Shall the throne of *i* ..... Ps 94:20
let no *i* have dominion .... Ps 119:133
*i* will reap sorrow ..... Prov 22:8
a people laden with *i* ..... Is 1:4
*i* is taken away ..... Is 6:7
has laid on Him the *i* ..... Is 53:6
will remember their *i* ..... Hos 9:9
to those who devise *i* ..... Mic 2:1
like You, pardoning *i* ..... Mic 7:18
all you workers of *i* ..... Luke 13:27
a fire, a world of *i* ..... James 3:6

INJUSTICE
of truth and without *i* ..... Deut 32:4
*i* shuts her mouth ..... Job 5:16
*i* have your fathers ..... Jer 2:5

INK
us, written not with *i* ..... 2 Cor 3:3
do so with paper and *i* ..... 2 John 12

INN
room for them in the *i* ..... Luke 2:7
brought him to an *i* ..... Luke 10:34

INNOCENCE
of my heart and *i* ..... Gen 20:5
washed my hands in *i* ..... Ps 73:13

INNOCENT
do not kill the *i* ..... Ex 23:7
a bribe to slay an *i* ..... Deut 27:25
*i* will divide the ..... Job 27:17
a bribe against the *i* ..... Ps 15:5
because I was found *i* ..... Dan 6:22
by betraying *i* blood ..... Matt 27:4
saying, "I am *i* ..... Matt 27:24
this day that I am *i* ..... Acts 20:26

INNOCENT BLOOD
"lest *i* be shed in the ..... Deut 19:10
against *i*, to kill David .... 1 Sam 19:5
the *i* which Joab shed ..... 1 Kin 2:31
shed very much *i* ..... 2 Kin 21:16
righteous, and condemn *i* .... Ps 94:21
And shed *i*, the blood ..... Ps 106:38
tongue, hands that shed *i* .. Prov 6:17
they make haste to shed *i* ..... Is 59:7
do not shed *i* in this place ..... Jer 7:6
you will surely bring *i* ..... Jer 26:15
for they have shed *i* ..... Joel 3:19
do not charge us with *i* ..... Jon 1:14
sinned by betraying *i* ..... Matt 27:4

INNUMERABLE
*i* as the sand which is ..... Heb 11:12
*i* company of angels ..... Heb 12:22

INQUIRE
went to *i* of the LORD ..... Gen 25:22
a man went to *i* of God .... 1 Sam 9:9
I may go to her and *i* ..... 1 Sam 28:7
sent you to Me to *i* of Me .... Jer 37:7
*i* who in it is worthy ..... Matt 10:11
to *i* more fully about him .. Acts 23:20

INQUIRED
children of Israel *i* ..... Judg 20:27
Therefore David *i* ..... 1 Sam 23:2
the LORD, nor *i* of Him ..... Zeph 1:6
the prophets have *i* ..... 1 Pet 1:10

INQUIRY
shall make careful *i* ..... Deut 19:18

INSANE
images, and they are *i* ..... Jer 50:38
the spiritual man is *i* ..... Hos 9:7

INSCRIBED
Oh, that they were *i* ..... Job 19:23
See, I have *i* you on ..... Is 49:16

INSCRIPTION
wrote on it an *i* like the ..... Ex 39:30
image and *i* is this ..... Matt 22:20
the *i* of His accusation ... Mark 15:26
found an altar with this *i* .. Acts 17:23

INSPIRATION
is given by *i* of God ..... 2 Tim 3:16

INSTRUCT
good Spirit to *i* them ..... Neh 9:20
I will *i* you and teach ..... Ps 32:8
is the man whom You *i* ..... Ps 94:12

the LORD that he may *i* . . . . 1 Cor 2:16
If you *i* the brethren in . . . . . 1 Tim 4:6

INSTRUCTED
Surely you have *i* . . . . . Job 4:3
counsel, and who *i* . . . . . Is 40:14
This man had been *i* . . . . . Acts 18:25
are excellent, being *i* . . . . . Rom 2:18
Moses was divinely *i* . . . . . Heb 8:5

INSTRUCTION
also opens their ear to *i* . . . . Job 36:10
seeing you hate *i* . . . . . Ps 50:17
despise wisdom and *i* . . . . . Prov 1:7
Take firm hold of *i* . . . . . Prov 4:13
He shall die for lack of *i* . . . Prov 5:23
Hear *i* and be wise . . . . . Prov 8:33
Give *i* to a wise man . . . . . Prov 9:9
*i* loves knowledge . . . . . Prov 12:1
fool despises his father's *i* . . Prov 15:5
Cease listening to *i* . . . . . Prov 19:27
Apply your heart to *i* . . . . . Prov 23:12
you have written at my *i*, . . . . Jer 36:6
for correction, for *i* . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16

INSTRUCTORS
have ten thousand *i* . . . . . 1 Cor 4:15

INSTRUCTS
My heart also *i* . . . . . Ps 16:7
He who *i* the nations . . . . . Ps 94:10

INSTRUMENT
to Him with an *i* . . . . . Ps 33:2
on an *i* of ten strings . . . . . Ps 92:3

INSTRUMENTS
*i* of cruelty are in . . . . . Gen 49:5
on harps, on stringed *i* . . . . . 2 Sam 6:5
by *i* of music . . . . . 1 Chr 15:16
with stringed *i* . . . . . 2 Chr 20:28
cymbals and stringed *i* . . . . Neh 12:27
for Himself *i* of death . . . . . Ps 7:13
with stringed *i* . . . . . Ps 150:4
and musical *i* of all kinds . . . . Eccl 2:8
*i* of unrighteousness . . . . . Rom 6:13

INSUBORDINATE
for the lawless and *i* . . . . . 1 Tim 1:9
For there are many *i* . . . . . Titus 1:10

INSUBORDINATION
of dissipation or *i* . . . . . Titus 1:6

INSULT
shall not return *i* for *i* . . . . . Mic 2:6

INSULTED
will be mocked and *i* . . . . . Luke 18:32
*i* the Spirit of grace . . . . . Heb 10:29

INSULTS
nor be afraid of their *i* . . . . . Is 51:7

INTEGRITY
In the *i* of my heart . . . . . Gen 20:5
walked, in *i* of heart and . . . . 1 Kin 9:4
he holds fast to his *i* . . . . . Job 2:3
that God may know my *i* . . . . Job 31:6
Let *i* and uprightness . . . . . Ps 25:21
I have walked in my *i* . . . . . Ps 26:1
You uphold me in my *i* . . . . . Ps 41:12
with *i* walks securely . . . . . Prov 10:9
The *i* of the upright . . . . . Prov 11:3
poor who walks in his *i* . . . . Prov 19:1
man walks in his *i* . . . . . Prov 20:7
*i* than one perverse in his . . Prov 28:6
in doctrine showing *i* . . . . . Titus 2:7

INTELLIGENT
Sergius Paulus, an *i* . . . . . Acts 13:7

INTENT
that every *i* of the thoughts . . Gen 6:5
all the *i* of the thoughts . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
brings it with wicked *i* . . . . Prov 21:27
to the *i* that we should . . . . . 1 Cor 10:6

INTERCEDE
the LORD, who will *i* . . . . . 1 Sam 2:25

INTERCESSION
of many, and made *i* . . . . . Is 53:12
Spirit Himself makes *i* . . . . . Rom 8:26
always lives to make *i* . . . . . Heb 7:25

INTERCESSOR
that there was no *i* . . . . . Is 59:16

INTEREST
shall not charge him *i* . . . . . Ex 22:25
men lent to me for *i* . . . . . Jer 15:10
collected it with *i* . . . . . Luke 19:23

INTERPRET
could *i* them for Pharaoh . . . Gen 41:8
Do all *i* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:30
pray that he may *i* . . . . . 1 Cor 14:13
in turn, and let one *i* . . . . . 1 Cor 14:27

INTERPRETATION
"This is the *i* . . . . . Gen 40:12
who knows the *i* of a thing . . Eccl 8:1
you tell the dream and its *i* . . Dan 2:6
to another the *i* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:10
a revelation, has an *i* . . . . . 1 Cor 14:26
of any private *i* . . . . . 2 Pet 1:20

INTERPRETATIONS
Do not *i* belong to God . . . . . Gen 40:8
that you can give *i* . . . . . Dan 5:16

INTOXICATING
not drink wine or *i* drink . . . . Lev 10:9

INTRIGUE
seize the kingdom by *i* . . . . Dan 11:21
join with them by *i* . . . . . Dan 11:34

INTRUDING
*i* into those things which . . . . Col 2:18

INVENT
but you *i* them in your own . . Neh 6:8
*i* for yourselves musical . . . . Amos 6:5

INVISIBLE
of the world His *i* . . . . . Rom 1:20
is the image of the *i* . . . . . Col 1:15
eternal, immortal, *i* . . . . . 1 Tim 1:17
as seeing Him who is *i* . . . . Heb 11:27

INVITE
*i* Jesse to the sacrifice . . . . 1 Sam 16:3
he did not *i* Nathan the . . . . 1 Kin 1:10
you find, *i* to the wedding . . Matt 22:9
lest they also *i* you back . . Luke 14:12

INVITED
so Absalom *i* all the . . . . . 2 Sam 13:23
has *i* all the sons of the . . . . 1 Kin 1:19
Queen Esther *i* no one but . . Esth 5:12
were *i* to the wedding . . . . . Matt 22:3
who had *i* Him saw this . . . . Luke 7:39
to those who were *i* . . . . . Luke 14:7
were *i* to the wedding . . . . . John 2:2
he *i* them in and lodged . . . Acts 10:23
were *i* to stay with them . . Acts 28:14

INWARD
*i* part is destruction . . . . . Ps 5:9
Both the *i* thought . . . . . Ps 64:6
You have formed my *i* . . . . . Ps 139:13
God according to the *i* . . . . . Rom 7:22
*i* man is being renewed . . . . 2 Cor 4:16

INWARDLY
*i* they are ravenous . . . . . Matt 7:15
is a Jew who is one *i* . . . . . Rom 2:29

IRON
make your heavens like *i* . . Lev 26:19
was an *i* bedstead . . . . . Deut 3:11
He will put a yoke of *i* . . . . Deut 28:48
*i* picks and *i* axes, and . . . 2 Sam 12:31
He regards *i* as straw . . . . . Job 41:27
*i* sharpens *i* . . . . . Prov 27:17
and your neck was an *i* . . . . . Is 48:4
its feet partly of *i* . . . . . Dan 2:33
seared with a hot *i*, . . . . . 1 Tim 4:2
all nations with a rod of *i* . . . Rev 12:5

IRREVOCABLE
calling of God are *i* . . . . . Rom 11:29

ISAAC
Promised heir of the covenant, Gen 17:16–21
Born and circumcised, Gen 21:1–7
Offered up as a sacrifice, Gen 22:1–19
Marries Rebekah, Gen 24:62–67
Prays for children; prefers Esau, Gen 25:21–28
Dealings with Abimelech, king of Gerar, Gen 26:1–31
Mistakenly blesses Jacob, Gen 27:1—28:5
Dies in his old age, Gen 35:28, 29
N.T. references to, Luke 3:34; Gal 4:21–31; Heb 11:9, 20

ISAIAH
Prophet during reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, Is 1:1
Responds to prophetic call, Is 6:1–13
Prophesies to Hezekiah, 2 Kin 19; 20
Writes Uzziah's biography, 2 Chr 26:22
Writes Hezekiah's biography, 2 Chr 32:32
Quoted in N.T., Matt 1:22, 23; 3:3; 8:17; 12:17–21; Luke 4:17–19; Acts 13:34; Rom 9:27, 29; 10:16, 20, 21; 11:26, 27; 15:12; 1 Pet 2:22

ISCARIOT, JUDAS
Listed among the Twelve, Mark 3:14, 19; Luke 6:16
Criticizes Mary, John 12:3–6
Identified as betrayer, John 13:21–30
Takes money to betray Christ, Matt 26:14–16
Betrays Christ with a kiss, Mark 14:43–45
Repents and commits suicide, Matt 27:3–10
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ISHBOSHETH
One of Saul's sons; made king, 2 Sam 2:8–10
Offends Abner, 2 Sam 3:7–11
Slain; his assassins executed, 2 Sam 4:1–12

ISHMAEL
Abram's son by Hagar, Gen 16:3, 4, 11–16
Circumcised, Gen 17:25
Scoffs at Isaac's feast; exiled with his mother, Gen 21:8–21
His sons; his death, Gen 25:12–18
—— Son of Nethaniah; kills Gedaliah, 2 Kin 25:22–26

ISHMAELITES
Settle at Havilah, Gen 25:17, 18
Joseph sold to, Gen 37:25–28
Sell Joseph to Potiphar, Gen 39:1

ISLAND
aground on a certain *i* . . . . Acts 27:26
the leading citizen of the *i* . . Acts 28:7
*i* was moved out of its . . . . . Rev 6:14
Then every *i* fled away . . . . Rev 16:20

ISLES
the multitude of *i* be glad . . . . . Ps 97:1
declare it in the *i* afar off . . . Jer 31:10
many *i* were the market . . Ezek 27:15
*i* will be astonished at . . . . Ezek 27:35

ISRAEL
*See* HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL; LORD GOD OF ISRAEL
Used to refer to:
Jacob, Gen 32:28
descendants of Jacob, Gen 49:16, 28
ten northern tribes (in contrast to Judah), 1 Sam 11:8
restored nation after exile, Ezra 9:1
true church, Gal 6:16

be called Jacob, but *I* . . . . . Gen 32:28
"Hear, O *I*: The LORD . . . . . Deut 6:4
shepherd My people *I* . . . . . 2 Sam 7:7

Jacob rejoice and *I* be glad ... Ps 14:7
Redeem *I*, O God, out of ..... Ps 25:22
Truly God is good to *I* ..... Ps 73:1
O *I*, if you will listen to Me ... Ps 81:8
When *I* went out of Egypt, .. Ps 114:1
Let *I* now say, "His mercy ... Ps 118:2
O *I*, hope in the LORD ..... Ps 130:7
Let *I* rejoice in their Maker .. Ps 149:2
will shepherd My people *I* ... Matt 2:6
great faith, not even in *I* .... Matt 8:10
sheep of the house of *I* ..... Matt 10:6
the twelve tribes of *I* ..... Matt 19:28
If He is the King of *I*, let .. Matt 27:42
helped His servant *I* ..... Luke 1:54
of his manifestation to *I* ... Luke 1:80
Are you the teacher of *I*, ... John 3:10
restore the kingdom to *I* ..... Acts 1:6
God raised up for *I* a ..... Acts 13:23
because for the hope of *I* .. Acts 28:20
For they are not all *I* ..... Rom 9:6
so all *I* will be saved ..... Rom 11:26
Observe *I* after the flesh .. 1 Cor 10:18
and upon the *I* of God ..... Gal 6:16
eighth day, of the stock of *I* .. Phil 3:5
with the house of *I* ..... Heb 8:8
children of *I* were sealed ..... Rev 7:4
tribes of the children of *I* .. Rev 21:12

ISRAELITES
Afflicted in Egypt, Ex 1:12–22
Escape from Egypt, Ex 12:29–42, 50; 13:17–22
Receive law at Sinai, Ex 19
Idolatry and rebellion of, Ex 32; Num 13; 14
Wander in the wilderness, Num 14:26–39
Cross Jordan; conquer Canaan, Josh 4; 12
Ruled by judges, Judg 2
Saul chosen as king, 1 Sam 10
Kingdom divided, 1 Kin 12
Northern kingdom carried captive, 2 Kin 17
Southern kingdom carried captive, 2 Kin 24
70 years in exile, 2 Chr 36:20, 21
Return after exile, Ezra 1:1–5
Nation rejects Christ, Matt 27:20–27
Nation destroyed, Luke 21:20–24

ISSACHAR
Jacob's fifth son, Gen 30:17, 18
—— Tribe of:
Genealogy of, 1 Chr 7:1–5
Prophecy concerning, Gen 49:14, 15
Census at Sinai, Num 1:28, 29
Inheritance of, Josh 19:17–23

ISSUED
King Darius *i* a decree ..... Ezra 6:1
be *i* as law in every ..... Esth 3:14
*i* as a decree in every ..... Esth 8:13
A fiery stream *i* and came .. Dan 7:10
before the decree is *i*, ..... Zeph 2:2

IT IS WRITTEN
as *i* in the Law of Moses .... 1 Kin 2:3
as *i* in this Book of ..... 2 Kin 23:21
Feast of Tabernacles, as *i* .... Ezra 3:4
trees, to make booths, as *i* .. Neh 8:15
in the scroll of the Book *i* ..... Ps 40:7
"Behold, *i* before Me: I will ... Is 65:6
"As *i* in the Law of Moses .. Dan 9:13
for thus *i* by the prophet: .... Matt 2:5
"*I*, 'Man shall not live by .... Matt 4:4
throw Yourself down. For *i* .. Matt 4:6
"*I* again, 'You shall not ..... Matt 4:7
*i*, 'You shall worship ..... Matt 4:10
"For this is he of whom *i* .. Matt 11:10
"*I*, 'My house shall be ..... Matt 21:13
*i*: 'I will strike the ..... Matt 26:31
"Thus *i*, and thus it was .. Luke 24:46
"*I* in the prophets, 'And .... John 6:45
*i* in the book of Psalms ..... Acts 1:20
*i*, 'You shall not speak ..... Acts 23:5
volume of the book *i* ..... Heb 10:7
because *i*, "Be holy, for .... 1 Pet 1:16

ITALIAN
was called the *I* Regiment .. Acts 10:1

ITALY
Jews expelled from, Acts 18:2
Paul sails for, Acts 27:1, 6
Christians in, Acts 28:14

ITCHING
they have *i* ears ..... 2 Tim 4:3

ITHAMAR
Youngest son of Aaron, Ex 6:23
Consecrated as priest, Ex 28:1
Duty entrusted to, Ex 38:21
Jurisdiction over Gershonites and Merarites, Num 4:21–33

ITINERANT
*i* Jewish exorcists ..... Acts 19:13

ITUREA
Region ruled by Herod Philip, Luke 3:1

IVORY
made a great throne of *i* .. 1 Kin 10:18
Out of the *i* palaces ..... Ps 45:8
neck is like an *i* tower ..... Song 7:4
lie on beds of *i*, stretch ..... Amos 6:4

JABBOK
River entering the Jordan about 20 miles north of the Dead Sea, Num 21:24
Scene of Jacob's conflict, Gen 32:22–32
Boundary marker, Deut 3:16

JABESH GILEAD
Consigned to destruction, Judg 21:8–15
Saul defeats the Ammonites at, 1 Sam 11:1–11
Citizens of, rescue Saul's body, 1 Sam 31:11–13
David thanks citizens of, 2 Sam 2:4–7

JABIN
Canaanite king of Hazor; leads confederacy against Joshua, Josh 11:1–14
—— Another king of Hazor; oppresses Israelites, Judg 4:2
Defeated by Deborah and Barak, Judg 4:3–24
Immortalized in poetry, Judg 5:1–31

JACHIN
One of two pillars in front of Solomon's temple, 1 Kin 7:21, 22

JACINTH
third row, a *j*, an agate, ..... Ex 28:19
the eleventh *j* ..... Rev 21:20

JACKALS
it shall be a habitation of *j* ... Is 34:13
make a wailing like the *j* ..... Mic 1:8

JACOB
Son of Isaac and Rebekah; Rebekah's favorite, Gen 25:21–28
Obtains birthright, Gen 25:29–34
Obtains blessing meant for Esau; flees, Gen 27:1—28:5
Sees vision of ladder, Gen 28:10–22
Serves Laban for Rachel and Leah, Gen 29:1–30
Fathers children, Gen 29:31—30:24
Flees from, makes covenant with Laban, Gen 30:25—31:55
Makes peace with Esau, Gen 32:1–21; 33:1–17
Wrestles with God, Gen 32:22–32
Returns to Bethel; renamed Israel, Gen 35:1–15
Shows preference for Joseph, Gen 37:3
Mourns Joseph's disappearance, Gen 37:32–35
Sends sons to Egypt for food, Gen 42:1–5
Reluctantly allows Benjamin to go, Gen 43:1–15
Moves his household to Egypt, Gen 45:25—47:12
Blesses his sons and grandsons; dies, Gen 48; 49
Buried in Canaan, Gen 50:1–14

JACOB'S WELL
Christ teaches a Samaritan woman at, John 4:5–26

JAEL
Wife of Heber the Kenite; kills Sisera, Judg 4:17–22
Praised by Deborah, Judg 5:24–27

JAIR
Manassite warrior; conquers towns in Gilead, Num 32:41; Deut 3:14
—— Eighth judge of Israel, Judg 10:3–5

JAIRUS
Ruler of the synagogue; Jesus raises his daughter, Mark 5:22–24, 35–43

JAMES
Son of Zebedee, called as disciple, Matt 4:21, 22; Luke 5:10, 11
One of the Twelve, Matt 10:2; Mark 3:17
Zealous for the Lord, Luke 9:52–54
Ambitious for honor, Mark 10:35–45
Witnesses transfiguration, Matt 17:1–9
Martyred by Herod Agrippa, Acts 12:2
—— Son of Alphaeus; one of the Twelve, Matt 10:3, 4
Called "the Less," Mark 15:40
—— Jesus' half brother, Matt 13:55, 56; Gal 1:19
Becomes leader of Jerusalem Council and Jerusalem church, Acts 15:13–22; Gal 2:9
Author of an epistle, James 1:1

JANNES AND JAMBRES
Two Egyptian magicians; oppose Moses, Ex 7:11–22; 2 Tim 3:8

JANOAH
Town of Naphtali, 2 Kin 15:29

JAPHETH
One of Noah's three sons, Gen 5:32
Receives blessing, Gen 9:20–27
His descendants occupy Asia Minor and Europe, Gen 10:2–5

JARED
Father of Enoch, Gen 5:15–20
Ancestor of Noah, 1 Chr 1:2
Ancestor of Christ, Luke 3:37

JASHER
Book of, quoted, Josh 10:13

JASON
Welcomes Paul at Thessalonica, Acts 17:5–9
Described as Paul's kinsman, Rom 16:21

JASPER
a beryl, an onyx, and a *j* .... Ex 28:20
beryl, onyx, and *j* ..... Ezek 28:13
stone, like a *j* stone, clear .. Rev 21:11

JAVAN
Son of Japheth, Gen 10:2, 4
Descendants of, to receive good news, Is 66:19, 20

JAVELINS
bows and arrows, the *j* . . . . . Ezek 39:9

JAW
or pierce his *j* with a hook . . Job 41:2

JAWBONE
a fresh *j* of a donkey . . . . . Judg 15:15

JAWS
My tongue clings to My *j* . . . . Ps 22:15
bridle in the *j* of the people . . Is 30:28
I will put hooks in your *j* . . . Ezek 29:4
put hooks into your *j* . . . . . Ezek 38:4

JEALOUS
your God, am a *j* God . . . . . Ex 20:5
LORD, whose name is *J* . . . . . Ex 34:14
he becomes *j* of his wife, . . . Num 5:14
a consuming fire, a *j* . . . . . Deut 4:24
I will be *j* for My holy . . . . Ezek 39:25
For I am *j* for you . . . . . 2 Cor 11:2

JEALOUSY
They provoked Him to *j* . . . Deut 32:16
Will Your *j* burn like . . . . . Ps 79:5
*j* is a husband's . . . . . Prov 6:34
as strong as death, *j* . . . . . Song 8:6
will provoke you to *j* . . . . . Rom 10:19
fall, to provoke them to *j* . . Rom 11:11
provoke the Lord to *j* . . . . 1 Cor 10:22
for you with godly *j* . . . . . 2 Cor 11:2

JEBUS
Canaanite name of Jerusalem before captured by David, 1 Chr 11:4–8

JEBUSITES
Descendants of Canaan, Gen 15:18–21; Num 13:29
Defeated by Joshua, Josh 11:1–12
Not driven from Jerusalem; later conquered by David, Judg 1:21; 2 Sam 5:6–8
Put to forced labor under Solomon, 1 Kin 9:20, 21

JECONIAH
*See* JEHOIACHIN
Variant form of Jehoiachin, 1 Chr 3:16, 17
Abbreviated to Coniah, Jer 22:24, 28

JEDIDIAH
Name given to Solomon by Nathan, 2 Sam 12:24, 25

JEDUTHUN
Levite musician appointed by David, 1 Chr 16:41, 42
Heads a family of musicians, 2 Chr 5:12
Name appears in psalm titles, Ps 39; 62; 77

JEGAR SAHADUTHA
Name given by Laban to memorial stones, Gen 31:46, 47

JEHOAHAZ
Son and successor of Jehu, king of Israel, 2 Kin 10:35
Seeks the Lord in defeat, 2 Kin 13:2–9
—— Son and successor of Josiah, king of Judah, 2 Kin 23:30–34
Called Shallum, 1 Chr 3:15
—— Another form of Ahaziah, youngest son of King Joram, 2 Chr 21:17

JEHOASH
*See* JOASH

JEHOIACHIN
Son of Jehoiakim; next to the last king of Judah, 2 Kin 24:8
Deported to Babylon, 2 Kin 24:8–16
Liberated by Evil-Merodach, Jer 52:31–34

JEHOIADA
High priest during reign of Joash, 2 Kin 11:4—12:16
Instructs Joash, 2 Kin 12:2

JEHOIAKIM
Wicked king of Judah; son of Josiah; serves Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar, 2 Kin 23:34—24:7
Taken captive to Babylon, 2 Chr 36:6–8
Kills prophet Urijah, Jer 26:20–23
Destroys Jeremiah's scroll; cursed by God, Jer 36

JEHORAM (or Joram)
Wicked king of Judah; son of Jehoshaphat, 2 Kin 8:16–24
Marries Athaliah, 2 Kin 8:18, 19
Kills his brothers, 2 Chr 21:2, 4
Elijah prophesies against him; prophecy fulfilled, 2 Chr 21:12–20
—— Wicked king of Israel; son of Ahab, 2 Kin 3:1–3
Counseled by Elisha, 2 Kin 3; 5:8; 6:8–12
Wounded in battle, 2 Kin 8:28, 29
Killed by Jehu, 2 Kin 9:14–26

JEHOSHAPHAT
Righteous king of Judah; son of Asa, 1 Kin 22:41–50
Goes to war with Ahab against Syria, 1 Kin 22:1–36
Institutes reforms; sends out teachers of the Law, 2 Chr 17:6–9; 19
His enemies defeated through his faith, 2 Chr 20:1–30

JEHOZABAD
Son of a Moabitess; assassinates Joash, 2 Kin 12:20, 21
Put to death, 2 Chr 25:3

JEHU
Prophet; denounces Baasha, 1 Kin 16:1–7
Rebukes Jehoshaphat, 2 Chr 19:2, 3
—— Commander under Ahab; anointed king, 1 Kin 19:16; 2 Kin 9:1–13
Destroys the house of Ahab, 2 Kin 9:14—10:30
Turns away from the Lord; dies, 2 Kin 10:31–36

JEHUDI
Reads Jeremiah's scroll, Jer 36:14, 21, 23

JEOPARDY
stand in *j* every hour . . . . . 1 Cor 15:30

JEPHTHAH
Gilead's son by a harlot, Judg 11:1
Driven out, then brought back to command army against Ammonites, Judg 11:2–28
Sacrifices his daughter to fulfill a vow, Judg 11:29–40
Chastises Ephraim, Judg 12:1–7

JEREMIAH
Prophet under Josiah, Jehoiakim, and Zedekiah, Jer 1:1–3
Called by God, Jer 1:4–9
Forbidden to marry, Jer 16:2
Imprisoned by Pashhur, Jer 20:1–6
Prophecy written, destroyed, rewritten, Jer 36
Accused of defection and imprisoned; released by Zedekiah, Jer 37
Cast into dungeon; rescued; prophesies to Zedekiah, Jer 38
Set free by Nebuchadnezzar, Jer 39:11—40:6
Forcibly taken to Egypt, Jer 43:5–7

JERICHO
City near the Jordan, Num 22:1
Called the city of palm trees, Deut 34:3; 2 Chr 28:15
Miraculously defeated by Joshua, Josh 6
Rebuilt by Hiel, 1 Kin 16:34
Visited by Jesus, Matt 20:29–34; Luke 19:1–10

JEROBOAM
Son of Nebat; receives prophecy that he will be king, 1 Kin 11:26–40
Made king; leads revolt against Rehoboam, 1 Kin 12:1–24
Sets up idols, 1 Kin 12:25–33
Rebuked by a man of God, 1 Kin 13:1–10
Judgment on house of, 1 Kin 13:33—14:20
—— Wicked king of Israel; son of Joash; successful in war, 2 Kin 14:23–29
Prophecy concerning, Amos 7:7–13

JERUBBAAL
Name given to Gideon for destroying Baal's altar, Judg 6:32

JERUSALEM
Originally called Salem, Gen 14:18
Jebusite city, Josh 15:8; Judg 1:8, 21
King of, defeated by Joshua, Josh 10:5–23
Conquered by David; made capital, 2 Sam 5:6–9
Ark brought to, 2 Sam 6:12–17; 1 Kin 8:1–13
Saved from plague, 2 Sam 24:16
Temple built and dedicated here, 1 Kin 6; 8:14–66
Suffers in war, 1 Kin 14:25–27; 2 Kin 14:13, 14; Is 7:1
Miraculously saved, 2 Kin 19:31–36
Captured by Babylon, 2 Kin 24:10—25:21; Jer 39:1–8
Exiles return and rebuild temple, Ezra 1:1–4; 2:1
Walls of, dedicated, Neh 12:27–47
Christ enters as King, Matt 21:4–11
Christ laments for, Matt 23:37; Luke 19:41–44
Church born in, Acts 2
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Jebusite city (which is *J*) . . . Josh 15:8
in *J* he reigned . . . . . 2 Sam 5:5
were born to him in *J* . . . . . 2 Sam 5:14
ark of God back to *J* . . . . 2 Sam 15:29
yourself a house in *J* . . . . . 1 Kin 2:36
a lamp before Me in *J* . . . . 1 Kin 11:36
Solomon reigned in *J* . . . . 1 Kin 11:42
Rehoboam came to *J* . . . . . 1 Kin 12:21
gave him a lamp in *J* . . . . . 1 Kin 15:4
down the wall of *J* from . . 2 Kin 14:13
up to *J* to make war . . . . . 2 Kin 16:5
before this altar in *J*' . . . . . 2 Kin 18:22
should deliver *J* from . . . . 2 Kin 18:35
*J* shall not be given into . . 2 Kin 19:10
daughter of *J* has . . . . . 2 Kin 19:21
I will stretch over *J* the . . . 2 Kin 21:13
(She dwelt in *J* in the . . . . 2 Kin 22:14
elders of Judah and *J* to . . . 2 Kin 23:1
burned them outside *J* . . . . . 2 Kin 23:4
from *J* to Babylon . . . . . 2 Kin 24:15
his army came against *J* . . . 2 Kin 25:1
the walls of *J* all around . . 2 Kin 25:10
*J* into captivity by the . . . . . 1 Chr 6:15
house of the LORD in *J* . . . . 1 Chr 6:32
Now in *J* the children of . . . . 1 Chr 9:3
and all Israel went to *J* . . . . 1 Chr 11:4
took more wives in *J* . . . . . 1 Chr 14:3

all Israel together at *J*, to . . 1 Chr 15:3
angel to *J* to destroy it . . . 1 Chr 21:15
they may dwell in *J* . . . . . 1 Chr 23:25
David assembled at *J* all . . 1 Chr 28:1
gold as common in *J* as . . . 2 Chr 1:15
the LORD at *J* on Mount . . . . . 2 Chr 3:1
Solomon reigned in *J* . . . . . 2 Chr 9:30
So Rehoboam dwelt in *J*, . . 2 Chr 11:5
of Judah and came to *J* . . . . 2 Chr 12:4
him in the city, in *J* . . . . . 2 Chr 28:27
the altars that were in *J* . . 2 Chr 30:14
against the God of *J* . . . . . 2 Chr 32:19
the inhabitants of *J* . . . . . 2 Chr 32:26
to *J* into his kingdom . . . . 2 Chr 33:13
and the inhabitants of *J* . . 2 Chr 35:18
of the LORD which is in *J* . . . Ezra 2:68
together as one man to *J* . . . . Ezra 3:1
out of the captivity to *J* . . . . . Ezra 3:8
the temple which is in *J* . . . . . Ezra 6:5
to bring them to *J* to the . . . . Ezra 8:30
a wall in Judah and *J* . . . . . Ezra 9:9
that they must gather at *J* . . Ezra 10:7
I came to *J* and was there . . Neh 2:11
let us build the wall of *J* . . . . Neh 2:17
to come and attack *J* . . . . . Neh 4:8
it was, at the gates of *J* . . . . Neh 13:19
build the walls of *J* . . . . . Ps 51:18
In the midst of you, O *J* . . . . Ps 116:19
*J* is built as a city that is . . . . Ps 122:3
If I forget you, O *J*, let my . . . Ps 137:5
The LORD builds up *J* . . . . . Ps 147:2
was king over Israel in *J* . . . . Eccl 1:12
you, O daughters of *J* . . . . . Song 5:8
as Tirzah, lovely as *J*, . . . . . Song 6:4
snare to the inhabitants of *J* . . . Is 8:14
of Zion, the hill of *J* . . . . . Is 10:32
numbered the houses of *J* . . . . Is 22:10
watchmen on your walls, O *J* . . Is 62:6
a wilderness, *J* a desolation . . Is 64:10
yes, proclaim against *J*, . . . . . Jer 4:16
Be instructed, O *J*, lest My . . . . Jer 6:8
will make *J* a heap of ruins . . Jer 9:11
the cry of *J* has gone up . . . . . Jer 14:2
reigned eleven years in *J* . . . . Jer 52:1
*J* has become an unclean . . . Lam 1:17
and portray on it a city, *J* . . . Ezek 4:1
me in visions of God to *J* . . . . Ezek 8:3
Oholah, and *J* is Oholibah . . Ezek 23:4
build *J* until Messiah the . . . . Dan 9:25
then *J* shall be holy, and . . . . Joel 3:17
utters His voice from *J* . . . . . Amos 1:2
The captives of *J* who are . . . Obad 20
You not have mercy on *J* . . Zech 1:12
To measure *J*, to see what . . . Zech 2:2
again in her own place—*J*. . Zech 12:6
to *J* to worship the King . . Zech 14:17
from the East came to *J* . . . . . Matt 2:1
that He must go to *J* . . . . . Matt 16:21
O *J*, *J*, the one who . . . . . Matt 23:37
we are going up to *J* . . . . . Mark 10:33
Jesus lingered behind in *J* . Luke 2:43
you see *J* surrounded . . . . . Luke 21:20
Daughters of *J*, do not . . . . Luke 23:28
but tarry in the city of *J* . . Luke 24:49
*J* before the Passover . . . . . John 11:55
be witnesses to Me in *J* . . . . . Acts 1:8
were gathered together at *J* . . Acts 4:6
you have filled *J* with . . . . . Acts 5:28
Lord, they returned to *J* . . . . Acts 8:25
bring them bound to *J* . . . . . Acts 9:2
when Saul had come to *J* . . . Acts 9:26
when Peter came up to *J* . . . Acts 11:2
came from *J* to Antioch . . . Acts 11:27
bound in the spirit to *J* . . . . Acts 20:22
shall the Jews at *J* bind . . . Acts 21:11
I went up to *J* to worship . . Acts 24:11
he was willing to go to *J* . . Acts 25:20
the saints who are in *J* . . . . Rom 15:26
to bear your gift to *J* . . . . . 1 Cor 16:3
corresponds to *J* which . . . . . Gal 4:25
city of My God, the New *J* . . Rev 3:12
saw the holy city, New *J* . . . . Rev 21:2

JESHIMON
Wilderness west of the Dead Sea, 1 Sam 23:19, 24

JESHUA (or Joshua)
Postexilic high priest; returns with Zerubbabel, Ezra 2:2
Aids in rebuilding temple, Ezra 3:2–8
Also called Joshua; seen in vision, Zech 3:1–10

JESHURUN
Poetic name of endearment for Israel, Deut 32:15

JESSE
Grandson of Ruth and Boaz, Ruth 4:17–22
Father of David, 1 Sam 16:1–13
Mentioned in prophecy, Is 11:1, 10

JESTING
talking, nor coarse *j* . . . . . Eph 5:4

JESUS
*See* CHRIST; LORD JESUS CHRIST
birth of *J* Christ was as . . . . Matt 1:18
shall call His name *J* . . . . . Matt 1:21
*J* was led up by the . . . . . Matt 4:1
These twelve *J* sent . . . . . Matt 10:5
and laid hands on *J* . . . . . Matt 26:50
Barabbas and destroy *J* . . . Matt 27:20
we to do with You, *J* . . . . . Mark 1:24
*J* withdrew with His . . . . . Mark 3:7
*J* said, "Do not forbid . . . . . Mark 9:39
*J* went into Jerusalem . . . . Mark 11:11
as they were eating, *J* . . . . Mark 14:22
and he delivered *J* . . . . . Mark 15:15
*J* increased in wisdom . . . . . Luke 2:52
*J* said, "Who touched . . . . . Luke 8:45
*J* rebuked the unclean . . . . . Luke 9:42
*J* said to him, "Foxes . . . . . Luke 9:58
sought to see who *J* was . . . Luke 19:3
near to *J* to kiss Him . . . . . Luke 22:47
*J* Himself stood in the . . . . Luke 24:36
truth came through *J* . . . . . John 1:17
*J* said to him, "Rise, take . . . . John 5:8
*J* lifted up His eyes . . . . . John 6:5
they saw *J* walking on . . . . . John 6:19
But *J* stooped down and . . . . John 8:6
*J* wept . . . . . John 11:35
anointed the feet of *J* . . . . . John 12:3
*J* was crucified . . . . . John 19:20
other things that *J* did . . . . John 21:25
This *J* God has raised . . . . . Acts 2:32
of Your holy Servant *J* . . . . . Acts 4:30
believed on the Lord *J* . . . . Acts 11:17
baptized into Christ *J* . . . . . Rom 6:3
Spirit of life in Christ *J* . . . . . Rom 8:2
your mouth the Lord *J* . . . . . Rom 10:9
among you except *J* . . . . . 1 Cor 2:2
the day of the Lord *J* . . . . . 1 Cor 5:5
heavenly places in Christ *J* . . . Eph 2:6
that at the name of *J* every . . Phil 2:10
perfect in Christ *J* . . . . . Col 1:28
exhort in the Lord *J* . . . . . 1 Thess 4:1
But we see *J*, who was . . . . . Heb 2:9
*J* the Son of God, let us . . . . . Heb 4:14
looking unto *J*, the author . . Heb 12:2
*J* Christ the righteous . . . . . 1 John 2:1
that *J* is the Son of God . . . 1 John 5:5
Revelation of *J* Christ . . . . . Rev 1:1
Even so, come, Lord *J* . . . . . Rev 22:20

JETHER
Gideon's oldest son, Judg 8:20, 21

JETHRO
Priest of Midian; becomes Moses' father-in-law, Ex 2:16–22
Blesses Moses' departure, Ex 4:18
Visits and counsels Moses, Ex 18
Also called Reuel, Num 10:29

JEW
*J* whose name was . . . . . Esth 2:5
is it that You, being a *J* . . . . . John 4:9
Am I a *J*? . . . . . John 18:35
found out that he was a *J* . Acts 19:34
I am indeed a *J*, born in . . . . Acts 22:3
believes, for the *J* first . . . . . Rom 1:16
who does evil, of the *J* first . . Rom 2:9
he is not a *J* who is one . . . . Rom 2:28
advantage then has the *J* . . . . Rom 3:1
no distinction between *J* . . Rom 10:12
Jews I became as a *J* . . . . . 1 Cor 9:20
If you, being a *J*, live in . . . . . Gal 2:14
is neither *J* nor Greek . . . . . Gal 3:28
is neither Greek nor *J* . . . . . Col 3:11

JEWELS
your thighs are like *j* . . . . . Songs 7:1
that I make them My *j* . . . . . Mal 3:17

JEWISH
against their *J* brethren . . . . . Neh 5:1
*J* descent, you will not . . . . . Esth 6:13
a *J* brother in bondage . . . . . Jer 34:9
expectation of the *J* . . . . . Acts 12:11
*J* exorcists took it upon . . . Acts 19:13
light to the *J* people and . . Acts 26:23
giving heed to *J* fables . . . . . Titus 1:14

JEWS
*See* KING OF THE JEWS
Jesus born King of the, Matt 2:2
Salvation comes through the, John 4:22; Acts 11:19; Rom 1:16; 2:9, 10
Reject Christ, Matt 27:21–25
Reject the gospel, Acts 13:42–46

the elders of the *J* build . . . . . Ezra 6:7
are these feeble *J* doing . . . . . Neh 4:2
*J* who were at Shushan . . . . . Esth 9:18
sent letters to all the *J* . . . . . Esth 9:30
I am afraid of the *J* who . . . . Jer 38:19
of the *J* seven hundred . . . . . Jer 52:30
There are certain *J* whom . . Dan 3:12
You the King of the *J* . . . . . Matt 27:11
of purification of the *J*, . . . . . John 2:6
for salvation is of the *J* . . . . John 4:22
those *J* who believed Him . . John 8:31
the *J* took up stones . . . . . John 10:31
The King of the *J* . . . . . John 19:19
dwelling in Jerusalem *J* . . . . . Acts 2:5
confounded the *J* who . . . . . Acts 9:22
in the land of the *J* . . . . . Acts 10:39
in the synagogues of the *J* . . Acts 13:5
But the *J* stirred up the . . . . Acts 13:50
refuted the *J* publicly, . . . . . Acts 18:28
the God of the *J* only . . . . . Rom 3:29
*J* a stumbling block . . . . . 1 Cor 1:23
whether *J* or Greeks, . . . . . 1 Cor 12:13
From the *J* five times I . . . 2 Cor 11:24
compel Gentiles to live as *J* . . Gal 2:14
of those who say they are *J* . . Rev 2:9
Satan, who say they are *J* . . . . Rev 3:9

JEZEBEL
Ahab's idolatrous wife, 1 Kin 16:31
Her abominable acts, 1 Kin 18:4, 13; 19:1, 2; 21:1–16
Death prophesied; prophecy fulfilled, 1 Kin 21:23; 2 Kin 9:7, 30–37
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JEZREEL
Ahab's capital, 1 Kin 18:45; 21:1
Ahab's family destroyed at, 1 Kin 21:23; 2 Kin 9:30–37; 10:1–11

JOAB
David's nephew; commands his army, 2 Sam 2:10–32; 8:16; 10:1–14; 11:1, 14–25; 20:1–23
Kills Abner, 2 Sam 3:26, 27
Intercedes for Absalom, 2 Sam 14:1–33
Remains loyal to David; kills Absalom, 2 Sam 18:1–5, 9–17
Demoted; kills Amasa, 2 Sam 19:13; 20:8–10

Opposes census, 2 Sam 24:1–9; 1 Chr 21:1–6
Supports Adonijah, 1 Kin 1:7
Solomon orders his death in obedience to David's command, 1 Kin 2:1–6, 28–34

JOANNA
Wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, Luke 8:1–3
With others, heralds Christ's resurrection, Luke 23:55, 56

JOASH (or Jehoash)
Son of Ahaziah; saved from Athaliah's massacre and crowned by Jehoiada, 2 Kin 11:1–12
Repairs the temple, 2 Kin 12:1–16
Turns away from the Lord and is killed, 2 Chr 24:17–25
—— Wicked king of Israel; son of Jehoahaz, 2 Kin 13:10–25
Defeats Amaziah in battle, 2 Kin 14:8–15; 2 Chr 25:17–24

JOB
Model of righteousness, Job 1:1–5
His faith tested, Job 1:6—2:10
Debates with his three friends; complains to God, Job 3—33
Elihu intervenes, Job 34—37
God's answer, Job 38—41
Humbles himself and repents, Job 42:1–6
Restored to prosperity, Job 42:10–17

JOCHEBED
Daughter of Levi; mother of Miriam, Aaron, and Moses, Ex 6:20

JOEL
Preexilic prophet, Joel 1:1
Quoted in N.T., Acts 2:16

JOGBEHAH
Town in Gilead, Judg 8:11

JOHANAN
Military leader of Judah; warns Gedaliah of Ishmael's plot, Jer 40:13–16
Avenges Gedaliah; takes the people to Egypt, Jer 41:11–18

JOHN
The apostle, son of Zebedee; called as disciple, Matt 4:21, 22; Luke 5:1–11
Chosen as one of the Twelve, Matt 10:2
Especially close to Christ, Matt 17:1–9; Mark 13:3; John 13:23–25; 19:26, 27; 20:2–8; 21:7, 20
Ambitious and overzealous, Mark 10:35–41; Luke 9:54–56
Sent to prepare the Passover, Luke 22:8–13
With Peter, heals a man and is arrested, Acts 3:1—4:22
Goes on missionary trip with Peter, Acts 8:14–25
Exiled on Patmos, Rev 1:9
Author of Gospel, three epistles, and the Revelation, John 21:23–25; 1 John; 2 John; 3 John; Rev 1:1
—— The Baptist; O.T. prophecy concerning, Is 40:3–5; Mal 4:5
His birth announced and accomplished, Luke 1:11–20, 57–80
Preaches repentance, Luke 3:1–20
Bears witness to Christ, John 1:19–36; 3:25–36
Baptizes Jesus, Matt 3:13–17
Jesus speaks about, Matt 11:7–19
Identified with Elijah, Matt 11:13, 14
Herod imprisons and kills, Matt 14:3–12
—— Surnamed Mark: *see* MARK

JOIN
Woe to those who *j* ..... Is 5:8
'Come and let us *j* ..... Jer 50:5
of the rest dared *j* ..... Acts 5:13

JOINED
and mother and be *j* ..... Gen 2:24
for him who is *j* ..... Eccl 9:4
"Ephraim is *j* ..... Hos 4:17
what God has *j* ..... Matt 19:6
you be perfectly *j* ..... 1 Cor 1:10
But he who is *j* ..... 1 Cor 6:17
the whole body, *j* ..... Eph 4:16

JOINT
*j* as He wrestled ..... Gen 32:25
My bones are out of *j* ..... Ps 22:14
*j* heirs with Christ ..... Rom 8:17
by what every *j* ..... Eph 4:16

JOINTS
and knit together by *j* ..... Col 2:19
and spirit, and of *j* ..... Heb 4:12

JOKTAN
*See* ARABIA
Descendants of Shem, Gen. 10:21, 25

JONADAB (or Jehonadab)
David's nephew; encourages Amnon in sin, 2 Sam 13:3–5, 32–36
—— Son of Rechab; father of the Rechabites, Jer 35:5–19
Helps Jehu overthrow Baal, 2 Kin 10:15–28

JONAH
Prophet sent to Nineveh; rebels and is punished, Jon 1
Repents and is saved, Jon 2
Preaches in Nineveh, Jon 3
Becomes angry at God's mercy, Jon 4
Type of Christ's resurrection, Matt 12:39, 40

JONATHAN
King Saul's eldest son; his exploits in battle, 1 Sam 13:2, 3; 14:1–14, 49
Saved from his father's wrath, 1 Sam 14:24–45
Makes covenant with David; protects him from Saul, 1 Sam 18:1–4; 19:1–7; 20:1–42; 23:15–18
Killed by Philistines, 1 Sam 31:2, 8
Mourned by David; his son provided for, 2 Sam 1:17–27; 9:1–8
—— Son of high priest Abiathar; faithful to David, 2 Sam 15:26–36; 17:15–22
Informs Adonijah of Solomon's coronation, 1 Kin 1:41–49

JOPPA
Scene of Peter's vision, Acts 10:5–23, 32

JORAM
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JORDAN RIVER
Lot dwells near, Gen 13:8–13
Canaan's eastern boundary, Num 34:12
Moses forbidden to cross, Deut 3:27
Miraculous dividing of, for Israel, Josh 3:1–17
by Elijah, 2 Kin 2:5–8
by Elisha, 2 Kin 2:13,14
Naaman healed in, 2 Kin 5:10–14
John baptizes in, Matt 3:6, 13–17

JOSEPH
Son of Jacob by Rachel, Gen 30:22–24
Loved by Jacob; hated by his brothers, Gen 37:3–11
Sold into slavery, Gen 37:12–36
Unjustly imprisoned in Egypt, Gen 39:1–23
Interprets dreams in prison, Gen 40:1–23
Wins Pharaoh's favor, Gen 41:1–44
Prepares Egypt for famine, Gen 41:45–57
Sells grain to his brothers, Gen 42—44
Reveals identity and reconciles with brothers; sends for Jacob, Gen 45:1–28
Settles family in Egypt, Gen 47:1–12
His sons blessed by Jacob, Gen 48:1–22
Blessed by Jacob, Gen 49:22–26
Buries his father; reassures his brothers, Gen 50:1–21
His death, Gen 50:22–26
—— Husband of Mary, Jesus' mother, Matt 1:16
Visited by angel, Matt 1:19–25
Takes Mary to Bethlehem, Luke 2:3–7
Protects Jesus from Herod, Matt 2:13–23
Jesus subject to, Luke 2:51
—— Secret disciple from Arimathea; donates tomb and assists in Christ's burial, Mark 15:42–46; Luke 23:50–53; John 19:38–42

JOSES
One of Jesus' half brothers, Matt 13:55
—— The name of Barnabas, Acts 4:36

JOSHUA
*See* JESHUA
—— Leader of Israel succeeding Moses, Num 27:18–23
Leads battle against Amalek, Ex 17:8–16
Sent as spy into Canaan; reports favorably, Num 13:16–25; 14:6–9
Assumes command, Josh 1:1–18
Sends spies to Jericho, Josh 2:1
Leads Israel across Jordan, Josh 3:1–17
Sets up commemorative stones, Josh 4:1–24
Circumcises the people, Josh 5:2–9
Conquers Jericho, Josh 5:13—6:27
Punishes Achan, Josh 7:10–26
Conquers Canaan, Josh 8—12
Divides the land, Josh 13—19
Addresses rulers, Josh 23:1–16
Addresses the people, Josh 24:1–28
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JOSIAH
Righteous king of Judah; son of Amon, 2 Kin 22:1, 2
Repairs the temple, 2 Kin 22:3–9
Hears the Law; spared for his humility, 2 Kin 22:10–20
Institutes reforms, 2 Kin 23:1–25
Killed in battle, 2 Chr 35:20–25

JOT
one *j* or one tittle ..... Matt 5:18

JOTHAM
Gideon's youngest son; escapes Abimelech's massacre, Judg 9:5
Utters prophetic parable, Judg 9:7–21
—— Righteous king of Judah; son of Azariah, 2 Kin 15:32–38; 2 Chr 27:1–9

JOURNEY
us go three days' *j* ..... Ex 3:18
busy, or he is on a *j* ..... 1 Kin 18:27
he has gone on a long *j* ..... Prov 7:19
city, a three-day *j* in extent ... Jon 3:3
nor bag for your *j*, nor ..... Matt 10:10
he went on a *j* ..... Matt 25:15
Nevertheless I must *j* ..... Luke 13:33
wearied from His *j* ..... John 4:6
may send me on my *j* ..... 1 Cor 16:6
*j* in a manner worthy of ..... 3 John 6

JOY
LORD your God with *j* . . . . . Deut 28:47
of Obed-Edom with *j* . . . . . 1 Chr 15:25
the *j* of the LORD is your . . . . Neh 8:10
heart to sing for *j* . . . . . Job 29:13
presence is fullness of *j* . . . . . Ps 16:11
*j* comes in the morning . . . . . Ps 30:5
To God my exceeding *j* . . . . . Ps 43:4
me the *j* of Your salvation . . . Ps 51:12
sow in tears shall reap in *j* . . Ps 126:5
You according to the *j* . . . . . Is 9:3
*j* you will draw water . . . . . Is 12:3
everlasting *j* on their heads . . Is 51:11
ashes, the oil of *j* . . . . . Is 61:3
*j* shall be theirs . . . . . Is 61:7
shall sing for *j* . . . . . Is 65:14
word was to me the *j* . . . . . Jer 15:16
I will *j* in the God of my . . . . Hab 3:18
receives it with *j* . . . . . Matt 13:20
Enter into the *j* . . . . . Matt 25:21
in my womb for *j* . . . . . Luke 1:44
good tidings of great *j* . . . . . Luke 2:10
there will be more *j* . . . . . Luke 15:7
did not believe for *j* . . . . . Luke 24:41
My *j* may remain in . . . . . John 15:11
will be turned into *j* . . . . . John 16:20
that your *j* may be full . . . . John 16:24
they may have My *j* . . . . . John 17:13
finish my race with *j* . . . . . Acts 20:24
peace and *j* in the Holy . . . Rom 14:17
fill you with all *j* . . . . . Rom 15:13
that my *j* is the *j* . . . . . 2 Cor 2:3
the Spirit is love, *j* . . . . . Gal 5:22
brethren, my *j* and . . . . . Phil 4:1
longsuffering with *j* . . . . . Col 1:11
with *j* of the Holy Spirit. . . 1 Thess 1:6
are our glory and *j* . . . . . 1 Thess 2:20
that I may be filled with *j* . . 2 Tim 1:4
*j* that was set before . . . . . Heb 12:2
count it all *j* . . . . . James 1:2
*j* inexpressible and full . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
with exceeding *j* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:13
that your *j* may be full . . . . 1 John 1:4
that our *j* may be full . . . . . 2 John 12
I have no greater *j* . . . . . 3 John 4
His glory with exceeding *j* . . . Jude 24

JOYFUL
And my soul shall be *j* . . . . . Ps 35:9
Make a *j* shout to the . . . . . Ps 100:1
of prosperity be *j* . . . . . Eccl 7:14
and make them *j* . . . . . Is 56:7
soul shall be *j* in my God . . . . Is 61:10
I am exceedingly *j* . . . . . 2 Cor 7:4
to be *j* for the present . . . . . Heb 12:11

JOYFULLY
Let us shout *j* to the Rock . . . . Ps 95:1
shout *j* before the LORD. . . . . Ps 98:6
*j* accepted the plundering . . Heb 10:34

JOZACHAR
Assassin of Joash, 2 Kin 12:19–21
Called Zabad, 2 Chr 24:26

JUBAL
Son of Lamech, Gen 4:21

JUBILEE
cause the trumpet of the *J* . . . Lev 25:9
For it is the *J* . . . . . Lev 25:12
his field after the *J*, then . . . Lev 27:18
In the Year of *J* the field . . . Lev 27:24
the *J* of the children . . . . . Num 36:4

JUDAH
Son of Jacob and Leah, Gen 29:30–35
Intercedes for Joseph, Gen 37:26, 27
Fails in duty to Tamar, Gen 38:1–30
Offers himself as Benjamin's ransom, Gen 44:18–34
Jacob bestows birthright on, Gen 49:3–10
Ancestor of Christ, Matt 1:3, 16
—— Tribe of:
Prophecy concerning, Gen 49:8–12
Numbered at Sinai, Num 1:26, 27
Territory assigned to, Josh 15:1–63
Leads in conquest of Canaan, Judg 1:1–19
Makes David king, 2 Sam 2:1–11
Loyal to David and his house, 2 Sam 20:1, 2; 1 Kin 12:20
Becomes leader of southern kingdom, 1 Kin 14:21, 22
Taken to Babylon, 2 Kin 24:1–16
Returns after exile, 2 Chr 36:20–23

JUDAISM
And I advanced in *J* . . . . . Gal 1:14

JUDAS
Judas Lebbaeus, surnamed Thaddaeus, Matt 10:3
One of the Twelve, Luke 6:13, 16
Offers a question, John 14:22
—— Judas Barsabas, a chief deputy, Acts 15:22–32
—— Betrayer of Christ: *see* ISCARIOT

JUDE (or Judas)
Half brother of Christ, Matt 13:55
Does not believe in Christ, John 7:5
Becomes Christ's disciple, Acts 1:14
Writes an epistle, Jude 1

JUDEA
Christ born in, Matt 2:1, 5, 6
Hostile toward Christ, John 7:1
Gospel preached in, Acts 8:1, 4
Churches established in, Acts 9:31

JUDGE
The LORD *j* between . . . . . Gen 16:5
Dan shall *j* his people as . . Gen 49:16
you a price and a *j* over us . . . Ex 2:14
Moses sat to *j* the people . . . . Ex 18:13
For the LORD will *j* . . . . . Deut 32:36
the LORD was with the *j* . . . . Judg 2:18
coming to *j* the earth . . . . . 1 Chr 16:33
and judges who may *j* all . . . Ezra 7:25
He shall *j* the world in . . . . . Ps 9:8
How long will you *j* unjustly . . Ps 82:2
Arise, O God, *j* the earth . . . . . Ps 82:8
Rise up, O *J* of the . . . . . Ps 94:2
He is coming to *j* the earth . . Ps 96:13
He shall *j* the world, and . . . . . Ps 98:9
the LORD will *j* His people . . Ps 135:14
*j* righteously, and plead . . . . Prov 31:9
sword the LORD will *j* . . . . . Is 66:16
deliver you to the *j* . . . . . Matt 5:25
"*J* not, that you be not . . . . . Matt 7:1
"Man, who made Me a *j* . . Luke 12:14
*j* who did not fear God . . . . Luke 18:2
As I hear, I *j* . . . . . John 5:30
Do not *j* according . . . . . John 7:24
I *j* no one . . . . . John 8:15
*j* the world but to . . . . . John 12:47
this, O man, you who *j* . . . . . Rom 2:3
then how will God *j* . . . . . Rom 3:6
Therefore let us not *j* . . . . . Rom 14:13
the saints will *j* the world . . . 1 Cor 6:2
that we shall *j* angels . . . . . 1 Cor 6:3
*J* among yourselves . . . . . 1 Cor 11:13
let no one *j* you in . . . . . Col 2:16
Christ, who will *j* . . . . . 2 Tim 4:1
Lord, the righteous *J* . . . . . 2 Tim 4:8
heaven, to God the *J* . . . . . Heb 12:23
and adulterers God will *j* . . . . Heb 13:4
are you to *j* another . . . . . James 4:12
the *J* is standing at the . . . . . James 5:9
who is ready to *j* the living . . 1 Pet 4:5
holy and true, until You *j* . . . Rev 6:10

JUDGED
God has *j* my case . . . . . Gen 30:6
So they *j* the people at all . . . Ex 18:26
upon him, and he *j* Israel . . . Judg 3:10
Samuel *j* Israel all the . . . . 1 Sam 7:15
condemn him when he is *j* . . . Ps 37:33
He *j* the cause of the poor . . Jer 22:16
You who *j* your sisters, . . . Ezek 16:52
Judge not, that you be not *j* . . Matt 7:1
You have rightly *j* . . . . . Luke 7:43
ruler of this world is *j* . . . . John 16:11
being *j* by you this day . . . . Acts 24:21
law will be *j* by the law . . . . Rom 2:12
overcome when You are *j* . . . Rom 3:4
world will be *j* by you . . . . . 1 Cor 6:2
But when we are *j* . . . . . 1 Cor 11:32
be *j* by the law of liberty . . James 2:12
the dead were *j* according . . Rev 20:12

JUDGES
*j* who delivered . . . . . Judg 2:16
in the days when the *j* . . . . . Ruth 1:1
said to the *j*, "Take heed . . 2 Chr 19:6
Surely He is God who *j* . . . . . Ps 58:11
He *j* among the gods . . . . . Ps 82:1
He makes the *j* of the . . . . . Is 40:23
*j* are evening wolves . . . . . Zeph 3:3
For the Father *j* . . . . . John 5:22
he who is spiritual *j* . . . . . 1 Cor 2:15
*j* me is the Lord . . . . . 1 Cor 4:4
who without partiality *j* . . . . 1 Pet 1:17
Him who *j* righteously . . . . . 1 Pet 2:23

JUDGMENT
Aaron shall bear the *j* of . . . . Ex 28:30
show partiality in *j* . . . . . Deut 1:17
David administered *j* . . . . . 2 Sam 8:15
Does God subvert *j* . . . . . Job 8:3
Teach me good *j* . . . . . Ps 119:66
instructs him in right *j* . . . . . Is 28:26
from prison and from *j* . . . . . Is 53:8
I will also speak *j* . . . . . Jer 4:12
*j* was made in favor of . . . . . Dan 7:22
be in danger of the *j* . . . . . Matt 5:21
For with what *j* you judge . . . Matt 7:2
in the day of *j* than for . . . . Matt 11:22
will rise up in the *j* . . . . . Matt 12:42
shall not come into *j* . . . . . John 5:24
and My *j* is righteous . . . . . John 5:30
but judge with righteous *j* . . John 7:24
if I do judge, My *j* . . . . . John 8:16
For *j* I have come into . . . . . John 9:39
Now is the *j* of this . . . . . John 12:31
the righteous *j* of God . . . . . Rom 1:32
*j* which came from one . . . . . Rom 5:16
all stand before the *j* . . . . . Rom 14:10
yet I give *j* as one whom . . 1 Cor 7:25
eats and drinks *j* . . . . . 1 Cor 11:29
appear before the *j* . . . . . 2 Cor 5:10
preceding them to *j* . . . . . 1 Tim 5:24
after this the *j* . . . . . Heb 9:27
For *j* is without mercy . . . . James 2:13
receive a stricter *j* . . . . . James 3:1
time has come for *j* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:17
a long time their *j* . . . . . 2 Pet 2:3
boldness in the day of *j* . . 1 John 4:17
darkness for the *j* . . . . . Jude 6
the hour of His *j* has come . . Rev 14:7
hour your *j* has come . . . . . Rev 18:10
*j* was committed to them . . . . Rev 20:4

JUDGMENTS
The *j* of the LORD are. . . . . Ps 19:9
*j* are a great deep . . . . . Ps 36:6
I dread, for Your *j* . . . . . Ps 119:39
statutes nor kept My *j* . . . . . Ezek 5:7
had not executed My *j* . . . . Ezek 20:24
unsearchable are His *j* . . . . Rom 11:33
righteous are His *j* . . . . . Rev 19:2

JUG
So she opened a *j* of milk . . Judg 4:19
*j* of water by Saul's . . . . . 1 Sam 26:12

JULIUS
Roman centurion assigned to guard Paul, Acts 27:1–44

JUST
Noah was a *j* man . . . . . Gen 6:9
I have done *j* as you told . . Gen 27:19
*j* as the LORD commanded . . Num 26:4
*J* as the gazelle and the . . . Deut 12:22
a perfect and *j* weight . . . . . Deut 25:15

*j* as my strength was ..... Josh 14:11
Hear a *j* cause ..... Ps 17:1
the path of the *j* is like ..... Prov 4:18
*j* weight is His delight ..... Prov 11:1
It is a joy for the *j* ..... Prov 21:15
*j* man who perishes ..... Eccl 7:15
For there is not a *j* ..... Eccl 7:20
way of the *j* is uprightness .... Is 26:7
the blood of the *j* ..... Lam 4:13
*j* shall live by his ..... Hab 2:4
He is *j* and having ..... Zech 9:9
her husband, being a *j* ..... Matt 1:19
resurrection of the *j* ..... Luke 14:14
*j* persons who need no ..... Luke 15:7
the Holy One and the *J* ..... Acts 3:14
dead, both of the *j* ..... Acts 24:15
*j* shall live by faith ..... Rom 1:17
that He might be *j* ..... Rom 3:26
the *j* shall live by faith ..... Gal 3:11
*j* as you were called in one ... Eph 4:4
*j* as Christ also loved the .... Eph 5:25
whatever things are *j* ..... Phil 4:8
received a *j* reward, ..... Heb 2:2
*j* men made perfect ..... Heb 12:23
have murdered the *j* ..... James 5:6
He is faithful and *j* ..... 1 John 1:9
*J* and true are Your ..... Rev 15:3

## JUSTICE

to do righteousness and *j* .. Gen 18:19
after many to pervert *j* ..... Ex 23:2
for all His ways are *j* ..... Deut 32:4
bribes, and perverted *j* ..... 1 Sam 8:3
to discern *j* ..... 1 Kin 3:11
the Almighty pervert *j* ..... Job 8:3
gives *j* to the oppressed ..... Job 36:6
*j* as the noonday ..... Ps 37:6
and Your poor with *j* ..... Ps 72:2
Do *j* to the afflicted ..... Ps 82:3
and *j* are the ..... Ps 89:14
*j* for all who are oppressed .. Ps 103:6
He guards the paths of *j*, .... Prov 2:8
revenues without *j* ..... Prov 16:8
do not understand *j* ..... Prov 28:5
*j* the measuring line ..... Is 28:17
the LORD is a God of *j* ..... Is 30:18
He will bring forth *j* ..... Is 42:1
No one calls for *j* ..... Is 59:4
*J* is turned back ..... Is 59:14
I, the LORD, love *j* ..... Is 61:8
you, O home of *j* ..... Jer 31:23
plundering, execute *j* ..... Ezek 45:9
truth, and His ways *j* ..... Dan 4:37
observe mercy and *j* ..... Hos 12:6
who turn *j* to wormwood ... Amos 5:7
'Execute true *j* ..... Zech 7:9
"Where is the God of *j* ..... Mal 2:17
And He will declare *j* ..... Matt 12:18
of herbs, and pass by *j* .... Luke 11:42
His humiliation His *j* ..... Acts 8:33

## JUSTIFICATION

because of our *j* ..... Rom 4:25
offenses resulted in *j* ..... Rom 5:16
men, resulting in *j* ..... Rom 5:18

## JUSTIFIED

Me that you may be *j* ..... Job 40:8
of Israel shall be *j* ..... Is 45:25
words you will be *j* ..... Matt 12:37
But wisdom is *j* ..... Luke 7:35
*j* rather than the ..... Luke 18:14
who believes is *j* ..... Acts 13:39
"That You may be *j* ..... Rom 3:4
law no flesh will be *j* ..... Rom 3:20
*j* freely by His grace ..... Rom 3:24
having been *j* by ..... Rom 5:1
these He also *j* ..... Rom 8:30
but you were *j* ..... 1 Cor 6:11
that we might be *j* ..... Gal 2:16
who attempt to be *j* ..... Gal 5:4
*j* in the Spirit ..... 1 Tim 3:16
then that a man is *j* ..... James 2:24
the harlot also *j* ..... James 2:25

## JUSTIFIER

be just and the *j* ..... Rom 3:26

## JUSTIFIES

He who *j* the wicked ..... Prov 17:15
It is God who *j* ..... Rom 8:33

## JUSTIFY

*j* the wicked for a ..... Is 5:23
wanting to *j* himself ..... Luke 10:29
"You are those who *j* ..... Luke 16:15
is one God who will *j* ..... Rom 3:30
that God would *j* ..... Gal 3:8

## JUSTLY

of you but to do *j* ..... Mic 6:8
And we indeed *j* ..... Luke 23:41
how devoutly and *j* ..... 1 Thess 2:10

## JUSTUS

Surname of Joseph, a disciple, Acts 1:23
—— Man of Corinth; befriends Paul, Acts 18:7
—— Fellow worker of Paul, also called Jesus, Col 4:11

## KADESH

Spies sent from, Num 13:3, 26
Moses strikes rock at, Num 20:1–13
Boundary in the new Israel, Ezek 47:19

## KADESH BARNEA

Boundary of Promised Land, Num 34:1–4
Limit of Joshua's military campaign, Josh 10:41

## KARNAIM

Conquered region, Amos 6:13

## KEDESH

Town in south Judah, Josh 15:23
—— Levite city in Issachar, 1 Chr 6:72

## KEDESH NAPHTALI

City of refuge, Josh 21:27, 32
Home of Barak, Judg 4:6

## KEEP

*k* you wherever you ..... Gen 28:15
day, to *k* it holy ..... Ex 20:8
and *k* My judgments ..... Lev 25:18
*k* all My commandments .. 1 Kin 6:12
and that You would *k* ..... 1 Chr 4:10
Even he who cannot *k* ..... Ps 22:29
*K* my soul, and deliver me ... Ps 25:20
do not *k* silence ..... Ps 35:22
*k* Your righteous ..... Ps 119:106
*k* them in the midst of ..... Prov 4:21
*K* your heart with all ..... Prov 4:23
a time to *k* silence ..... Eccl 3:7
*k* your appointed feasts, .... Nah 1:15
Let all the earth *k* ..... Hab 2:20
*k* the commandments ..... Matt 19:17
charge over you, to *k* ..... Luke 4:10
If you love Me, *k* ..... John 14:15
*k* through Your name ..... John 17:11
orderly and *k* the law ..... Acts 21:24
and *k* the traditions ..... 1 Cor 11:2
Let your women *k* ..... 1 Cor 14:34
a debtor to *k* the whole law .. Gal 5:3
*k* the unity of the ..... Eph 4:3
*k* yourself pure ..... 1 Tim 5:22
He is able to *k* what I ..... 2 Tim 1:12
to *k* oneself unspotted .... James 1:27
*k* His commandments ..... 1 John 2:3
*k* His commandments .... 1 John 3:22
*k* yourselves from idols .. 1 John 5:21
*k* yourselves in the ..... Jude 21
*k* you from stumbling ..... Jude 24
*k* those things ..... Rev 1:3
I also will *k* you from the ... Rev 3:10
of those who *k* the words ... Rev 22:9

## KEEPER

Am I my brother's *k* ..... Gen 4:9
of the *k* of the prison ..... Gen 39:21
The LORD is your *k* ..... Ps 121:5
me the *k* of the vineyards ... Song 1:6
to the *k* of his vineyard .... Luke 13:7
of the prison, awaking .... Acts 16:27

## KEEPERS

in the day when the *k* ..... Eccl 12:3

## KEEPS

the faithful God who *k* ..... Deut 7:9
God, Who *k* covenant and .. Neh 9:32
who *k* you will not slumber .. Ps 121:3
*k* truth forever ..... Ps 146:6
*k* his way preserves ..... Prov 16:17
*k* the commandment ..... Prov 19:16
Whoever *k* the law is a .... Prov 28:7
none of you *k* the law ..... John 7:19
born of God *k* himself .... 1 John 5:18
and *k* his garments ..... Rev 16:15

## KEILAH

Town of Judah; rescued from Philistines by David, 1 Sam 23:1–5
Prepares to betray David; he escapes, 1 Sam 23:6–13

## KENITES

Canaanite tribe whose land is promised to Abraham's seed, Gen 15:19
Subjects of Balaam's prophecy, Num 24:20–22
Settle with Judahites, Judg 1:16
Spared by Saul in war with Amalekites, 1 Sam 15:6

## KEPT

shall be *k* burning on it ..... Lev 6:9
be *k* as a sign against ..... Num 17:10
He *k* him as the apple of .. Deut 32:10
For I have *k* the ways .... 2 Sam 22:22
*k* what You promised ..... 2 Chr 6:15
Now Josiah *k* a Passover .. 2 Chr 35:1
desolate she *k* Sabbath .. 2 Chr 36:21
brethren who *k* the gates, .. Neh 11:19
gatekeepers *k* the charge .. Neh 12:45
that *k* a pilgrim feast ..... Ps 42:4
vineyard I have not *k* ..... Song 1:6
when a holy festival is *k* ..... Is 30:29
*k* charge of My ..... Ezek 44:15
we have *k* His ordinance .... Mal 3:14
these things I have *k* ..... Matt 19:20
But Jesus *k* silent ..... Matt 26:63
she *k* asking Him to cast .. Mark 7:26
all these things I have *k* .. Mark 10:20
*k* all these things ..... Luke 2:19
love, just as I have *k* ..... John 15:10
If they *k* My word, they ... John 15:20
You gave Me I have *k* .... John 17:12
*k* back part of the ..... Acts 5:2
*k* secret since the world ... Rom 16:25
I have *k* the faith ..... 2 Tim 4:7
who are *k* by the power ..... 1 Pet 1:5
Because you have *k* My ..... Rev 3:10

## KETURAH

Abraham's second wife, Gen 25:1
Sons of:
listed, Gen 25:1, 2
given gifts and sent away, Gen 25:6

## KEY

The *k* of the house of ..... Is 22:22
have taken away the *k* ... Luke 11:52
"He who has the *k* ..... Rev 3:7
heaven, having the *k* ..... Rev 20:1

## KEYS

I will give you the *k* ..... Matt 16:19
And I have the *k* ..... Rev 1:18

## KIBROTH HATTAAVAH

Burial site of Israelites slain by God, Num 11:33–35

## KICK

is hard for you to *k* ..... Acts 9:5

## KIDNAPPERS

for sodomites, for *k* ..... 1 Tim 1:10

## KIDNAPS
"He who *k* a man and ..... Ex 21:16

## KIDRON
Valley near Jerusalem; crossed by David and Christ, 2 Sam 15:23; John 18:1
Idols dumped there, 2 Chr 29:16

## KILL
who finds me will *k* ..... Gen 4:14
*k* the Passover lamb ..... Ex 12:21
I *k* and I make alive ..... Deut 32:39
"Am I God, to *k* ..... 2 Kin 5:7
a time to *k* ..... Eccl 3:3
to save life or to *k* ..... Mark 3:4
of them they will *k* ..... Luke 11:49
afraid of those who *k* ..... Luke 12:4
Why do you seek to *k* ..... John 7:19
except to steal, and to *k* .. John 10:10
"Rise, Peter; *k* and eat .... Acts 10:13
was about to *k* himself ... Acts 16:27
to *k* with sword, with ..... Rev 6:8

## KILLED
Abel his brother and *k* ..... Gen 4:8
For I have *k* a man for ..... Gen 4:23
LORD *k* all the firstborn ..... Ex 13:15
Your servant has *k* ..... 1 Sam 17:36
for Your sake we are *k* ..... Ps 44:22
and scribes, and be *k* ..... Matt 16:21
Siloam fell and *k* them .... Luke 13:4
*k* the Prince of life ..... Acts 3:15
me, and by it *k* me ..... Rom 7:11
"For Your sake we are *k* ... Rom 8:36
who *k* both the Lord .... 1 Thess 2:15
martyr, who was *k* ..... Rev 2:13

## KILLS
"The LORD *k* and ..... 1 Sam 2:6
the one who *k* the ..... Matt 23:37
for the letter *k* ..... 2 Cor 3:6

## KIND
animals after their *k* ..... Gen 6:20
breed with another *k* ..... Lev 19:19
*k* can come out by ..... Mark 9:29
For He is *k* to the ..... Luke 6:35
suffers long and is *k* ..... 1 Cor 13:4
is one *k* of flesh of men, .. 1 Cor 15:39
And be *k* to one ..... Eph 4:32
forgets what *k* of man .... James 1:24

## KINDLED
When His wrath is *k* ..... Ps 2:12
I, the LORD, have *k* ..... Ezek 20:48
wish it were already *k* .... Luke 12:49
they *k* a fire and made us .. Acts 28:2

## KINDLY
The LORD deal *k* ..... Ruth 1:8
Julius treated Paul *k* ..... Acts 27:3
*k* affectionate to one ..... Rom 12:10

## KINDNESS
may the LORD show *k* ..... 2 Sam 2:6
anger, abundant in *k* ..... Neh 9:17
me His marvelous *k* ..... Ps 31:21
For His merciful *k* ..... Ps 117:2
tongue is the law of *k* ..... Prov 31:26
*k* shall not depart ..... Is 54:10
I remember you, the *k* ..... Jer 2:2
by longsuffering, by *k* ..... 2 Cor 6:6
longsuffering, *k* ..... Gal 5:22
But when the *k* and the ..... Titus 3:4
and to brotherly *k* ..... 2 Pet 1:7

## KING
Then Melchizedek *k* ..... Gen 14:18
days there was no *k* ..... Judg 17:6
said, "Give us a *k* ..... 1 Sam 8:6
"Long live the *k* ..... 1 Sam 10:24
they anointed David *k* ..... 2 Sam 2:4
Yet I have set My *K* ..... Ps 2:6
The LORD is *K* forever ..... Ps 10:16
*K* answer us when we ..... Ps 20:9
And the *K* of glory ..... Ps 24:7
*k* is saved by the ..... Ps 33:16
*k* Your judgments ..... Ps 72:1
For God is my *K* ..... Ps 74:12
do who succeeds the *k* ..... Eccl 2:12
out of prison to be *k* ..... Eccl 4:14
when your *k* is a child ..... Eccl 10:16
In the year that *K* ..... Is 6:1
*k* will reign in ..... Is 32:1
the LORD is our *K* ..... Is 33:22
Is not her *K* in her ..... Jer 8:19
and the everlasting *K* ..... Jer 10:10
*k* of Babylon, *k* ..... Ezek 26:7
I gave you a *k* in My ..... Hos 13:11
the LORD shall be *K*. ..... Zech 14:9
He who has been born *K* .... Matt 2:2
This Is Jesus the *K* ..... Matt 27:37
by force to make Him *k* .... John 6:15
"Behold your *K* ..... John 19:14
there is another *k* ..... Acts 17:7
Now to the *K* eternal ..... 1 Tim 1:17
only Potentate, the *K* ..... 1 Tim 6:15
this Melchizedek, *k* ..... Heb 7:1
Honor the *k* ..... 1 Pet 2:17
*K* of kings and Lord of .... Rev 19:16

## KING OF THE JEWS
He who has been born *K* .... Matt 2:2
saying, "Are You the *K* ... Matt 27:11
This Is Jesus the *K* ..... Matt 27:37
to release to you the *K* .... Mark 15:9
salute Him, "Hail, *K* ..... Mark 15:18
"If You are the *K* ..... Luke 23:37
'He said, "I am the *K* ..... John 19:21

## KINGDOM
you shall be to Me a *k* ..... Ex 19:6
LORD has torn the *k* ..... 1 Sam 15:28
Yours is the *k* ..... 1 Chr 29:11
*k* is the LORD's ..... Ps 22:28
the scepter of Your *k* ..... Ps 45:6
in heaven, and His *k* ..... Ps 103:19
is an everlasting *k* ..... Ps 145:13
*k* which shall never be ..... Dan 2:44
High rules in the *k* ..... Dan 4:17
Your *k* has been divided, ... Dan 5:28
and glory and a *k*, ..... Dan 7:14
*k* shall be the LORD's ..... Obad 21
for Yours is the *k* ..... Matt 6:13
Baptist until now the *k* .... Matt 11:12
are the sons of the *k* ..... Matt 13:38
*k* all things that offend .... Matt 13:41
up to half of my *k* ..... Mark 6:23
Blessed is the *k* of our .... Mark 11:10
nation, and *k* against *k* .... Mark 13:8
of His *k* there will be no ... Luke 1:33
*k* of God has come near ... Luke 10:9
*k* come. Your will be done . Luke 11:2
*k* divided against ..... Luke 11:17
to give you the *k* ..... Luke 12:32
of such is the *k* of God ... Luke 18:16
against nation, and *k* ..... Luke 21:10
at My table in My *k* ..... Luke 22:30
You come into Your *k* .... Luke 23:42
he cannot enter the *k* ..... John 3:5
If My *k* were of this ..... John 18:36
preaching the *k* of God .... Acts 20:25
when He delivers the *k* ... 1 Cor 15:24
in the *k* of Christ and God ... Eph 5:5
you into His own *k* ..... 1 Thess 2:12
the scepter of Your *k* ..... Heb 1:8
we are receiving a *k* ..... Heb 12:28
into the everlasting *k* ..... 2 Pet 1:11

## KINGDOM OF GOD
But seek first the *k* ..... Matt 6:33
*k* has come upon you ..... Matt 12:28
rich man to enter the *k* ... Matt 19:24
harlots enter the *k* ..... Matt 21:31
the *k* will be taken ..... Matt 21:43
the gospel of the *k* ..... Mark 1:14
the *k* is at hand ..... Mark 1:15
the mystery of the *k* ..... Mark 4:11
what shall we liken the *k* .. Mark 4:30
death till they see the *k* ..... Mark 9:1
enter the *k* with one eye ... Mark 9:47
for of such is the *k* ..... Mark 10:14
riches to enter the *k* ..... Mark 10:23
are not far from the *k* .... Mark 12:34
I drink it new in the *k* .... Mark 14:25
waiting for the *k* ..... Mark 15:43
"I must preach the *k* ..... Luke 4:43
poor, for yours is the *k* .... Luke 6:20
he who is least in the *k* .... Luke 7:28
preach the *k* and to heal .... Luke 9:2
you go and preach the *k* ... Luke 9:60
back, is fit for the *k* ..... Luke 9:62
all the prophets in the *k* .. Luke 13:28
shall eat bread in the *k* ... Luke 14:15
*k* has been preached ..... Luke 16:16
*k* does not come with ..... Luke 17:20
the *k* is within you ..... Luke 17:21
for the sake of the *k* ..... Luke 18:29
thought the *k* would ..... Luke 19:11
know that the *k* is near ... Luke 21:31
he cannot see the *k* ..... John 3:3
things pertaining to the *k* .... Acts 1:3
tribulations enter the *k* .... Acts 14:22
testified of the *k* ..... Acts 28:23
the *k* is not eating and .... Rom 14:17
the *k* is not in word ..... 1 Cor 4:20
will not inherit the *k* ..... 1 Cor 6:9
cannot inherit the *k* ..... 1 Cor 15:50
will not inherit the *k* ..... Gal 5:21
fellow workers for the *k* ..... Col 4:11
counted worthy of the *k* .. 2 Thess 1:5

## KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
"Repent, for the *k* ..... Matt 3:2
for theirs is the *k* ..... Matt 5:10
by no means enter the *k* .... Matt 5:20
Lord, shall enter the *k* ..... Matt 7:21
Isaac, and Jacob in the *k* ... Matt 8:11
'The *k* is at hand ..... Matt 10:7
who is least in the *k* ..... Matt 11:11
the mysteries of the *k* ..... Matt 13:11
The *k* is like a man ..... Matt 13:24
*k* is like a mustard seed, .. Matt 13:31
The *k* is like leaven, ..... Matt 13:33
the *k* is like treasure ..... Matt 13:44
*k* is like a dragnet ..... Matt 13:47
you the keys of the *k* ..... Matt 16:19
then is greatest in the *k* .... Matt 18:1
by no means enter the *k* .... Matt 18:3
is the greatest in the *k* ..... Matt 18:4
*k* is like a certain king .... Matt 18:23
for of such is the *k* ..... Matt 19:14
a rich man to enter the *k* .. Matt 19:23
*k* is like a landowner ..... Matt 20:1
*k* is like a certain king ..... Matt 22:2
you shut up the *k* ..... Matt 23:13
*k* shall be likened ..... Matt 25:1
the *k* is like a man ..... Matt 25:14

## KINGDOMS
the *k* were moved ..... Ps 46:6
tremble, who shook *k* ..... Is 14:16
showed Him all the *k* ..... Matt 4:8
have become the *k* ..... Rev 11:15

## KINGS
The *k* of the earth set ..... Ps 2:2
*k* shall fall down ..... Ps 72:11
He is awesome to the *k* ..... Ps 76:12
By me *k* reign ..... Prov 8:15
He will stand before *k* .... Prov 22:29
*k* is unsearchable ..... Prov 25:3
that which destroys *k* ..... Prov 31:3
it is not for *k* to drink ..... Prov 31:4
*K* shall be your foster ..... Is 49:23
"They set up *k* ..... Hos 8:4
before governors and *k* ... Matt 10:18
*k* have desired to see ..... Luke 10:24
You have reigned as *k* ..... 1 Cor 4:8
and has made us *k* ..... Rev 1:6
that the way of the *k* ..... Rev 16:12
may eat the flesh of *k* ..... Rev 19:18

## KIR HARESETH
Fortified city of Moab, 2 Kin 3:25; Is 15:1; 16:7

## KIRJATH ARBA
Ancient name of Hebron, Gen 23:2
Possessed by Judah, Judg 1:10

## KIRJATH JEARIM
Gibeonite town, Josh 9:17
Ark taken from, 1 Chr 13:5

## KISH
Benjamite of Gibeah; father of King Saul, 1 Sam 9:1–3

## KISHON
River of north Palestine; Sisera's army swept away by, Judg 4:7, 13
Elijah executes prophets of Baal at, 1 Kin 18:40

## KISS
*K* the Son, lest He be ..... Ps 2:12
Let him *k* me with the ..... Song 1:2
who sacrifice *k* the calves ... Hos 13:2
Whomever I *k*, He is ..... Mark 14:44
You gave Me no *k* ..... Luke 7:45
drew near to Jesus to *k* ... Luke 22:47
another with a holy *k* ..... Rom 16:16
another with a holy *k* .... 2 Cor 13:12
with a holy *k* ..... 1 Thess 5:26
one another with a *k* ..... 1 Pet 5:14

## KISSED
they *k* one another ..... 1 Sam 20:41
and peace have *k* each. ..... Ps 85:10
Rabbi!" and *k* Him ..... Matt 26:49
and she *k* His feet and ..... Luke 7:38

## KITTIM
*See* CYPRUS
Descendants of Javan, Gen 10:4

## KNEE
that to Me every *k* ..... Is 45:23
And they bowed the *k* .... Matt 27:29
have not bowed the *k* ..... Rom 11:4
every *k* shall bow to ..... Rom 14:11
of Jesus every *k* ..... Phil 2:10

## KNEES
make firm the feeble *k* ..... Is 35:3
be dandled on her *k* ..... Is 66:12
this reason I bow my *k* ..... Eph 3:14
and the feeble *k* ..... Heb 12:12

## KNEW
*k* that they were naked ..... Gen 3:7
Adam *k* Eve his wife ..... Gen 4:1
in the womb I *k* ..... Jer 1:5
to them, 'I never *k* ..... Matt 7:23
*k* what was in man ..... John 2:25
For He made Him who *k* .. 2 Cor 5:21

## KNIFE
fire in his hand, and a *k* .... Gen 22:6
his house he took a *k* ..... Judg 19:29
put a *k* to your throat if .... Prov 23:2
cut it with the scribe's *k* .... Jer 36:23

## KNIT
of Jonathan was *k* ..... 1 Sam 18:1
*k* me together with ..... Job 10:11
be encouraged, being *k* ..... Col 2:2

## KNOCK
*k*, and it will be ..... Matt 7:7
at the door and *k* ..... Rev 3:20

## KNOW
*k* good and evil ..... Gen 3:22
and I did not *k* ..... Gen 28:16
Egypt, who did not *k* Joseph .. Ex 1:8
*k* that I am the LORD ..... Ex 6:7
'I *k* you by name, and you .. Ex 33:12
way, that I may *k* You ..... Ex 33:13
to *k* how to do all manner .... Ex 36:1
Therefore *k* that the LORD ... Deut 7:9
*k* what was in your heart .... Deut 8:2
You should *k* in your heart .. Deut 8:5
that you may *k* the way by .. Josh 3:4
might be taught to *k* war, ... Judg 3:2
Samuel did not yet *k* the ... 1 Sam 3:7
*k* that there is a God .... 1 Sam 17:46
I *k* that this is a holy man .. 2 Kin 4:9
*k* that there is no God ..... 2 Kin 5:15
you, my son Solomon, *k* ... 1 Chr 28:9
Hear it, and *k* for ..... Job 5:27
and *k* nothing, because ..... Job 8:9
*k* that my Redeemer ..... Job 19:25
'What does God *k* ..... Job 22:13
*k* Your name will put ..... Ps 9:10
Now I *k* that the LORD saves .. Ps 20:6
*k* that I am God ..... Ps 46:10
make me to *k* wisdom ..... Ps 51:6
O God, and *k* my heart ..... Ps 139:23
*k* wisdom and instruction, ... Prov 1:2
to *k* understanding ..... Prov 4:1
set my heart to *k* wisdom ... Eccl 1:17
that He may *k* to refuse the ... Is 7:15
Egyptians will *k* the LORD .... Is 19:21
But I *k* your dwelling place, .. Is 37:28
do not *k* nor understand ..... Is 44:18
All flesh shall *k* that I, the ... Is 49:26
My people shall *k* My name ... Is 52:6
call a nation you do not *k* ..... Is 55:5
language you do not *k* ..... Jer 5:15
nor did they *k* how to blush .. Jer 6:15
Who can *k* it ..... Jer 17:9
saying, '*K* the LORD ..... Jer 31:34
you shall *k* that I am ..... Ezek 6:13
of the field shall *k* that I .. Ezek 17:24
Gentiles shall *k* that ..... Ezek 39:23
is anxious to *k* the dream .... Dan 2:3
you may *k* the thoughts .... Dan 2:30
I wished to *k* the truth ..... Dan 7:19
you shall *k* no God but Me .. Hos 13:4
For I *k* your manifold ..... Amos 5:12
for you to *k* justice ..... Mic 3:1
did not *k* her till she had ... Matt 1:25
You *k* how to discern the ... Matt 16:3
*k* that summer is near .... Matt 24:32
*k* what hour your Lord .... Matt 24:42
an oath, "I do not *k* ..... Matt 26:72
I do not *k* the Man ..... Matt 26:74
*k* the mystery of the ..... Mark 4:11
*k* the commandments .... Mark 10:19
do not *k* what you ask ... Mark 10:38
do not *k* what manner of .. Luke 9:55
*k* how to give good gifts .. Luke 11:13
*k* that its desolation is .... Luke 21:20
the world did not *k* ..... John 1:10
We speak what We *k* ..... John 3:11
*k* what we worship ..... John 4:22
*k* that You are the Christ .. John 6:69
*k* that you are Abraham's .. John 8:37
we *k* that God does not .... John 9:31
hear My voice, and I *k* .... John 10:27
If you *k* these things ..... John 13:17
*k* whom I have chosen .... John 13:18
we are sure that You *k* ... John 16:30
*k* that I love You ..... John 21:15
*k* times or seasons ..... Acts 1:7
and said, "Jesus I *k* ..... Acts 19:15
we *k* that all things work .. Rom 8:28
wisdom did not *k* ..... 1 Cor 1:21
nor can he *k* them ..... 1 Cor 2:14
For we *k* in part and ..... 1 Cor 13:9
*k* a man in Christ who ..... 2 Cor 12:2
when you did not *k* God, ..... Gal 4:8
*k* the love of Christ ..... Eph 3:19
*k* Him and the power ..... Phil 3:10
abased, and I *k* how to ..... Phil 4:12
*k* how to possess his ..... 1 Thess 4:4
*k* what is restraining ..... 2 Thess 2:6
*k* whom I have believed ... 2 Tim 1:12
so that they may *k* ..... 2 Tim 2:25
this we *k* that we *k* Him ... 1 John 2:3
He who says, "I *k* ..... 1 John 2:4
and you *k* all things ..... 1 John 2:20
By this we *k* love ..... 1 John 3:16
*k* that we are of the ..... 1 John 3:19
*k* that He abides ..... 1 John 3:24
*k* that we are of God ..... 1 John 5:19
"I *k* your works ..... Rev 2:2

## KNOWING
like God, *k* good and evil .... Gen 3:5
*k* their thoughts, said, ..... Matt 9:4
not *k* the Scriptures nor ... Matt 22:29
*k* all things that would ..... John 18:4
*k* that tribulation produces .. Rom 5:3
*k* that your labor is not ... 1 Cor 15:58
*k* that He who raised up ... 2 Cor 4:14
*k* that while we are at ..... 2 Cor 5:6
*k* that I am appointed for ... Phil 1:17
*k* that you also have a ..... Col 4:1
*k* that you have a better ... Heb 10:34
not *k* where he was going .. Heb 11:8
*k* that the testing of your .. James 1:3
*k* that the same sufferings ... 1 Pet 5:9

## KNOWLEDGE
and the tree of the *k* ..... Gen 2:9
and understanding, in *k* ..... Ex 35:31
LORD is the God of *k* ..... 1 Sam 2:3
give me wisdom and *k*, ..... 2 Chr 1:10
Can anyone teach God *k* ... Job 21:22
who is perfect in *k* ..... Job 36:4
unto night reveals *k* ..... Ps 19:2
me good judgment and *k* ... Ps 119:66
*k* is too wonderful ..... Ps 139:6
LORD is the beginning of *k* .. Prov 1:7
*k* the depths were ..... Prov 3:20
*k* rather than choice ..... Prov 8:10
Wise people store up *k* .... Prov 10:14
prudent man conceals *k* ... Prov 12:23
*k* is easy to him who ..... Prov 14:6
*k* spares his words ..... Prov 17:27
a soul to be without *k* ..... Prov 19:2
by *k* the rooms are filled ... Prov 24:4
of *k* increases strength ..... Prov 24:5
and he who increases *k* ..... Eccl 1:18
*k* is that wisdom ..... Eccl 7:12
no work or device or *k* ..... Eccl 9:10
Whom will he teach *k* ..... Is 28:9
His *k* My righteous Servant .. Is 53:11
*k* shall increase ..... Dan 12:4
you have rejected *k* ..... Hos 4:6
taken away the key of *k* .. Luke 11:52
having more accurate *k* ... Acts 24:22
to retain God in their *k* .... Rom 1:28
having the form of *k* ..... Rom 2:20
by the law is the *k* of sin ... Rom 3:20
*K* puffs up, but love ..... 1 Cor 8:1
to another the word of *k* .. 1 Cor 12:8
all mysteries and all *k* ..... 1 Cor 13:2
whether there is *k* ..... 1 Cor 13:8
of His *k* in every place .... 2 Cor 2:14
to give the light of the *k* .... 2 Cor 4:6
by purity, by *k*, by ..... 2 Cor 6:6
against the *k* of God ..... 2 Cor 10:5
Christ which passes *k* ..... Eph 3:19
*k* of His will in all wisdom .... Col 1:9
treasures of wisdom and *k* .... Col 2:3
is falsely called *k* ..... 1 Tim 6:20
faith virtue, to virtue *k* ..... 2 Pet 1:5
in the grace and *k* ..... 2 Pet 3:18

## KNOWN
In Judah God is *k* ..... Ps 76:1
my mouth will I make *k* ..... Ps 89:1
If you had *k* Me ..... John 8:19
My sheep, and am *k* ..... John 10:14
The world has not *k* ..... John 17:25
peace they have not *k* ..... Rom 3:17
I would not have *k* ..... Rom 7:7
"For who has *k* ..... Rom 11:34
after you have *k* ..... Gal 4:9
requests be made *k* ..... Phil 4:6
*k* the Holy Scriptures ..... 2 Tim 3:15
have not *k* the depths of .... Rev 2:24

## KNOWS
For God *k* that in ..... Gen 3:5
*k* the secrets of the ..... Ps 44:21
he understands and *k* ..... Jer 9:24
*k* what is in the ..... Dan 2:22
*k* those who trust ..... Nah 1:7
*k* the things you have ..... Matt 6:8

and hour no one *k* . . . . . Matt 24:36
*k* who the Son is . . . . . Luke 10:22
but God *k* your hearts . . . . Luke 16:15
searches the hearts *k* . . . . . Rom 8:27
*k* the things of God . . . . . 1 Cor 2:11
The LORD *k* the thoughts . . 1 Cor 3:20
*k* those who are His . . . . . 2 Tim 2:19
to him who *k* to do . . . . . James 4:17
and *k* all things . . . . . 1 John 3:20
written which no one *k* . . . . . Rev 2:17

KOHATH
Second son of Levi, Gen 46:8, 11
Brother of Jochebed, mother of Aaron and Moses, Ex 6:16–20

KOHATHITES
Numbered, Num 3:27, 28
Duties assigned to, Num 4:15–20
Leaders of temple music, 1 Chr 6:31–38; 2 Chr 20:19

KORAH
Leads rebellion against Moses and Aaron; supernaturally destroyed, Num 16:1–35
Sons of, not destroyed, Num 26:9–11

LABAN
Son of Bethuel; brother of Rebekah; father of Leah and Rachel, Gen 24:15, 24, 29; 29:16
Agrees to Rebekah's marriage to Isaac, Gen 24:50, 51
Entertains Jacob, Gen 29:1–14
Substitutes Leah for Rachel, Gen 29:15–30
Agrees to division of cattle; grows resentful of Jacob, Gen 30:25—31:2
Pursues Jacob and makes covenant with him, Gen 31:21–55

LABOR
Six days you shall *l* . . . . . Ex 20:9
why then do I *l* . . . . . Job 9:29
their boast is only *l* . . . . . Ps 90:10
The *l* of the righteous . . . . . Prov 10:16
*l* will increase . . . . . Prov 13:11
*l* there is profit . . . . . Prov 14:23
things are full of *l* . . . . . Eccl 1:8
has man for all his *l* . . . . . Eccl 2:22
He shall see the *l* . . . . . Is 53:11
"Before she was in *l* . . . . . Is 66:7
from the womb to see *l* . . . . . Jer 20:18
to Me, all you who *l* . . . . . Matt 11:28
Do not *l* for the . . . . . John 6:27
knowing that your *l* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:58
but rather let him *l* . . . . . Eph 4:28
mean fruit from my *l* . . . . . Phil 1:22
your work of faith, *l* . . . . . 1 Thess 1:3
forget your work and *l* . . . . . Heb 6:10
your works, your *l* . . . . . Rev 2:2

LABORED
*l* more abundantly than . . 1 Cor 15:10
for you, lest I have *l* . . . . . Gal 4:11

LABORERS
but the *l* are few . . . . . Matt 9:37

LABORING
of a *l* man is sweet . . . . . Eccl 5:12
*l* night and day . . . . . 1 Thess 2:9

LABORS
The person who *l* . . . . . Prov 16:26
is no end to all his *l* . . . . . Eccl 4:8
entered into their *l* . . . . . John 4:38
creation groans and *l* . . . . . Rom 8:22
*l* more abundant . . . . . 2 Cor 11:23
may rest from their *l* . . . . . Rev 14:13

LACHISH
Defeated by Joshua, Josh 10:3–33
Taken by Sennacherib, 2 Kin 18:13–17; Is 36:1, 2; 37:8

LACK
the city for *l* of five . . . . . Gen 18:28
gathered little had no *l* . . . . . Ex 16:18
'you shall not *l* a man on . . . 1 Kin 2:4
anyone perish for *l* . . . . . Job 31:19
the LORD shall not *l* . . . . . Ps 34:10
fools die for *l* of wisdom . . Prov 10:21
for *l* of justice there is . . . . Prov 13:23
to the poor will not *l* . . . . . Prov 28:27
*l* a man to stand before . . . . . Jer 35:19
for *l* of knowledge . . . . . Hos 4:6
What do I still *l* . . . . . Matt 19:20
"One thing you *l* . . . . . Mark 10:21
did you *l* anything . . . . . Luke 22:35
of your *l* of self-control . . . . . 1 Cor 7:5
may supply their *l* . . . . . 2 Cor 8:14
gathered little had no *l* . . . . 2 Cor 8:15

LACKED
among them who *l* . . . . . Acts 4:34

LACKING
is *l* cannot be numbered . . . . Eccl 1:15
to supply what was *l* in . . . . . Phil 2:30
the things that are *l* . . . . . Titus 1:5
and complete, *l* nothing . . . . James 1:4

LACKS
woman who *l* discretion . . Prov 11:22
who *l* understanding . . . . . Prov 28:16
to that part which *l* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:24
If any of you *l* wisdom . . . . . James 1:5
he who *l* these things is . . . . . 2 Pet 1:9

LAD
and gave the *l* a drink . . . . . Gen 21:19
lay your hand on the *l* . . . . . Gen 22:12
said, "The *l* is no more . . . . Gen 37:30
'The *l* cannot leave his . . . . Gen 44:30
As the *l* ran, he shot an . . 1 Sam 20:36
"There is a *l* here who has . . John 6:9

LADDER
and behold, a *l* . . . . . Gen 28:12

LADEN
nation, a people *l* . . . . . Is 1:4
and are heavy *l* . . . . . Matt 11:28

LADIES
wisest *l* answered her . . . . . Judg 5:29
very day the noble *l* . . . . . Esth 1:18

LADY
'I shall be a *l* . . . . . Is 47:7
To the elect *l* . . . . . 2 John 1

LAGGING
not *l* in diligence . . . . . Rom 12:11

LAHAI ROI
Name of a well, Gen 16:7, 14
Same as Beer Lahai Roi, Gen 24:62

LAID
*l* him on the altar . . . . . Gen 22:9
*l* up the food in the cities . . Gen 41:48
and *l* it in the reeds by the . . . . Ex 2:3
*l* the staff on the face of . . . 2 Kin 4:31
*l* the foundation of the . . . . . Ezra 5:16
But man dies and is *l* . . . . . Job 14:10
You *l* the foundation . . . . . Ps 102:25
He has *l* waste My vine . . . . . Joel 1:7
have *l* the foundation of . . . . . Zech 4:9
even now the ax is *l* to . . . . . Matt 3:10
the place where they *l* . . . . . Mark 16:6
*l* Him in a manger . . . . . Luke 2:7
*l* the foundation on the . . . . Luke 6:48
"Where have you *l* . . . . . John 11:34
*l* aside His garments . . . . . John 13:4
where You have *l* Him . . . . John 20:15
*l* it at the apostles' feet . . . . . Acts 4:37
and he *l* his hands on him . . Acts 28:8
I have *l* the foundation . . . . 1 Cor 3:10
He *l* down His life . . . . . 1 John 3:16
He *l* His right hand on me . . Rev 1:17

LAISH
Called Leshem, Josh 19:47; Judg 18:29
Taken by Danites, Judg 18:7, 14, 27

LAKE
by the *L* of Gennesaret . . . . . Luke 5:1
to the other side of the *l* . . . Luke 8:22
cast alive into the *l* . . . . . Rev 19:20

LAMB
but where is the *l* . . . . . Gen 22:7
a *l* for a household . . . . . Ex 12:3
and kill the Passover *l* . . . . . Ex 12:21
took the poor man's *l* . . . . . 2 Sam 12:4
shall dwell with the *l* . . . . . Is 11:6
He was led as a *l* . . . . . Is 53:7
*l* shall feed together . . . . . Is 65:25
The *L* of God who takes . . . John 1:29
as a *l* before its shearer . . . . Acts 8:32
of Christ, as of a *l* . . . . . 1 Pet 1:19
the elders, stood a *L* . . . . . Rev 5:6
"Worthy is the *L* . . . . . Rev 5:12
by the blood of the *L* . . . . . Rev 12:11
Book of Life of the *L* . . . . . Rev 13:8
supper of the *L* . . . . . Rev 19:9

LAMB'S
the bride, the *L* wife . . . . . Rev 21:9
in the *L* Book of Life . . . . . Rev 21:27

LAMBS
slaughtered the Passover *l* . . Ezra 6:20
O little hills, like *l* . . . . . Ps 114:6
with the blood of *l* and . . . . . Is 34:6
gather the *l* with His arm . . . . Is 40:11
out as *l* among wolves . . . . . Luke 10:3
"Feed My *l* . . . . . John 21:15

LAME
*l* take the prey . . . . . Is 33:23
*l* shall leap like a . . . . . Is 35:6
when you offer the *l* . . . . . Mal 1:8
blind see and the *l* . . . . . Matt 11:5
And a certain man *l* . . . . . Acts 3:2
so that what is *l* . . . . . Heb 12:13

LAMECH
Son of Methushael, of Cain's race, Gen 4:17, 18
—— Son of Methuselah; father of Noah, Gen 5:25–31

LAMENT
*l* the daughter of . . . . . Judg 11:40
king sang a *l* over Abner . . 2 Sam 3:33
Her gates shall *l* and mourn . . . Is 3:26
"They shall not *l* for him, . . . Jer 22:18
they shall *l* for her . . . . . Ezek 32:16
to you, and you did not *l* . . Matt 11:17
that you will weep and *l* . . John 16:20
*L* and mourn and weep . . . . James 4:9
*l* for her, when they see . . . . . Rev 18:9

LAMENTATION
a great and very solemn *l* . . Gen 50:10
with this *l* over Saul and . . 2 Sam 1:17
was heard in Ramah, *l* . . . . . Jer 31:15
*l* in the daughter of Judah . . . Lam 2:5
was heard in Ramah, *l* . . . . . Matt 2:18
and made great *l* . . . . . Acts 8:2

LAMP
For You are my *l* . . . . . 2 Sam 22:29
"How often is the *l* . . . . . Job 21:17
You will light my *l* . . . . . Ps 18:28
Your word is a *l* . . . . . Ps 119:105
the *l* of the wicked . . . . . Prov 13:9
his *l* will be put out . . . . . Prov 20:20
Nor do they light a *l* . . . . . Matt 5:15
"The *l* of the body . . . . . Matt 6:22
when he has lit a *l* . . . . . Luke 8:16
*l* gives you light . . . . . Luke 11:36
does not light a *l* . . . . . Luke 15:8
burning and shining *l* . . . . . John 5:35
*l* shall not shine . . . . . Rev 18:23
They need no *l* nor . . . . . Rev 22:5

LAMPS
he made its seven *l* . . . . . Ex 37:23
Jerusalem with *l* . . . . . Zeph 1:12

and trimmed their *l* ..... Matt 25:7
Seven *l* of fire ..... Rev 4:5

LAMPSTAND
branches of the *l* ..... Ex 25:32
and there is a *l* ..... Zech 4:2
a basket, but on a *l* ..... Matt 5:15
in which was the *l* ..... Heb 9:2
and remove your *l* ..... Rev 2:5

LAND
and let the dry *l* appear ..... Gen 1:9
God called the dry *l* Earth .. Gen 1:10
dwelt in the *l* of Nod ..... Gen 4:16
*l* that I will show you ..... Gen 12:1
I will give this *l* ..... Gen 12:7
was a famine in the *l* ..... Gen 12:10
Is not the whole *l* before .... Gen 13:9
walk in the *l* through its ... Gen 13:17
I have given this *l* ..... Gen 15:18
arise, get out of this *l* ..... Gen 31:13
the best of the *l* of Egypt .. Gen 45:18
dwell in the *l* of Goshen ... Gen 46:34
a stranger in a foreign *l* ..... Ex 2:22
*l* flowing with milk ..... Ex 3:8
to a *l* flowing with milk and .. Ex 3:17
the *l* of their pilgrimage ..... Ex 6:4
firstborn in the *l* of Egypt ... Ex 12:12
and the *l* vomits out its .... Lev 18:25
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And all the tithe of the *l* ... Lev 27:30
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*l* is subdued before the .... Num 32:22
possess the good *l* ..... Deut 6:18
a *l* of wheat and barley ..... Deut 8:8
He will bless you in the *l* ... Deut 28:8
the produce of your *l* ..... Deut 28:51
*l* which I am giving ..... Josh 1:2
to go in to possess the *l* .... Josh 1:11
Joshua took the whole *l* ... Josh 11:23
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sold the piece of *l* which .... Ruth 4:3
spiritists from the *l* ..... 1 Sam 28:9
In the *l* of the living ..... Ps 27:13
dwell in the *l*, and feed on .... Ps 37:3
turned the sea into dry *l* ..... Ps 66:6
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*l* was polluted with blood ... Ps 106:38
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for You like a thirsty *l* ..... Ps 143:6
is heard in our *l* ..... Song 2:12
they will see the *l* ..... Is 33:17
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and your *l* shall be married ... Is 62:4
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LAND OF THE LIVING
nor is it found in the *l* ..... Job 28:13
of the LORD in the *l* ..... Ps 27:13
uproot you from the *l* ..... Ps 52:5
before the LORD in the *l* ..... Ps 116:9
my portion in the *l* ..... Ps 142:5
the LORD in the *l* ..... Is 38:11
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LANDMARK
your neighbor's *l* ..... Deut 19:14
remove the ancient *l* ..... Prov 22:28
those who remove a *l* ..... Hos 5:10

LANDS
We have mortgaged our *l* .... Neh 5:3
to scatter them in the *l* ..... Ps 106:27
or wife or children or *l* .... Matt 19:29
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LANGUAGE
whole earth had one *l* ..... Gen 11:1
there confuse their *l* ..... Gen 11:7
is no speech nor *l* ..... Ps 19:3
a people of strange *l* ..... Ps 114:1
the peoples a pure *l* ..... Zeph 3:9
speak in his own *l* ..... Acts 2:6
blasphemy, filthy *l* ..... Col 3:8

LANGUAGES
according to their *l* ..... Gen 10:20
be, so many kinds of *l* .... 1 Cor 14:10

LAODICEA
Paul's concern for, Col 2:1; 4:12–16
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LAST
*See* FIRST AND THE LAST
He shall stand at *l* ..... Job 19:25
First and I am the *L* ..... Is 44:6
*l* man the same as ..... Matt 20:14
*l* will be first ..... Matt 20:16
are first who will be *l* ..... Luke 13:30
raise him up at the *l* day ... John 6:40
On the *l* day, that great .... John 7:37
come to pass in the *l* days .. Acts 2:17
The *l* enemy that will be .. 1 Cor 15:26
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LAST DAY
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the resurrection at the *l* ... John 11:24
will judge him in the *l* ..... John 12:48

LAST DAYS
shall befall you in the *l* ..... Gen 49:1
come to pass in the *l* ..... Acts 2:17
in the *l* perilous times ..... 2 Tim 3:1
these *l* spoken to us ..... Heb 1:2
up treasure in the *l* ..... James 5:3
will come in the *l* ..... 2 Pet 3:3

LATE
to rise up early, to sit up *l* ... Ps 127:2
and already the hour is *l* .. Mark 6:35
*l* autumn trees without ..... Jude 12
as a fig tree drops its *l* ..... Rev 6:13

LATIN
in Hebrew, Greek, and *L* .. John 19:20

LATTER
people in the *l* days ..... Dan 10:14
former rain, and the *l* ..... Joel 2:23
The glory of this *l* temple .... Hag 2:9
*l* times some will ..... 1 Tim 4:1
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*l* end is worse for them .... 2 Pet 2:20

LATTICE
I looked through my *l* ..... Prov 7:6
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LAUGH
Why did Sarah *l* ..... Gen 18:13
"God has made me *l* ..... Gen 21:6
sits in the heavens shall *l* ..... Ps 2:4
You, O LORD, shall *l* ..... Ps 59:8
to weep, and a time to *l* ..... Eccl 3:4
Woe to you who *l* ..... Luke 6:25

LAUGHS
he *l* at the threat of ..... Job 41:29
The Lord *l* at him ..... Ps 37:13

LAUGHTER
was filled with *l* ..... Ps 126:2
your *l* be turned to ..... James 4:9

LAUNDERER
such as no *l* on earth can ... Mark 9:3

LAVER
also make a *l* of bronze ..... Ex 30:18
*l* contained forty baths .... 1 Kin 7:38

LAW
*See* ACCORDING TO THE LAW; BOOK OF THE LAW; UNDER THE LAW; WORKS OF THE LAW
stones a copy of the *l* ..... Josh 8:32
When He made a *l* ..... Job 28:26
The *l* of the LORD is ..... Ps 19:7
The *l* of his God is in ..... Ps 37:31
I delight in Your *l* ..... Ps 119:70
The *l* of Your mouth is ..... Ps 119:72
*l* is my delight ..... Ps 119:77
Oh, how I love Your *l* ..... Ps 119:97
And Your *l* is truth ..... Ps 119:142
and the *l* a light ..... Prov 6:23
is he who keeps the *l* ..... Prov 29:18
shall go forth the *l* ..... Is 2:3
*l* will proceed from Me ..... Is 51:4
in whose heart is My *l* ..... Is 51:7
the *L* is no more ..... Lam 2:9
The *l* of truth was in ..... Mal 2:6
to destroy the *L* ..... Matt 5:17
for this is the *L* ..... Matt 7:12
*l* prophesied until John .... Matt 11:13
hang all the *L* and the .... Matt 22:40
one tittle of the *l* to fail ... Luke 16:17
*l* was given through ..... John 1:17
"Does our *l* judge a ..... John 7:51
a teacher of the *l* held in .... Acts 5:34
and keep the *l* ..... Acts 15:24
are all zealous for the *l* .... Acts 21:20
man according to the *l* .... Acts 22:12
*l* is the knowledge ..... Rom 3:20
By what *l*? Of works? ..... Rom 3:27
because the *l* brings ..... Rom 4:15
when there is no *l* ..... Rom 5:13
you are not under *l* ..... Rom 6:14
have become dead to the *l* ... Rom 7:4
Is the *l* sin ..... Rom 7:7
For we know that the *l* ..... Rom 7:14
warring against the *l* ..... Rom 7:23
For the *l* of the Spirit of ..... Rom 8:2
For what the *l* could ..... Rom 8:3
A wife is bound by *l* as .... 1 Cor 7:39
who are without *l* ..... 1 Cor 9:21
strength of sin is the *l* .... 1 Cor 15:56
*l* that I might live ..... Gal 2:19
Spirit by the works of the *l* ... Gal 3:2
under guard by the *l* ..... Gal 3:23
the *l* was our tutor ..... Gal 3:24
born under the *l* ..... Gal 4:4
*l* is fulfilled in one ..... Gal 5:14
and so fulfill the *l* of Christ ... Gal 6:2
concerning the *l*, a Pharisee .. Phil 3:5
to be teachers of the *l* ..... 1 Tim 1:7
*l* is not made for a ..... 1 Tim 1:9
and strivings about the *l* .... Titus 3:9
into the perfect *l* ..... James 1:25
fulfill the royal *l* ..... James 2:8

LAW AND THE PROPHETS
them, for this is the *L* ..... Matt 7:12
hang all the *L* ..... Matt 22:40
The *l* were until John. .... Luke 16:16
being witnessed by the *L* ... Rom 3:21

LAW OF MOSES
the stones a copy of the *l* ... Josh 8:32
a skilled scribe in the *L* ..... Ezra 7:6
bring the Book of the *L* ..... Neh 8:1
oath written in the *L* ..... Dan 9:11
the *L*, My servant ..... Mal 4:4
according to the *l* ..... Luke 2:22
were written in the *L* ..... Luke 24:44
Sabbath, so that the *l* ..... John 7:23
not be justified by the *l* .... Acts 13:39
them to keep the *l* ..... Acts 15:5

LAW OF THE LORD
that you may keep the *l* .. 1 Chr 22:12
that he forsook the *l* ..... 2 Chr 12:1
themselves to the *L* ..... 2 Chr 31:4
his heart to seek the *L* ..... Ezra 7:10
his delight is in the *l* ..... Ps 1:2
*l* is perfect, converting ..... Ps 19:7
way, who walk in the *l* ..... Ps 119:1
they have rejected the *l* ..... Is 5:24
who will not hear the *l* ..... Is 30:9
'We are wise, and the *l* ..... Jer 8:8

they have despised the *l*, ...Amos 2:4
things according to the *l* ...Luke 2:39

LAWFUL
doing what is not *l* .....Matt 12:2
Is it *l* to pay taxes .....Matt 22:17
All things are *l* .....1 Cor 6:12

LAWGIVER
Judah is My *l* .....Ps 60:7
the LORD is our *L* .....Is 33:22
There is one *L* .....James 4:12

LAWLESS
*l* one will be revealed .....2 Thess 2:8
and hearing their *l* .....2 Pet 2:8

LAWLESSNESS
Me, you who practice *l* .....Matt 7:23
*l* is already at work .....2 Thess 2:7
and hated *l* .....Heb 1:9
and sin is *l* .....1 John 3:4

LAWYERS
*l* rejected the will of .....Luke 7:30
Woe to you also, *l* .....Luke 11:46

LAY
*l* it on the wood, but put ..1 Kin 18:23
I *l* down and slept .....Ps 3:5
I will *l* your stones with .....Is 54:11
Do not *l* up for yourselves ..Matt 6:19
nowhere to *l* His head .....Matt 8:20
I have power to *l* it down .John 10:18
Will you *l* down your life .John 13:38
*l* hands may receive .....Acts 8:19
Do not *l* hands on .....1 Tim 5:22
let us *l* aside every weight, ..Heb 12:1
*l* aside all filthiness .....James 1:21
"Behold, I *l* in Zion a chief ..1 Pet 2:6

LAYING
*l* on of the apostles' hands ..Acts 8:18
the *l* on of my hands .....2 Tim 1:6
not *l* again the foundation ....Heb 6:1
of *l* on of hands, of .....Heb 6:2
*l* aside all malice, all deceit ..1 Pet 2:1

LAYS
'God *l* up one's iniquity ....Job 21:19
He *l* up the deep in .....Ps 33:7
He *l* the beams of His .....Ps 104:3
which the LORD *l* on him .....Is 30:32
*l* the foundation of the .....Zech 12:1
he who *l* up treasure .....Luke 12:21
he *l* it on his shoulders, ....Luke 15:5

LAZARUS
Beggar described in a parable, Luke 16:20–25
—— Brother of Mary and Martha; raised from the dead, John 11:1–44
Attends a supper, John 12:1, 2
Jews seek to kill, John 12:9–11

LAZINESS
*L* casts one into a .....Prov 19:15
*l* the building decays .....Eccl 10:18

LAZY
*l* man will be put to .....Prov 12:24
*l* man does not roast .....Prov 12:27
soul of a *l* man desires .....Prov 13:4
*l* man buries his hand .....Prov 19:24
by the field of the *l* .....Prov 24:30
*l* man is wiser in his .....Prov 26:16
wicked and *l* servant .....Matt 25:26
liars, evil beasts, *l* .....Titus 1:12

LEAD
pillar of cloud to *l* the way ..Ex 13:21
they sank like *l* .....Ex 15:10
*L* me in Your truth and .....Ps 25:5
And *l* me in a smooth path ..Ps 27:11
*L* me and guide me .....Ps 31:3
*L* me to the rock that is .....Ps 61:2
Your hand shall *l* .....Ps 139:10
a little child shall *l* them .....Is 11:6
I will *l* them in paths they ....Is 42:16
*l* is consumed by the fire .....Jer 6:29
bronze, tin, iron, and *l* ....Ezek 22:18
tin, and *l* for your goods ..Ezek 27:12
threw the *l* cover over its ....Zech 5:8
And do not *l* us into .....Matt 6:13
"Can the blind *l* .....Luke 6:39
not *l* us into temptation ....Luke 11:4
someone to *l* him by the ...Acts 13:11
aspire to *l* a quiet life ....1 Thess 4:11
that we may *l* a quiet and ..1 Tim 2:2
to *l* them out of the land of ...Heb 8:9
sin which does not *l* to ...1 John 5:16
*l* them to living fountains ...Rev 7:17

LEADING
*l* men among the .....Acts 15:22
not a few of the *l* women ...Acts 17:4
of lawlessness *l* to more ....Rom 6:19
his good, *l* to edification ....Rom 15:2
sin not *l* to death .....1 John 5:16

LEADS
He *l* me beside the .....Ps 23:2
He *l* me in the paths .....Ps 23:3
And if the blind *l* .....Matt 15:14
by name and *l* them out ....John 10:3
the goodness of God *l* .....Rom 2:4

LEAF
plucked olive *l* .....Gen 8:11
Will You frighten a *l* .....Job 13:25
*l* will be green .....Jer 17:8

LEAH
Laban's eldest daughter; given to Jacob deceitfully, Gen 29:16–27
Unloved by Jacob, but bears children, Gen 29:30–35; 30:16–21

LEAN
all your heart, and *l* .....Prov 3:5
Yet they *l* on the LORD .....Mic 3:11

LEANING
Then, *l* back on Jesus' ....John 13:25
*l* on the top of his .....Heb 11:21

LEANNESS
request, but sent *l* .....Ps 106:15
of hosts, will send *l* .....Is 10:16

LEAP
by my God I can *l* .....Ps 18:29
Then the lame shall *l* .....Is 35:6

LEAPED
the rams which *l* upon .....Gen 31:10
they *l* about the altar .....1 Kin 18:26
the babe *l* in her womb ....Luke 1:41
and he *l* and walked .....Acts 14:10

LEAPING
saw King David *l* .....2 Sam 6:16
walking, *l*, and praising .....Acts 3:8

LEARN
it, may hear and *l* .....Deut 31:13
*l* Your statutes .....Ps 119:71
lest you *l* his ways .....Prov 22:25
*l* to do good .....Is 1:17
neither shall they *l* .....Is 2:4
My yoke upon you and *l* ..Matt 11:29
Let a woman *l* in .....1 Tim 2:11
let our people also *l* .....Titus 3:14
no one could *l* that song ....Rev 14:3

LEARNED
Me the tongue of the *l* .....Is 50:4
who has heard and *l* .....John 6:45
have not so *l* Christ .....Eph 4:20
in all things I have *l* .....Phil 4:12
*l* obedience by the .....Heb 5:8

LEARNING
hear and increase *l* .....Prov 1:5
*l* is driving you mad .....Acts 26:24
were written for our *l* .....Rom 15:4

LEAST
Judah, are not the *l* .....Matt 2:6
so, shall be called *l* .....Matt 5:19
For I am the *l* of the .....1 Cor 15:9

LEATHER
everything made of *l* .....Num 31:20
wearing a *l* belt around .....2 Kin 1:8
with a *l* belt around his .....Mark 1:6

LEAVE
a man shall *l* his .....Gen 2:24
He will not *l* you nor .....Deut 31:6
For You will not *l* .....Ps 16:10
do not *l* me nor .....Ps 27:9
"I will never *l* .....Heb 13:5

LEAVEN
day you shall remove *l* .....Ex 12:15
of heaven is like *l* .....Matt 13:33
and beware of the *l* .....Matt 16:6
know that a little *l* .....1 Cor 5:6
*l* leavens the whole .....Gal 5:9

LEAVENED
For whoever eats *l* bread ....Ex 12:15
shall eat no *l* bread with ...Deut 16:3
of meal till it was all *l* .....Matt 13:33

LEAVES
and they sewed fig *l* .....Gen 3:7
nothing on it but *l* .....Matt 21:19
*l* the sheep and flees .....John 10:12
The *l* of the tree .....Rev 22:2

LEBANON
Part of Israel's inheritance, Josh 13:5–7
Not completely conquered, Judg 3:1–3
Source of materials for temple, 1 Kin 5:2–18; Ezra 3:7
Mentioned in prophecy, Is 10:34; 29:17; 35:2; Ezek 17:3; Hos 14:5–7

LEBBAEUS
*See* JUDAS
Surname of Judas (Jude), Matt 10:3

LEBONAH
Town north of Shiloh, Judg 21:19

LED
*l* the people around by .....Ex 13:18
I have *l* you forty years in ..Deut 29:5
so the LORD alone *l* .....Deut 32:12
have *l* captivity captive .....Ps 68:18
*l* them forth by the .....Ps 107:7
He was *l* as a lamb to the .....Is 53:7
and be *l* out with peace .....Is 55:12
*l* them by the right .....Is 63:12
have *l* them astray .....Jer 50:6
Then Jesus was *l* up by the ..Matt 4:1
*l* Him out to crucify .....Mark 15:20
"He was *l* as a sheep to ....Acts 8:32
For as many as are *l* .....Rom 8:14
sorrow *l* to repentance .....2 Cor 7:9
if you are *l* by the Spirit .....Gal 5:18
*l* captivity captive .....Eph 4:8
*l* away by various .....2 Tim 3:6

LEFT
Lie also on your *l* side .....Ezek 4:4
*l* hand know what your .....Matt 6:3
"See, we have *l* .....Matt 19:27
And everyone who has *l* ..Matt 19:29
on My *l* is not Mine to ....Mark 10:40
right hand and on the *l* .....2 Cor 6:7

LEGACY
shame shall be the *l* .....Prov 3:35

LEGION
"My name is *L* .....Mark 5:9
"*L*," because many .....Luke 8:30

LEGIONS
twelve *l* of angels .....Matt 26:53

LEGS
Like the *l* of the lame .....Prov 26:7
*l* are pillars of .....Song 5:15
did not break His *l* .....John 19:33

LEHI
Samson kills Philistines at, Judg 15:9–19

LEMUEL
King taught by his mother, Prov 31:1–31

LEND
"If you *l* money to ..... Ex 22:25
*l* him sufficient ..... Deut 15:8
And if you *l* to those ..... Luke 6:34
*l* me three loaves ..... Luke 11:5

LENDER
is servant to the *l* ..... Prov 22:7
as with the *l* ..... Is 24:2

LENDING
and my servants, am *l* ..... Neh 5:10

LENDS
ever merciful, and *l* ..... Ps 37:26
deals graciously and *l* ..... Ps 112:5
has pity on the poor *l* ..... Prov 19:17

LENGTH
The *l* of the ark shall ..... Gen 6:15
is your life and the *l* ..... Deut 30:20
*L* of days is in her ..... Prov 3:16
*l* is as great as its ..... Rev 21:16

LENGTHENS
a shadow when it *l* ..... Ps 109:23

LEOPARD
the *l* shall lie down ..... Is 11:6
or the *l* its spots ..... Jer 13:23

LEPER
put out of the camp every *l* .. Num 5:2
and there she was, a *l* .... Num 12:10
King Uzziah was a *l* ..... 2 Chr 26:21
*l* came and worshiped ..... Matt 8:2
house of Simon the *l* ..... Mark 14:3

LEPERS
And when these *l* ..... 2 Kin 7:8
the sick, cleanse the *l* ..... Matt 10:8
And many *l* were in ..... Luke 4:27
ten men who were *l* ..... Luke 17:12

LEPROSY
This is the law of *l* ..... Lev 14:57
he would heal him of his *l* .. 2 Kin 5:3
*l* broke out on his ..... 2 Chr 26:19
immediately the *l* left him .. Luke 5:13

LEPROUS
out, behold, his hand was *l* .... Ex 4:6
Miriam became *l* ..... Num 12:10
out from his presence *l* .... 2 Kin 5:27
his forehead, he was *l* .... 2 Chr 26:20

LET
"*L* there be light" ..... Gen 1:3
*L* the little children ..... Matt 19:14

LETTER
they delivered the *l* ..... Acts 15:30
the Spirit, and not in the *l* .. Rom 2:29
the oldness of the *l* ..... Rom 7:6
for the *l* kills ..... 2 Cor 3:6
you sorry with my *l* ..... 2 Cor 7:8
or by word or by *l* ..... 2 Thess 2:2

LETTERS
does this Man know *l* ..... John 7:15
or *l* of commendation ..... 2 Cor 3:1
"For his *l*," they say ..... 2 Cor 10:10
with what large *l* ..... Gal 6:11

LEVI
Third son of Jacob and Leah, Gen 29:34
Avenges rape of Dinah, Gen 34:25–31
Jacob's prophecy concerning, Gen 49:5–7
Ancestor of Moses and Aaron, Ex 6:16–27

LEVIATHAN
"Can you draw out *L* ..... Job 41:1
*L* which You have made ... Ps 104:26

LEVITE
"Is not Aaron the *L* ..... Ex 4:14
Likewise a *L*, when he .... Luke 10:32
a *L* of the country of ..... Acts 4:36

LEVITES
Rewarded for dedication, Ex 32:26–29
Appointed over tabernacle, Num 1:47–54
Substituted for Israel's firstborn, Num 3:12–45
Consecrated to the Lord's service, Num 8:5–26
Cities assigned to, Num 35:2–8; Josh 14:3, 4; 1 Chr 6:54–81
Organized for temple service, 1 Chr 9:14–34; 23:1—26:28

LEVITICAL
were through the *L* ..... Heb 7:11

LEWDNESS
wickedness, deceit, *l* ..... Mark 7:22
drunkenness, not in *l* ..... Rom 13:13
themselves over to *l* ..... Eph 4:19
when we walked in *l* ..... 1 Pet 4:3

LIAR
a *l* listens eagerly to a ..... Prov 17:4
for he is a *l* and the ..... John 8:44
but every man a *l* ..... Rom 3:4
we make Him a *l* ..... 1 John 1:10
Who is a *l* but he who .... 1 John 2:22
his brother, he is a *l* ..... 1 John 4:20
God has made Him a *l* .... 1 John 5:10

LIARS
"All men are *l* ..... Ps 116:11
Cretans are always *l* ..... Titus 1:12
and have found them *l* ..... Rev 2:2
*l* shall have their ..... Rev 21:8

LIBERALITY
he who gives, with *l* ..... Rom 12:8
the riches of their *l* ..... 2 Cor 8:2

LIBERALLY
who gives to all *l* ..... James 1:5

LIBERTY
year, and proclaim *l* ..... Lev 25:10
And I will walk at *l* ..... Ps 119:45
to proclaim *l* to the ..... Is 61:1
to proclaim *l* to the ..... Luke 4:18
into the glorious *l* ..... Rom 8:21
For why is my *l* ..... 1 Cor 10:29
Lord is, there is *l* ..... 2 Cor 3:17
therefore in the *l* ..... Gal 5:1
*l* as an opportunity ..... Gal 5:13
the perfect law of *l* ..... James 1:25
yet not using *l* ..... 1 Pet 2:16

LIBNAH
Canaanite city, captured by Joshua, Josh 10:29, 30
Given to Aaron's descendants, Josh 21:13

LIBYA
Mentioned in prophecy, Ezek 30:5; Dan 11:43
Jews from, present at Pentecost, Acts 2:1–10

LICE
so that it may become *l* ..... Ex 8:16
and *l* in all their territory ... Ps 105:31

LIE
man, that He should *l* ..... Num 23:19
to Samuel, "Go, *l* down .... 1 Sam 3:9
For now I will *l* ..... Job 7:21
I will not *l* to David ..... Ps 89:35
forged a *l* against me ..... Ps 119:69
leopard shall *l* down with ..... Is 11:6
prophesy a *l* to you in My .. Jer 29:21
heart to *l* to the Holy Spirit .. Acts 5:3
Do not *l* to one ..... Col 3:9
God, who cannot *l* ..... Titus 1:2
do not boast and *l* ..... James 3:14
know it, and that no *l* .... 1 John 2:21
an abomination or a *l* ..... Rev 21:27

LIED
They have *l* about the ..... Jer 5:12
You have not *l* to men ..... Acts 5:4

LIES
sin *l* at the door ..... Gen 4:7
not say, "Here *l* Jezebel ... 2 Kin 9:37
He *l* in wait secretly ..... Ps 10:9
speak *l* shall be stopped ..... Ps 63:11
and he who speaks *l* ..... Prov 19:5
She also *l* in wait as for ... Prov 23:28
prophesy *l* in My name ..... Jer 14:14
they shall speak *l* at the ... Dan 11:27
*l* in the name of the LORD .. Zech 13:3
speaking *l* in hypocrisy ..... 1 Tim 4:2
and the whole world *l* .... 1 John 5:19

LIFE
*See* ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE; BOOK OF LIFE; BREATH OF LIFE; ETERNAL LIFE; EVERLASTING LIFE; TREE OF LIFE; WATER OF LIFE
the breath of *l* ..... Gen 2:7
*l* was also in the ..... Gen 2:9
I will require the *l* of man .... Gen 9:5
then you shall give *l* ..... Ex 21:23
For the *l* of the ..... Lev 17:11
before you today *l* ..... Deut 30:15
You have granted me *l* ..... Job 10:12
in whose hand is the *l* ..... Job 12:10
God takes away his *l* ..... Job 27:8
with the light of *l* ..... Job 33:30
He will redeem their *l* ..... Ps 72:14
word has given me *l* ..... Ps 119:50
blessing—*L* forevermore .... Ps 133:3
regain the paths of *l* ..... Prov 2:19
She is a tree of *l* ..... Prov 3:18
so they will be *l* ..... Prov 3:22
finds me finds *l* ..... Prov 8:35
the *l* of his animal ..... Prov 12:10
LORD is a fountain of *l* .... Prov 14:27
*l* winds upward for the .... Prov 15:24
thief hates his own *l* ..... Prov 29:24
is that wisdom gives *l* ..... Eccl 7:12
I have cut off my *l* ..... Is 38:12
you the way of *l* ..... Jer 21:8
*l* shall be as a prize ..... Jer 39:18
not worry about your *l* ..... Matt 6:25
*l* does not consist ..... Luke 12:15
*L* is more than food ..... Luke 12:23
*l* was the light ..... John 1:4
so the Son gives *l* ..... John 5:21
as the Father has *l* ..... John 5:26
spirit, and they are *l* ..... John 6:63
have the light of *l* ..... John 8:12
and I lay down My *l* ..... John 10:15
resurrection and the *l* ..... John 11:25
you lay down your *l* ..... John 13:38
God, who gives *l* ..... Rom 4:17
that pertain to this *l* ..... 1 Cor 6:3
Lord Jesus, that the *l* ..... 2 Cor 4:10
*l* which I now live ..... Gal 2:20
*l* is hidden with ..... Col 3:3
of God who gives *l* ..... 1 Tim 6:13
For what is your *l* ..... James 4:14
that pertain to *l* ..... 2 Pet 1:3
*l* was manifested ..... 1 John 1:2
and the pride of *l* ..... 1 John 2:16
has given us eternal *l* ..... 1 John 5:11
who has the Son has *l* .... 1 John 5:12
the Lamb's Book of *L* ..... Rev 21:27
right to the tree of *l* ..... Rev 22:14
the water of *l* freely ..... Rev 22:17
from the Book of *L* ..... Rev 22:19

LIFT
"*L* your eyes now and ..... Gen 13:14
*l* up His countenance ..... Num 6:26
*L* up your heads ..... Ps 24:7
I will *l* up my hands ..... Ps 63:4

I will *l* up my eyes to ..... Ps 121:1
*l* up your voice like a ..... Is 58:1
*l* up a banner for the ..... Is 62:10
*l* our hearts and hands ..... Lam 3:41
Nation shall not *l* up sword ... Mic 4:3
Lord, and He will *l* ..... James 4:10

LIFTED
*l* up the ark, and it rose ..... Gen 7:17
Then Abraham *l* his eyes .. Gen 22:13
Esau *l* up his voice and .... Gen 27:38
he *l* up the rod and struck .... Ex 7:20
when your heart is *l* up .... Deut 8:14
O LORD, for You have *l* ..... Ps 30:1
*l* up his heel against me ..... Ps 41:9
your heart is *l* up ..... Ezek 28:2
*l* like a banner over His .... Zech 9:16
He *l* up His eyes toward ... Luke 6:20
in Hades, he *l* up his ..... Luke 16:23
*l* up His hands and ..... Luke 24:50
the Son of Man be *l* ..... John 3:14
And I, if I am *l* ..... John 12:32
of Man must be *l* ..... John 12:34
*l* up his heel against Me .. John 13:18
*l* up His eyes to heaven .... John 17:1

LIFTING
while *l* up their hands ..... Neh 8:6
The *l* up of my hands as ..... Ps 141:2
*l* up holy hands, without .... 1 Tim 2:8

LIFTS
He brings low and *l* up .... 1 Sam 2:7
the One who *l* up my head ..... Ps 3:3
The LORD *l* up the humble ... Ps 147:6

LIGAMENTS
together by joints and *l* ..... Col 2:19

LIGHT
"Let there be *l* ..... Gen 1:3
God called the *l* Day ..... Gen 1:5
had *l* in their dwellings ..... Ex 10:23
pillar of fire to give them *l* .. Ex 13:21
of pressed olives for the *l* .... Ex 27:20
he shall be like the *l* of ... 2 Sam 23:4
by night, to show them *l* .... Neh 9:19
"The *l* of the wicked ..... Job 18:5
*l* will shine on your ..... Job 22:28
the wicked their *l* ..... Job 38:15
to the dwelling of *l* ..... Job 38:19
LORD, lift up the *l* ..... Ps 4:6
For You will *l* my lamp ..... Ps 18:28
The LORD is my *l* ..... Ps 27:1
Oh, send out Your *l* ..... Ps 43:3
*L* is sown for the ..... Ps 97:11
and He has given us *l* ..... Ps 118:27
and a *l* to my path ..... Ps 119:105
Him, all you stars of *l* ..... Ps 148:3
The *l* of the righteous ..... Prov 13:9
The *l* of the eyes ..... Prov 15:30
The LORD gives *l* ..... Prov 29:13
Truly the *l* is sweet ..... Eccl 11:7
let us walk in the *l* ..... Is 2:5
*l* is darkened by the ..... Is 5:30
because there is no *l* ..... Is 8:20
moon will be as the *l* ..... Is 30:26
darkness *l* before them ..... Is 42:16
*l* shall break forth ..... Is 58:8
for your *l* has come ..... Is 60:1
shall come to your *l* ..... Is 60:3
be your everlasting *l* ..... Is 60:20
gives the sun for a *l* ..... Jer 31:35
moon shall not give her *l* .. Ezek 32:7
like *l* that goes forth ..... Hos 6:5
have seen a great *l* ..... Matt 4:16
"You are the *l* ..... Matt 5:14
Let your *l* so shine ..... Matt 5:16
body will be full of *l* ..... Matt 6:22
moon will not give its *l* .... Matt 24:29
take heed that the *l* ..... Luke 11:35
than the sons of *l* ..... Luke 16:8
and the life was the *l* ..... John 1:4
That was the true *L* ..... John 1:9
darkness rather than *l* ..... John 3:19
evil hates the *l* ..... John 3:20
truth comes to the *l* ..... John 3:21
saying, "I am the *l* ..... John 8:12
believe in the *l* ..... John 12:36
I have come as a *l* ..... John 12:46
to *l* the hidden things ..... 1 Cor 4:5
God who commanded *l* ..... 2 Cor 4:6
Walk as children of *l* ..... Eph 5:8
You are all sons of *l* ..... 1 Thess 5:5
and immortality to *l* ..... 2 Tim 1:10
into His marvelous *l* ..... 1 Pet 2:9
do well to heed as a *l* ..... 2 Pet 1:19
to you, that God is *l* ..... 1 John 1:5
*l* as He is in the ..... 1 John 1:7
says he is in the *l* ..... 1 John 2:9
*l* of a lamp shall not ..... Rev 18:23
The Lamb is its *l* ..... Rev 21:23
Lord God gives them *l* ..... Rev 22:5

LIGHTEN
*L* the yoke which ..... 1 Kin 12:9
the sea, to *l* the load ..... Jon 1:5

LIGHTLY
this, did I do it *l* ..... 2 Cor 1:17

LIGHTNING
For as the *l* comes ..... Matt 24:27
countenance was like *l* ..... Matt 28:3
saw Satan fall like *l* ..... Luke 10:18

LIGHTNINGS
were thunderings and *l* ..... Ex 19:16
the *l* lit up the world ..... Ps 77:18
*l* light the world ..... Ps 97:4
the throne proceeded *l* ..... Rev 4:5

LIGHTS
"Let there be *l* ..... Gen 1:14
when Aaron *l* the lamps at ... Ex 30:8
Him who made great *l* ..... Ps 136:7
whom you shine as *l* ..... Phil 2:15
from the Father of *l* ..... James 1:17

LIKE
"Who is *l* You ..... Ex 15:11
*L* a lily among thorns ..... Song 2:2
be made *l* His brethren ..... Heb 2:17

LIKE-MINDED
grant you to be *l* ..... Rom 15:5
For I have no one *l* ..... Phil 2:20

LIKEN
To whom will you *l* Me ..... Is 46:5
shall I *l* this generation ... Matt 11:16
shall I *l* the kingdom ..... Luke 13:20

LIKENESS
according to Our *l* ..... Gen 1:26
carved image—any *l* ..... Ex 20:4
when I awake in Your *l* ..... Ps 17:15
in the *l* of His death ..... Rom 6:5
His own Son in the *l* ..... Rom 8:3
and coming in the *l* ..... Phil 2:7

LILIES
were in the shape of *l* ..... 1 Kin 7:22
his lips are *l*, dripping ..... Song 5:13
feeds his flock among the *l* .. Song 6:3
the *l*, how they grow ..... Luke 12:27

LILY
the *l* of the valleys ..... Song 2:1
Like a *l* among thorns ..... Song 2:2
shall grow like the *l* ..... Hos 14:5

LIMIT
Do you *l* wisdom to ..... Job 15:8
to the sea its *l* ..... Prov 8:29

LIMITED
*l* the Holy One of ..... Ps 78:41

LINE
*l* has gone out through ..... Ps 19:4
upon precept, *l* upon *l* ..... Is 28:10
I am setting a plumb *l* ..... Amos 7:8

LINEAGE
was of the house and *l* ..... Luke 2:4

LINEN
him in garments of fine *l* .. Gen 41:42
artistically woven of fine *l* .. Ex 39:27
shall put on his *l* garment ... Lev 6:10
with the *l* turban he shall .... Lev 16:4
take off the *l* garments ..... Lev 16:23
child, wearing a *l* ephod .. 1 Sam 2:18
David also wore a *l* ..... 1 Chr 15:27
her clothing is fine *l* ..... Prov 31:22
get yourself a *l* sash ..... Jer 13:1
to the man clothed with *l* .... Ezek 9:3
heard the man clothed in *l* .. Dan 12:7
wrapped it in a clean *l* .... Matt 27:59
wrapped Him in the *l* .... Mark 15:46
in purple and fine *l* ..... Luke 16:19
strips of *l* with the spices .. John 19:40
saw the *l* cloths lying ..... John 20:5
that was clothed in fine *l* ... Rev 18:16
*l* is the righteous ..... Rev 19:8

LINGER
Those who *l* long at ..... Prov 23:30
salvation shall not *l* ..... Is 46:13

LINGERED
the Boy Jesus *l* behind ..... Luke 2:43

LINTEL
on the *l* of the houses ..... Ex 12:7
the *l* and doorposts were .. 1 Kin 6:31

LION
he lies down as a *l* ..... Gen 49:9
he tore the *l* apart as one .. Judg 14:6
when a *l* or a bear ..... 1 Sam 17:34
is like the heart of a *l* .... 2 Sam 17:10
*l* standing by the corpse .. 1 Kin 13:28
Killed a *l* in the midst .... 1 Chr 11:22
like a fierce *l* ..... Job 10:16
*l* shall eat straw ..... Is 11:7
face of a *l* on the right ..... Ezek 1:10
the third the face of a *l* ... Ezek 10:14
the face of a young *l* ..... Ezek 41:19
For I will be like a *l* ..... Hos 5:14
about like a roaring *l* ..... 1 Pet 5:8
living creature was like a *l* ... Rev 4:7
the *L* of the tribe of Judah ... Rev 5:5

LION'S
Judah is a *l* whelp ..... Gen 49:9

LIONS
Twelve *l* stood there ..... 1 Kin 10:20
My soul is among *l* ..... Ps 57:4
be cast into the den of *l* ..... Dan 6:7
the mouths of *l* ..... Heb 11:33
were like the heads of *l* ..... Rev 9:17

LIPS
of uncircumcised *l* ..... Ex 6:12
off all flattering *l* ..... Ps 12:3
Let the lying *l* ..... Ps 31:18
The *l* of the righteous ..... Prov 10:21
but the *l* of knowledge .... Prov 20:15
am a man of unclean *l* ..... Is 6:5
with stammering *l* and ..... Is 28:11
I create the fruit of the *l* ..... Is 57:19
offer the sacrifices of our *l* .. Hos 14:2
honors Me with their *l* ..... Mark 7:6
asps is under their *l* ..... Rom 3:13
other *l* I will speak ..... 1 Cor 14:21
that is, the fruit of our *l* .... Heb 13:15
from evil, and his *l* ..... 1 Pet 3:10

LISTEN
*L* now to my voice ..... Ex 18:19
would not *l* to Balaam ..... Deut 23:5
not *l* to their judges ..... Judg 2:17
But do not *l* to Hezekiah .. 2 Kin 18:32
*L* carefully to Me ..... Is 55:2
O Lord, *l* and act ..... Dan 9:19
"*L!* Behold, a sower went ... Mark 4:3
you are not able to *l* ..... John 8:43
Why do you *l* to Him ..... John 10:20
you who fear God, *l* ..... Acts 13:16

LISTENED
God *l* to Leah, and she .... Gen 30:17

the LORD *l* to the voice of ..Num 21:3
But the LORD *l* to me .....Deut 9:19
*l* to the voice of Manoah ...Judg 13:9
and the LORD *l* to him .....2 Kin 13:4
the LORD *l* to Hezekiah ...2 Chr 30:20
Yet you have not *l* to Me ....Jer 25:7
"Men, you should have *l* ..Acts 27:21

LISTENS
but whoever *l* to me .....Prov 1:33

LITTLE
*l* foxes that spoil the .....Song 2:15
We have a *l* sister .....Song 8:8
upon line, here a *l* .....Is 28:10
though you are *l* .....Mic 5:2
indeed it came to *l* .....Hag 1:9
for I was a *l* angry .....Zech 1:15
*l* ones only a cup .....Matt 10:42
"O you of *l* faith .....Matt 14:31
Whoever receives one *l* ....Matt 18:5
to whom *l* is forgiven .....Luke 7:47
"Let the *l* children come ..Luke 18:16
faithful in a very *l* .....Luke 19:17
gathered *l* had no lack .....2 Cor 8:15
*l* leaven leavens the whole ....Gal 5:9
exercise profits a *l* .....1 Tim 4:8
made him a *l* lower than .....Heb 2:7
"For yet a *l* while .....Heb 10:37
the tongue is a *l* member ..James 3:5
*L* children, keep .....1 John 5:21
"Give me the *l* book .....Rev 10:9

LITTLE CHILDREN
converted and become as *l* .Matt 18:3
*l* were brought to Him ....Matt 19:13
receives one of these *l* .....Mark 9:37
"Let the *l* come to Me, ...Mark 10:14
*L*, I shall be with you .....John 13:33
My *l*, for whom I labor .....Gal 4:19
*l*, these things I write .....1 John 2:1
I write to you, *l*, .....1 John 2:12
now, *l*, abide in Him, .....1 John 2:28
*L*, let no one deceive .....1 John 3:7
You are of God, *l*, .....1 John 4:4
*L*, keep yourselves from ..1 John 5:21

LIVE
eat, and *l* forever .....Gen 3:22
a man does, he shall *l* .....Lev 18:5
I would not *l* forever .....Job 7:16
*L* joyfully with the .....Eccl 9:9
by these things men *l* .....Is 38:16
sin, he shall surely *l* .....Ezek 3:21
"Seek Me and *l* .....Amos 5:4
but the just shall *l* .....Hab 2:4
*l* by bread alone .....Matt 4:4
who feeds on Me will *l* .....John 6:57
Because I *l*, you will *l* .....John 14:19
for in Him we *l* .....Acts 17:28
those who *l* according to ....Rom 8:5
*l* peaceably with all .....Rom 12:18
should *l* from the gospel ...1 Cor 9:14
as dying, and behold we *l* ...2 Cor 6:9
*l* in the manner of Gentiles ..Gal 2:14
the life which I now *l* .....Gal 2:20
"the just shall *l* by faith .....Gal 3:11
If we *l* in the Spirit .....Gal 5:25
to me, to *l* is Christ .....Phil 1:21
*l* godly in Christ .....2 Tim 3:12
the just shall *l* by faith ....Heb 10:38
Father of spirits and *l* .....Heb 12:9
to *l* honorably .....Heb 13:18
*l* according to God in .....1 Pet 4:6
*l* again until the thousand ...Rev 20:5

LIVED
our religion I *l* a Pharisee ..Acts 26:5
died and rose and *l* .....Rom 14:9
walked when you *l* in them ...Col 3:7
And they *l* and reigned .....Rev 20:4

LIVES
but man *l* by every .....Deut 8:3
know that my Redeemer *l* ..Job 19:25
days of our *l* are seventy ....Ps 90:10
have risked their *l* .....Acts 15:26
He *l* to God .....Rom 6:10
For none of us *l* .....Rom 14:7
He *l* by the power of God ..2 Cor 13:4
but Christ *l* in me .....Gal 2:20
at all while the testator *l* ....Heb 9:17
to lay down our *l* .....1 John 3:16
I am He who *l* .....Rev 1:18

LIVING
*See* LAND OF THE LIVING
and man became a *l* .....Gen 2:7
in the light of the *l* .....Ps 56:13
*l* will take it to heart .....Eccl 7:2
*l* know that they will .....Eccl 9:5
Why should a *l* man .....Lam 3:39
the dead, but of the *l* .....Matt 22:32
Why do you seek the *l* .....Luke 24:5
I am the *l* bread .....John 6:51
will flow rivers of *l* water ..John 7:38
to be Judge of the *l* .....Acts 10:42
your bodies a *l* sacrifice ....Rom 12:1
the church of the *l* God ....1 Tim 3:15
who will judge the *l* .....2 Tim 4:1
the word of God is *l* .....Heb 4:12
the hands of the *l* God .....Heb 10:31
to Him as to a *l* stone .....1 Pet 2:4
ready to judge the *l* .....1 Pet 4:5
*l* creature was like a .....Rev 4:7
the four *l* creatures .....Rev 7:11

LIVING CREATURE
earth bring forth the *l* .....Gen 1:24
Adam called each *l*, .....Gen 2:19
every *l* that is with you: .....Gen 9:10
and every *l* of all flesh .....Gen 9:15
every *l* that moves .....Lev 11:46
each *l* with its four .....Ezek 1:15
This was the *l* I saw .....Ezek 10:15
the spirit of the *l* .....Ezek 10:17
first *l* was like a lion, .....Rev 4:7
I heard the second *l* .....Rev 6:3
*l* in the sea died .....Rev 16:3

LIVING CREATURES
with an abundance of *l*, .....Gen 1:20
likeness of four *l* .....Ezek 1:5
the wings of the *l* .....Ezek 3:13
four *l* full of eyes .....Rev 4:6
four *l* said, "Amen!" .....Rev 5:14
the *l* in the sea died, .....Rev 8:9
before the four *l* .....Rev 14:3
one of the four *l* .....Rev 15:7
*l* fell down and worshiped ..Rev 19:4

LO-AMMI
Symbolic name of Hosea's son, Hos 1:8, 9

LO-RUHAMAH
Symbolic name of Hosea's daughter, Hos 1:6

LOAD
into the sea, to lighten the *l* ..Jon 1:5
you *l* men with burdens ..Luke 11:46
shall bear his own *l* .....Gal 6:5

LOADED
they *l* their donkeys with ..Gen 42:26
*l* them on donkeys .....1 Sam 25:18
women *l* down with sins ....2 Tim 3:6

LOAF
*l* of barley bread tumbled ..Judg 7:13
*l* with them in the boat ....Mark 8:14

LOATHE
I *l* my life .....Job 7:16
*l* themselves for the .....Ezek 6:9

LOATHSOME
but a wicked man is *l* .....Prov 13:5

LOAVES
have here only five *l* .....Matt 14:17
He took the seven *l* .....Matt 15:36
lend me three *l* .....Luke 11:5
you ate of the *l* .....John 6:26

LOCKS
If you weave the seven *l* ..Judg 16:13
his *l* are wavy, and black ..Song 5:11

LOCUST
What the chewing *l* .....Joel 1:4
left, the swarming *l* .....Joel 1:4

LOCUSTS
as numerous as *l* .....Judg 7:12
He spoke, and *l* came .....Ps 105:34
the *l* have no king .....Prov 30:27
and his food was *l* .....Matt 3:4
waist, and he ate *l* .....Mark 1:6
out of the smoke *l* .....Rev 9:3

LODGED
them in and *l* them .....Acts 10:23
children, if she has *l* .....1 Tim 5:10

LOFTILY
they speak *l* .....Ps 73:8

LOFTY
haughty, nor my eyes *l* .....Ps 131:1
Wisdom is too *l* .....Prov 24:7
*l* are their eyes .....Prov 30:13
and *L* One who .....Is 57:15

LOINS
gird up the *l* of your .....1 Pet 1:13

LONELY
How *l* sits the city that was ..Lam 1:1

LONG
your days may be *l* .....Deut 5:16
said, "*L* live the king ....1 Sam 10:24
who *l* for death .....Job 3:21
me the thing that I *l* .....Job 6:8
I *l* for Your salvation .....Ps 119:174
the appointed time was *l* ....Dan 10:1
*l* as the bridegroom is .....Matt 9:15
How *l* shall I bear with ....Mark 9:19
go around in *l* robes .....Mark 12:38
make *l* prayers .....Luke 20:47
we are killed all day *l* .....Rom 8:36
Love suffers *l* and is kind ..1 Cor 13:4
how greatly I *l* .....Phil 1:8
"How *l*, O LORD, holy and ...Rev 6:10

LONGING
wife cast *l* eyes on Joseph ..Gen 39:7
David said with *l*, "Oh ...2 Sam 23:15
For He satisfies the *l* soul ....Ps 107:9
since he was *l* for you all ...Phil 2:26

LONGSUFFERING
and gracious, *l* .....Ps 86:15
is love, joy, peace, *l* .....Gal 5:22
and gentleness, with *l* .....Eph 4:2
for all patience and *l* .....Col 1:11
might show all *l* .....1 Tim 1:16
when once the Divine *l* ....1 Pet 3:20
and consider that the *l* .....2 Pet 3:15

LOOK
Do not *l* behind you .....Gen 19:17
*l* down from heaven .....Ps 80:14
who has a haughty *l* .....Ps 101:5
A proud *l*, a lying .....Prov 6:17
that day a man will *l* .....Is 17:7
*L* upon Zion .....Is 33:20
"*L* to Me, and be saved .....Is 45:22
*l* to the rock from which .....Is 51:1
we *l* for light .....Is 59:9
we *l* for justice .....Is 59:11
"*L* among the nations .....Hab 1:5
*l* on Me whom they .....Zech 12:10
*L* at the birds of the air ....Matt 6:26
why do you *l* at the speck ...Matt 7:3
say to you, '*L* here .....Luke 17:23
*L* at the fig tree .....Luke 21:29
and *l* at My hands .....John 20:27
*l* on their threats .....Acts 4:29
*L*! see the heavens .....Acts 7:56
of Israel could not *l* .....2 Cor 3:7
while we do not *l* .....2 Cor 4:18
Let each of you *l* .....Phil 2:4

angels desire to *l* into ..... 1 Pet 1:12
*l* for new heavens and a ... 2 Pet 3:13
*L* to yourselves ..... 2 John 8
open the scroll, or to *l* at it ... Rev 5:3

LOOKED
But when I *l* for good ..... Job 30:26
They *l* to Him and were ..... Ps 34:5
For He *l* down from the .... Ps 102:19
He *l* for justice ..... Is 5:7
"We *l* for peace ..... Jer 8:15
"You *l* for much ..... Hag 1:9
the Lord turned and *l* ..... Luke 22:61
for he *l* to the reward ..... Heb 11:26

LOOKING
the plow, and *l* back ..... Luke 9:62
*l* for the blessed hope ..... Titus 2:13
*l* unto Jesus, the author ..... Heb 12:2
*l* carefully lest ..... Heb 12:15
*l* for the mercy of ..... Jude 21

LOOKS
Absalom for his good *l* .. 2 Sam 14:25
Then he *l* at men and ..... Job 33:27
God *l* down from heaven ..... Ps 53:2
The lofty *l* of man ..... Is 2:11
to you that whoever *l* ..... Matt 5:28

LOOM
and the web from the *l* .... Judg 16:14
cuts me off from the *l* ..... Is 38:12

LOOSE
*l* the armor of kings ..... Is 45:1
and whatever you *l* ..... Matt 16:19
said to them, "*L* him ..... John 11:44

LOOSED
You have *l* my bonds ..... Ps 116:16
the silver cord is *l* ..... Eccl 12:6
on earth will be *l* in ..... Matt 16:19
his tongue was *l*, and he ... Mark 7:35
*l* from your infirmity ..... Luke 13:12
be *l* from this bond ..... Luke 13:16
*l* the pains of death ..... Acts 2:24
everyone's chains were *l* .. Acts 16:26
Do not seek to be *l* ..... 1 Cor 7:27

LORD
*See* ANGEL OF THE LORD; ANGER OF THE LORD; BLESS THE LORD; BLESSED BE THE LORD; DAY OF THE LORD; FEAR OF THE LORD; FEAR THE LORD; GLORY OF THE LORD; HAND OF THE LORD; HOUSE OF THE LORD; LAW OF THE LORD; LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD; PRAISE THE LORD; REJOICE IN THE LORD; SEEK THE LORD; SERVE THE LORD; SINNED AGAINST THE LORD; SPIRIT OF THE LORD; VOICE OF THE LORD; VOW TO THE LORD; WAIT ON THE LORD; WAY OF THE LORD; WRATH OF THE LORD
*L* is my strength ..... Ex 15:2
*L* is a man of war ..... Ex 15:3
*L* our God, the *L* ..... Deut 6:4
sacrifice to the *L* your ..... Deut 17:1
may know that the *L* ..... 1 Kin 8:60
If the *L* is God ..... 1 Kin 18:21
You alone are the *L* ..... Neh 9:6
The *L* of hosts ..... Ps 24:10
belongs to the *L* ..... Ps 89:18
let us sing to the *L* ..... Ps 95:1
*L* is the great God ..... Ps 95:3
Gracious is the *L* ..... Ps 116:5
*L* surrounds His people ..... Ps 125:2
The *L* is righteous ..... Ps 129:4
*L* is near to all who ..... Ps 145:18
*L* is a God of justice ..... Is 30:18
*L* Our Righteousness ..... Jer 23:6
*L* has done marvelous ..... Joel 2:21
*L* God is my strength ..... Hab 3:19
"The *L* is one ..... Zech 14:9
shall not tempt the *L* ..... Matt 4:7
shall worship the *L* ..... Matt 4:10
Son of Man is also *L* ..... Mark 2:28
who is Christ the *L* ..... Luke 2:11
why do you call Me '*L* ..... Luke 6:46
*L* is risen indeed ..... Luke 24:34
call Me Teacher and *L* .... John 13:13
He is *L* of all ..... Acts 10:36
'Who are You, *L* ..... Acts 26:15
with your mouth the *L* ..... Rom 10:9
Greek, for the same *L* ..... Rom 10:12
say that Jesus is *L* ..... 1 Cor 12:3
second Man is the *L* ..... 1 Cor 15:47
the Spirit of the *L* ..... 2 Cor 3:17
that Jesus Christ is *L* ..... Phil 2:11
and deny the only *L* ..... Jude 4
*L* God Omnipotent ..... Rev 19:6

LORD APPEARED TO
Then the *L* Abram and ..... Gen 12:7
the *L* Abram and said to .... Gen 17:1
*L* him by the terebinth ..... Gen 18:1
Then the *L* him and said .... Gen 26:2
Then the glory of the *L* ..... Lev 9:23
glory of the *L* them ..... Num 20:6
*L* Solomon in a dream ..... 1 Kin 3:5
*L* Solomon the second ..... 1 Kin 9:2

LORD COMMANDED
all that the *L* him ..... Gen 7:5
*L* Moses and Aaron, ..... Ex 12;50
words which the *L* him ..... Ex 19:7
the thing which the *L*. ..... Ex 35:4
The *L* this to be given ..... Lev 7:36
which the *L* Moses ..... Lev 27:34
As the *L* Moses, so he ..... Num 1:19
as the *L* Moses, all ..... Num 15:36
Moses did as the *L* ..... Num 27:22
statutes which the *L* ..... Num 30:16
the *L* us to observe ..... Deut 6:24
not kept what the *L* ..... 1 Sam 13:14
David did so, as the *L* .... 2 Sam 5:25
So the *L* the angel, ..... 1 Chr 21:27
there the *L* the blessing ..... Ps 133:3
the Euphrates, as the *L* ..... Jer 13:5
did as the angel of the *L* ... Matt 1:24

LORD GOD OF HOSTS
the *L* was with him ..... 2 Sam 5:10
very zealous for the *L* .... 1 Kin 19:10
who wait for You, O *L*, ..... Ps 69:6
Restore us, O *L*; ..... Ps 80:19
O *L*, hear my prayer; ..... Ps 84:8
Therefore thus says the *L*: ... Is 10:24
*L* in the Valley of Vision ..... Is 22:5
I have heard from the *L*. ..... Is 28:22
called by Your name, O *L* .. Jer 15:16
this is the day of the *L* ..... Jer 46:10
the work of the *L* ..... Jer 50:25
the *L* is his name ..... Amos 4:13
The *L*, he who touches ..... Amos 9:5

LORD GOD OF ISRAEL
Pharaoh, "Thus says the *L* .... Ex 5:1
before the Lord, the *L* ..... Ex 34:23
give glory to the *L*, ..... Josh 7:19
built an altar to the *L* ..... Josh 8:30
sworn to them by the *L* .... Josh 9:19
the *L* fought for Israel ..... Josh 10:42
*L* was their inheritance .... Josh 13:33
your heart to the *L* ..... Josh 24:23
will sing praise to the *L* ..... Judg 5:3
"O *L*, why has this come ... Judg 21:3
be given you by the *L*. .... Ruth 2:12
Saul said to the *L* ..... 1 Sam 14:41
"O *L*, Your servant ..... 1 Sam 23:10
Blessed is the *L* ..... 1 Sam 25:32
*L*: 'I anointed you ..... 2 Sam 12:7
'Blessed be the *L* ..... 1 Kin 1:48
for the name of the *L* ..... 1 Kin 8:17
turned away from the *L* ... 1 Kin 11:9
provoked the *L* to anger .. 1 Kin 15:30
O *L*, the One who ..... 2 Kin 19:15
the ark of the *L* ..... 1 Chr 15:12
build a house for the *L* .... 1 Chr 22:6
"The *L* has given rest .... 1 Chr 23:25
their heart to seek the *L* .. 2 Chr 11:16
they turned to the *L* ..... 2 Chr 15:4
the Passover to the *L* ..... 2 Chr 30:1
build the house of the *L* ..... Ezra 1:3
in order to seek the *L* ..... Exra 6:21
Blessed be the *L*, from ..... Ps 41:13
Blessed is the *L*, for he .... Luke 1:68

LORD HAS SPOKEN
son's wife, as the *L* ..... Gen 24:51
that the *L* we will do ..... Ex 19:8
the statutes which the *L* .... Lev 10:11
which the *L* to Moses ..... Num 15:22
For the *L* of David ..... 2 Sam 3:18
the sign which the *L* ..... 1 Kin 13:3
the mouth of the *L* ..... Is 1:20
for the mouth of the *L* ..... Is 40:5
not be proud, for the *L* ..... Jer 13:15
Hear this word that the *L* .. Amos 3:1

LORD IS GOOD
taste and see that the *L* ..... Ps 34:8
For the *L*; His mercy ..... Ps 100:5
Praise the Lord, for the *L* .... Ps 135:3
*L* to all, and His ..... Ps 145:9
Lord of hosts, for the *L* ..... Jer 33:11
The *L* to those who wait .... Lam 3:25
The *L*, a stronghold ..... Nah 1:7

LORD JESUS CHRIST
we believed on the *L* ..... Acts 11:17
the grace of the *L* ..... Acts 15:11
for the name of our *L* ..... Acts 15:26
"Believe on the *L* ..... Acts 16:31
with God through our *L* ..... Rom 5:1
in God through our *L* ..... Rom 5:11
But put on the *L* ..... Rom 13:14
do not serve our *L* ..... Rom 16:18
the revelation of our *L* ..... 1 Cor 1:7
in the day of our *L* ..... 1 Cor 1:8
victory through our *L* .... 1 Cor 15:57
does not love the *L* ..... 1 Cor 16:22
know the grace of our *L* .... 2 Cor 8:9
in the cross of our *L* ..... Gal 6:14
in the name of our *L* ..... Eph 5:20
for the Savior, the *L* ..... Phil 3:20
presence of our *L* ..... 1 Thess 2:19
salvation through our *L* .. 1 Thess 5:9
at the coming of our *L* ... 1 Thess 5:23
obey the gospel of our *L* .. 2 Thess 1:8
the coming of our *L* ..... 2 Thess 2:1
hold the faith of our *L* ..... James 2:1
in the knowledge of *L* ..... 2 Pet 1:8
just as our *L* showed me ... 2 Pet 1:14
Lord God and our *L* ..... Jude 4
by the apostles of our *L* ..... Jude 17
The grace of our *L* ..... Rev 22:21

LORD OF HOSTS
to the *L* in Shiloh ..... 1 Sam 1:3
"O *L*, if You will indeed .. 1 Sam 1:11
*L*, who dwells between .... 1 Sam 4:4
in the name of the *L* ..... 1 Sam 17:45
'*L* is the God over Israel .. 2 Sam 7:26
The zeal of the *L* ..... 2 Kin 19:31
the *L* was with him ..... 1 Chr 11:9
The *L*, He is the King ..... Ps 24:10
The *L* is with us; ..... Ps 46:7
Your tabernacle, O *L* ..... Ps 84:1
Unless the *L* had left to ..... Is 1:9
For the day of the *L* ..... Is 2:12
vineyard of the *L* ..... Is 5:7
Holy, holy, holy is the *L* ..... Is 6:3
The *L*, Him you shall ..... Is 8:13
The zeal of the *L* ..... Is 9:7
Through the wrath of the *L* ... Is 9:19
in the wrath of the *L* ..... Is 13:13
*L* will reign on Mount Zion .. Is 24:23
In that day the *L* ..... Is 28:5
O *L*, God of Israel ..... Is 37:16
his Redeemer, the *L* ..... Is 44:6
is your husband, the *L* ..... Is 54:5
But, O *L*, You who test ..... Jer 20:12
of the living God, the *L* ..... Jer 23:36

intercession to the *L* . . . . . Jer 27:18
the *L* is His name . . . . . Jer 31:35
Praise the *L*, for the Lord . . . Jer 33:11
by his God, the *L* . . . . . Jer 51:5
The *L* has sworn . . . . . Jer 51:14
the people of the *L* . . . . . Zeph 2:10
on the house of the *L* . . . . . Hag 1:14
with glory,' says the *L* . . . . . Hag 2:7
"Return to me," says the *L* . . Zech 1:3
"O *L*, how long will You . . . Zech 1:12
*L* has sent me . . . . . Zech 2:9
My Spirit,' says the *L* . . . . . Zech 4:6
wrath came from the *L* . . . . Zech 7:12
the Mountain of the *L* . . . . . Zech 8:3
shall come to seek the *L* . . . Zech 8:22
The *L* will defend them . . . . Zech 9:15
worship the King, the *L* . . . Zech 14:16
a great King," says the *L* . . . . Mal 1:14
is the messenger of the *L* . . . . Mal 2:7
return to you, says the *L* . . . . . Mal 3:7

LORD OF LORDS
God of gods and *L* . . . . . Deut 10:17
give thanks to the *L* . . . . . Ps 136:3
King of kings and *L* . . . . . 1 Tim 6:15
He is *L* and King of kings . . Rev 17:14
King of kings and *L* . . . . . Rev 19:16

LORD WAS WITH HIM
master saw that the *L* . . . . . Gen 39:3
Samuel grew, and the *L* . . 1 Sam 3:19
David, because the *L* . . . . 1 Sam 18:12
ways, and the *L* . . . . . 1 Sam 18:14
The *L*; he prospered . . . . . 2 Kin 18:7
And the hand of the *L* . . . . . Luke 1:66

LORD'S ANOINTED
"Surely the *L* is before . . . . 1 Sam 16:6
to my master, the *L* . . . . . 1 Sam 24:6
his hand against the *L* . . . . 1 Sam 26:9
hand to destroy the *L* . . . . . 2 Sam 1:14
he cursed the *L* . . . . . 2 Sam 19:21

LORDS
many gods and many *l* . . . . . 1 Cor 8:5
nor as being *l* over . . . . . 1 Pet 5:3
for He is Lord of *l* . . . . . Rev 17:14

LORDSHIP
Gentiles exercise *l* . . . . . Luke 22:25

LOSE
gain, and a time to *l* . . . . . Eccl 3:6
save his life will *l* . . . . . Matt 16:25
reap if we do not *l* . . . . . Gal 6:9
that we do not *l* . . . . . 2 John 8

LOSES
but if the salt *l* . . . . . Matt 5:13
and *l* his own soul . . . . . Matt 16:26
if she *l* one coin . . . . . Luke 15:8
*l* his life will preserve . . . . Luke 17:33

LOSS
he will suffer *l* . . . . . 1 Cor 3:15
count all things *l* . . . . . Phil 3:8

LOST
are dry, our hope is *l* . . . . . Ezek 37:11
save that which was *l* . . . . . Matt 18:11
the one which is *l* . . . . . Luke 15:4
my sheep which was *l* . . . . . Luke 15:6
the piece which I *l* . . . . . Luke 15:9
and none of them is *l* . . . . . John 17:12
You gave Me I have *l* . . . . . John 18:9

LOT
Abram's nephew; accompanies him, Gen 11:27—12:5; 13:1
Separates from Abram, Gen 13:5–12
Rescued by Abram, Gen 14:12–16
Saved from Sodom for his hospitality, Gen 19:1–29
Tricked into committing incest, Gen 19:30–38

LOT
shall be divided by *l* . . . . . Num 26:55
You maintain my *l* . . . . . Ps 16:5
cast in your *l* among . . . . . Prov 1:14
*l* is cast into the lap . . . . . Prov 16:33

LOT'S WIFE
Disobedient, becomes pillar of salt, Gen 19:26
Event to be remembered, Luke 17:32

LOTS
*l* causes contentions . . . . . Prov 18:18
garments, casting *l* . . . . . Mark 15:24
And they cast their *l* . . . . . Acts 1:26

LOUD
I cried out with a *l* . . . . . Gen 39:14
Him with *l* cymbals . . . . . Ps 150:5
cried out with a *l* . . . . . Matt 27:46
I heard behind me a *l* . . . . . Rev 1:10

LOVE
*l* your neighbor as . . . . . Lev 19:18
*l* the LORD your God . . . . . Deut 6:5
your *l* to me was . . . . . 2 Sam 1:26
How long will you *l* . . . . . Ps 4:2
Oh, *l* the LORD . . . . . Ps 31:23
*l* righteousness . . . . . Ps 45:7
he has set his *l* . . . . . Ps 91:14
Oh, how I *l* Your law . . . . . Ps 119:97
peace have those who *l* . . . Ps 119:165
preserves all who *l* . . . . . Ps 145:20
us take our fill of *l* . . . . . Prov 7:18
*l* covers all sins . . . . . Prov 10:12
a time to *l* . . . . . Eccl 3:8
People know neither *l* . . . . . Eccl 9:1
*l* is better than wine . . . . . Song 1:2
banner over me was *l* . . . . . Song 2:4
stir up nor awaken *l* . . . . . Song 3:5
I will give you my *l* . . . . . Song 7:12
*l* is as strong as death . . . . . Song 8:6
waters cannot quench *l* . . . . . Song 8:7
time was the time of *l* . . . . . Ezek 16:8
backsliding, I will *l* . . . . . Hos 14:4
do justly, to *l* mercy . . . . . Mic 6:8
to you, *l* your enemies . . . . . Matt 5:44
*l* those who *l* you . . . . . Matt 5:46
which of them will *l* . . . . . Luke 7:42
you do not have the *l* . . . . . John 5:42
if you have *l* for one . . . . . John 13:35
"If you *l* Me, keep My . . . . John 14:15
and My Father will *l* . . . . . John 14:23
*l* one another as I . . . . . John 15:12
*l* has no one than this . . . . . John 15:13
*l* Me more than these . . . . . John 21:15
of Jonah, do you *l* . . . . . John 21:16
because the *l* of God . . . . . Rom 5:5
Let *l* be without . . . . . Rom 12:9
to *l* one another . . . . . Rom 13:8
*L* does no harm to a . . . . . Rom 13:10
up, but *l* edifies . . . . . 1 Cor 8:1
*L* suffers long and is . . . . . 1 Cor 13:4
*L* never fails . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
greatest of these is *l* . . . . . 1 Cor 13:13
For the *l* of Christ . . . . . 2 Cor 5:14
and the God of *l* . . . . . 2 Cor 13:11
of the Spirit is *l* . . . . . Gal 5:22
rooted and grounded in *l* . . . . Eph 3:17
the edifying of itself in *l* . . . . Eph 4:16
Husbands, *l* your wives . . . . . Eph 5:25
if any comfort of *l* . . . . . Phil 2:1
of the Son of His *l* . . . . . Col 1:13
being knit together in *l* . . . . . Col 2:2
*l* your wives and do . . . . . Col 3:19
breastplate of faith and *l* . . 1 Thess 5:8
the commandment is *l* . . . . . 1 Tim 1:5
continue in faith, *l* . . . . . 1 Tim 2:15
word, in conduct, in *l* . . . . . 1 Tim 4:12
For the *l* of money is . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
*l* their husbands . . . . . Titus 2:4
Let brotherly *l* . . . . . Heb 13:1
having not seen you *l* . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
*L* the brotherhood . . . . . 1 Pet 2:17
for "*l* will cover a . . . . . 1 Pet 4:8
with a kiss of *l* . . . . . 1 Pet 5:14
brotherly kindness *l* . . . . . 2 Pet 1:7
loves the world, the *l* . . . . . 1 John 2:15
we *l* the brethren . . . . . 1 John 3:14
By this we know *l* . . . . . 1 John 3:16
him, how does the *l* . . . . . 1 John 3:17
Beloved, let us *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:7
know God, for God is *l* . . . . 1 John 4:8
In this is *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:10
If we *l* one another . . . . . 1 John 4:12
*L* has been perfected . . . . . 1 John 4:17
There is no fear in *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:18
*l* Him because He first . . . . 1 John 4:19
who loves God must *l* . . . . 1 John 4:21
For this is the *l* . . . . . 1 John 5:3
and *l* be multiplied to you . . . . . Jude 2
are spots in your *l* feasts . . . . . Jude 12
have left your first *l* . . . . . Rev 2:4
your works, *l*, service . . . . . Rev 2:19
and they did not *l* . . . . . Rev 12:11

LOVE OF CHRIST
separate us from the *l* . . . . . Rom 8:35
For the *l* compels us . . . . . 2 Cor 5:14
*l* which passes knowledge . . Eph 3:19

LOVE OF GOD
pass by justice and the *l* . . Luke 11:42
you do not have the *l* . . . . . John 5:42
the *l* has been poured . . . . . Rom 5:5
separate us from the *l* . . . . . Rom 8:39
*l* is perfected in him . . . . . 1 John 2:5
the *l* abide in him . . . . . 1 John 3:17
In this the *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:9
For this is the *l* . . . . . 1 John 5:3
keep yourselves in the *l* . . . . . Jude 21

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
*l*; as I have loved you . . . . . John 13:34
that you *l* as I have . . . . . John 15:12
anything except to *l* . . . . . Rom 13:8
are taught by God to *l* . . . . 1 Thess 4:9
*l* fervently with a pure . . . . . 1 Pet 1:22
that we should *l* . . . . . 1 John 3:11
Beloved, let us *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:7
the beginning: that we *l* . . . . . 2 John 5

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
You shall *l* with all your . . . . Deut 6:5
to *l* with all your heart . . . . . Deut 30:6
*l*, to walk in all His ways . . . Josh 22:5
"You shall *l* with . . . . . Matt 22:37
*l* with all your heart . . . . . Mark 12:30
*l* with all your heart . . . . . Luke 10:27

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
in that you *l* . . . . . 2 Sam 19:6
But I say to you, *l* . . . . . Matt 5:44
*L*, do good to those . . . . . Luke 6:27

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
you shall *l* as yourself . . . . . Lev 19:18
*l* and hate your enemy . . . . . Matt 5:43
'You shall *l* as yourself . . . . Matt 19:19
*l* as yourself . . . . . Gal 5:14
"You shall *l* as yourself . . . . James 2:8

LOVED
Because the LORD has *l* . . . . 1 Kin 10:9
*L* one and friend You . . . . . Ps 88:18
Yet Jacob I have *l* . . . . . Mal 1:2
forgiven, for she *l* . . . . . Luke 7:47
so *l* the world that . . . . . John 3:16
"See how He *l* . . . . . John 11:36
whom Jesus *l* . . . . . John 13:23
"As the Father *l* . . . . . John 15:9
*l* them as You have . . . . . John 17:23
"Jacob I have *l* . . . . . Rom 9:13
the Son of God, who *l* . . . . . Gal 2:20
*l* the church and gave . . . . . Eph 5:25
*l* righteousness . . . . . Heb 1:9
God, but that He *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:10
Beloved, if God so *l* . . . . . 1 John 4:11
To Him who *l* us and . . . . . Rev 1:5

LOVELY
*l* are your tents, O Jacob . . . Num 24:5
of David had a *l* sister . . . . 2 Sam 13:1
The young woman was *l* . . . . . Esth 2:7
*l* is Your tabernacle . . . . . Ps 84:1

*l* woman who lacks ..... Prov 11:22
I am dark, but *l* ..... Song 1:5
he is altogether *l* ..... Song 5:16
whatever things are *l* ..... Phil 4:8

LOVER
a *l* of what is good ..... Titus 1:8

LOVERS
the harlot with many *l* ..... Jer 3:1
your *l* have forgotten you ... Jer 30:14
"I will go after my *l* ..... Hos 2:5
Ephraim has hired *l* ..... Hos 8:9
who were *l* of money ..... Luke 16:14
For men will be *l* ..... 2 Tim 3:2

LOVES
*l* righteousness ..... Ps 33:5
life, and *l* many days ..... Ps 34:12
A friend *l* at all ..... Prov 17:17
He who *l* father or ..... Matt 10:37
*l* his life will lose ..... John 12:25
*l* Me will be loved ..... John 14:21
*l* a cheerful giver ..... 2 Cor 9:7
who *l* his wife *l* ..... Eph 5:28
If anyone *l* the world ..... 1 John 2:15
*l* God must love his ..... 1 John 4:21
*l* him who is ..... 1 John 5:1

LOVESICK
apples, for I am *l* ..... Song 2:5
you tell him I am *l* ..... Song 5:8

LOVINGKINDNESS
not concealed Your *l* ..... Ps 40:10
*l* is better than life ..... Ps 63:3
to declare Your *l* ..... Ps 92:2
Who crowns you with *l* ..... Ps 103:4
*l* I have drawn ..... Jer 31:3
You show *l* to thousands ... Jer 32:18
justice, in *l* and mercy ..... Hos 2:19
abundant in *l* ..... Jon 4:2

LOVINGKINDNESSES
mercies and Your *l* ..... Ps 25:6
where are Your former *l* ..... Ps 89:49
the multitude of His *l* ..... Is 63:7

LOW
He brings *l* and lifts ..... 1 Sam 2:7
both *l* and high ..... Ps 49:2
it *l*, He lays it *l* ..... Is 26:5
and hill brought *l* ..... Luke 3:5

LOWER
made him a little *l* ..... Ps 8:5
shall go into the *l* ..... Ps 63:9
made him a little *l* ..... Heb 2:7

LOWEST
and sets over it the *l* ..... Dan 4:17

LOWLINESS
with all *l* and ..... Eph 4:2
or conceit, but in *l* ..... Phil 2:3

LOWLY
yet He regards the *l* ..... Ps 138:6
for I am gentle and *l* ..... Matt 11:29
He has regarded the *l* ..... Luke 1:48
and exalted the *l* ..... Luke 1:52
in presence am *l* ..... 2 Cor 10:1
*l* body that it may be ..... Phil 3:21
*l* brother glory ..... James 1:9

LOYAL
be *l* to the LORD our God .. 1 Kin 8:61
truth and with a *l* heart .... 2 Kin 20:3
with a *l* heart they ..... 1 Chr 29:9
faithfully and with a *l* ..... 2 Chr 19:9
or else he will be *l* ..... Matt 6:24

LUCIFER
Name applied to Satan, Is 14:12

LUD
*See* LYDIA
A people descended from Shem, 1 Chr 1:17

LUKE
"The beloved physician," Col 4:14
Paul's last companion, 2 Tim 4:11
Author of third Gospel, Luke (title)

LUKEWARM
because you are *l* ..... Rev 3:16

LUMP
from the same *l* ..... Rom 9:21
you may be a new *l* ..... 1 Cor 5:7

LUST
Do not *l* after her ..... Prov 6:25
caught by their *l* ..... Prov 11:6
looks at a woman to *l* ..... Matt 5:28
not fulfill the *l* ..... Gal 5:16
not in passion of *l* ..... 1 Thess 4:5
You *l* and do not have ..... James 4:2
the *l* of the flesh ..... 1 John 2:16

LUSTS
to fulfill its *l* ..... Rom 13:14
*l* which drown men ..... 1 Tim 6:9
also youthful *l* ..... 2 Tim 2:22
and worldly *l* ..... Titus 2:12
to the former *l* ..... 1 Pet 1:14
abstain from fleshly *l* ..... 1 Pet 2:11
to their own ungodly *l* ..... Jude 18

LUTE
Awake, *l* and harp ..... Ps 57:8
*l* I will praise You ..... Ps 71:22
harp with the *l* ..... Ps 81:2
ten strings, on the *l* ..... Ps 92:3
Awake, *l* and harp ..... Ps 108:2
Praise Him with the *l* ..... Ps 150:3

LUXURY
*L* is not fitting ..... Prov 19:10
*l* are in kings' courts ..... Luke 7:25
in pleasure and *l* ..... James 5:5
the abundance of her *l* ..... Rev 18:3

LYCAONIA
District of Asia Minor where Paul preached, Acts 14:6, 11

LYCIA
Province of Asia Minor visited by Paul, Acts 21:1, 2; 27:5, 6

LYDDA
Aeneas healed at, Acts 9:32–35

LYDIA
Woman of Thyatira; Paul's first European convert, Acts 16:14, 15, 40
—— District of Asia Minor containing Ephesus, Smyrna, Thyatira, and Sardis, Rev 1:11

LYING
has put a *l* spirit ..... 1 Kin 22:23
I hate and abhor *l* ..... Ps 119:163
proud look, a *l* tongue ..... Prov 6:17
*L* lips are an ..... Prov 12:22
righteous man hates *l* ..... Prov 13:5
not trust in these *l* ..... Jer 7:4
a paralytic *l* on a bed ..... Matt 9:2
in swaddling cloths, *l* ..... Luke 2:12
the Babe *l* in a manger .... Luke 2:16
cloths *l* by themselves .... Luke 24:12
saw the linen cloths *l* ..... John 20:5
putting away *l* ..... Eph 4:25
signs, and *l* wonders ..... 2 Thess 2:9

LYRE
the horn, flute, harp, *l* ..... Dan 3:15

LYSIAS, CLAUDIUS
*See* CLAUDIUS LYSIAS

LYSTRA
Paul visits; is worshiped by people of and stoned by Jews, Acts 14:6–20
Home of Timothy, Acts 16:1, 2

MAACAH (or Maachah)
Small Syrian kingdom near Mt. Hermon, Deut 3:14
Not possessed by Israel, Josh 13:13
—— David's wife; mother of Absalom, 2 Sam 3:3
—— Wife of Rehoboam; mother of King Abijah, 2 Chr 11:18–21
Makes idol; is deposed as queen mother, 1 Kin 15:13

MACEDONIA
Paul preaches in, Acts 16:9—17:14
Paul's troubles in, 2 Cor 7:5
Churches of, generous, Rom 15:26; 2 Cor 8:1–5

MACHIR
Manasseh's only son, Gen 50:23
Founder of the family of Machirites, Num 26:29
Conqueror of Gilead, Num 32:39, 40

MACHPELAH
Field containing a cave; bought by Abraham, Gen 23:9–18
Sarah and Abraham buried here, Gen 23:19; 25:9, 10
Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, and Jacob buried here, Gen 49:29–31

MAD
has a demon and is *m* .... John 10:20
he said, "I am not *m* ..... Acts 26:25

MADE
*m* the stars also ..... Gen 1:16
everything that He had *m* ... Gen 1:31
wife the LORD God *m* ..... Gen 3:21
God *m* a wind to pass over ... Gen 8:1
'I have *m* Abram rich' ..... Gen 14:23
LORD *m* a covenant with ... Gen 15:18
I have *m* you a father of .... Gen 17:5
he *m* him a tunic of many .. Gen 37:3
Joseph *m* himself known ... Gen 45:1
they *m* their lives bitter ..... Ex 1:14
*m* the sea into dry land ..... Ex 14:21
tool, and *m* a molded calf .... Ex 32:4
He also *m* the mercy seat .... Ex 37:6
LORD *m* between Himself .. Lev 26:46
Moses *m* a bronze serpent . Num 21:9
*m* a covenant ..... 1 Sam 20:16
has *m* Solomon king ..... 1 Kin 1:43
he *m* the Most Holy Place .. 2 Chr 3:8
had *m* to praise the LORD. .. 2 Chr 7:6
Have You not *m* a hedge .... Job 1:10
You have *m* me like clay .... Job 10:9
He has *m* me a byword of ... Job 17:6
For You have *m* him a little .... Ps 8:5
You have *m* him to have ..... Ps 8:6
You *m* Me trust while on ..... Ps 22:9
by which they have *m* You ... Ps 45:8
have *m* summer and winter .. Ps 74:17
you have *m* the LORD. ..... Ps 91:9
It is He who has *m* us, and .. Ps 100:3
*m* known His ways to ..... Ps 103:7
LORD, who *m* heaven and .. Ps 115:15
the day the LORD has *m* .... Ps 118:24
by wisdom *m* the heavens ... Ps 136:5
and wonderfully *m* ..... Ps 139:14
generous soul will be *m* ... Prov 11:25
*m* everything beautiful ..... Eccl 3:11
A feast is *m* for laughter ... Eccl 10:19
hear long ago how I *m* ..... Is 37:26
I have *m* the earth, and ..... Is 45:12
things My hand has *m* ..... Is 66:2
He has *m* the earth by His .. Jer 10:12
I have *m* you a watchman .. Ezek 3:17
king *m* a great feast for a .... Dan 5:1
your faith has *m* you well ... Matt 9:22
you have *m* it a den of .... Matt 21:13
*m* another five talents ..... Matt 25:16
God *'m* them male and .... Mark 10:6
temple *m* with hands ..... Mark 14:58
places shall be *m* straight ... Luke 3:5
she was *m* straight, and .. Luke 13:13
All things were *m* ..... John 1:3
the water that was *m* wine .. John 2:9

in temples *m* with hands ...Acts 7:48
he *m* havoc of the church, ...Acts 8:3
are heirs, faith is *m* void ...Rom 4:14
*m* me free from the law of ..Rom 8:2
confession is *m* unto .....Rom 10:10
Has not God *m* foolish ....1 Cor 1:20
all shall be *m* alive .....1 Cor 15:22
*m* Him who knew no .....2 Cor 5:21
strength is *m* perfect .....2 Cor 12:9
Seed were the promises *m* ...Gal 3:16
And you He *m* alive, who ....Eph 2:1
and *m* us sit together in .....Eph 2:6
of God might be *m* .....Eph 3:10
but *m* Himself of no .....Phil 2:7
requests be *m* known to .....Phil 4:6
He has *m* alive together .....Col 2:13
*m* him a little lower than .....Heb 2:7
are *m* His footstool .....Heb 10:13
but *m* alive by the Spirit ...1 Pet 3:18
not been *m* perfect in ....1 John 4:18
has *m* us kings and priests ...Rev 1:6
*m* them white in the blood ..Rev 7:14
worship Him who *m* .....Rev 14:7
of the earth were *m* drunk ..Rev 17:2

MADNESS
pretended *m* in .....1 Sam 21:13
wisdom and to know *m* .....Eccl 1:17
*m* is in their hearts .....Eccl 9:3

MAGDALA
City of Galilee, Matt 15:39

MAGDALENE
*See* MARY

MAGIC
women who sew *m* .....Ezek 13:18
*m* brought their books ....Acts 19:19

MAGNIFICENCE
*m* I cannot endure .....Job 31:23

MAGNIFIED
So let Your name be *m* ...2 Sam 7:26
"Let the LORD be *m* .....Ps 35:27
The LORD be *m* .....Ps 40:16
for You have *m* Your .....Ps 138:2
The LORD is *m* beyond the....Mal 1:5
the Lord Jesus was *m* .....Acts 19:17
also Christ will be *m* .....Phil 1:20

MAGNIFIES
"My soul *m* the Lord .....Luke 1:46

MAGNIFY
*m* the LORD with me .....Ps 34:3
*m* himself above every ....Dan 11:36

MAGOG
People among Japheth's descendants, Gen 10:2
Associated with Gog, Ezek 38:2
Representatives of final enemies, Rev 20:8

MAHANAIM
Name given by Jacob to a sacred site, Gen 32:2
Becomes Ishbosheth's capital, 2 Sam 2:8–29
David flees to, during Absalom's rebellion, 2 Sam 17:24, 27

MAHER-SHALAL-HASH-BAZ
Symbolic name of Isaiah's second son; prophetic of the fall of Damascus and Samaria, Is 8:1–4

MAHLON
Husband of Ruth; without child, Ruth 1:2–5

MAIDENS
Both young men and *m* ....Ps 148:12
She has sent out her *m* .....Prov 9:3

MAIDSERVANT
"I am Ruth, your *m* .....Ruth 3:9
save the son of Your *m* .....Ps 86:16
"Behold the *m* .....Luke 1:38
lowly state of His *m* .....Luke 1:48

MAIDSERVANTS
*m* shall lead her as .....Nah 2:7
*m* I will pour out My .....Acts 2:18

MAIMED
to enter into life *m* .....Mark 9:43
the poor and the *m* .....Luke 14:21

MAINTAIN
and *m* their cause .....1 Kin 8:45
careful to *m* good works ....Titus 3:8

MAINTAINED
For You have *m* my .....Ps 9:4

MAJESTIC
thunders with His *m* voice ..Job 37:4
which are *m* in pace .....Prov 30:29
But there the *m* LORD will ....Is 33:21

MAJESTY
Honor and *m* are before ..1 Chr 16:27
the victory and the *m* ....1 Chr 29:11
with God is awesome *m* ....Job 37:22
of the LORD is full of *m* .....Ps 29:4
He is clothed with *m* .....Ps 93:1
Honor and *m* are before .....Ps 96:6
splendor of Your *m* .....Ps 145:5
LORD and the glory of His *m* ..Is 2:10
in the *m* of the name of the ...Mic 5:4
right hand of the *M* .....Heb 1:3
eyewitnesses of His *m* .....2 Pet 1:16
wise, be glory and *m* .....Jude 25

MAKE
"Let Us *m* man in Our .....Gen 1:26
desirable to *m* one wise .....Gen 3:6
let us *m* a name for .....Gen 11:4
*m* you a great nation .....Gen 12:2
*m* My covenant between ....Gen 17:2
"You shall not *m* .....Ex 20:4
I will *m* of you a great .....Ex 32:10
*m* your belly swell and ....Num 5:22
LORD *m* His face shine .....Num 6:25
*M* a fiery serpent, and .....Num 21:8
husband may *m* it void ...Num 30:13
*m* yourself an ark of .....Deut 10:1
Now *m* us a king to judge ..1 Sam 8:5
*m* me a small cake from ..1 Kin 17:13
*m* confession to the .....Ezra 10:11
I *m* my bed in the .....Job 17:13
LORD, *m* me dwell in safety ....Ps 4:8
*M* Your face shine upon .....Ps 31:16
My soul shall *m* its boast in ..Ps 34:2
shall *m* glad the city of God ..Ps 46:4
wings I will *m* my refuge .....Ps 57:1
*m* His praise glorious .....Ps 66:2
my mouth will I *m* known ....Ps 89:1
*M* a joyful shout to the .....Ps 100:1
I *m* my bed in hell, behold ...Ps 139:8
*M* haste, my beloved, and ..Song 8:14
*m* mention that His name .....Is 12:4
*m* the crooked places .....Is 45:2
I will *m* an everlasting .....Jer 32:40
writing and *m* known to ....Dan 5:15
*m* it plain on tablets, that ....Hab 2:2
*m* me walk on my high .....Hab 3:19
no one shall *m* them .....Zeph 3:13
*m* you fishers of men .....Matt 4:19
till I *m* Your enemies .....Matt 22:44
let us *m* three tabernacles ..Mark 9:5
there *m* ready for us .....Mark 14:15
*M* them sit down in .....Luke 9:14
*M* me like one of your ....Luke 15:19
*m* haste and come down, ..Luke 19:5
not *m* My Father's house ...John 2:16
the truth shall *m* you free ..John 8:32
*m* Our home with him ....John 14:23
we then *m* void the law ....Rom 3:31
*m* no provision for the ....Rom 13:14
*m* my brother stumble .....1 Cor 8:13
*m* the way of escape .....1 Cor 10:13
God is able to *m* all grace ..2 Cor 9:8
to *m* known the mystery ....Eph 6:19
Lord *m* you increase ....1 Thess 3:12
till I *m* Your enemies Your ..Heb 1:13
*m* you complete in every ..Heb 13:21
diligent to *m* your call .....2 Pet 1:10
we *m* Him a liar, and .....1 John 1:10
will *m* your stomach bitter ..Rev 10:9
Behold, I *m* all things new ..Rev 21:5

MAKER
where is God my *M* .....Job 35:10
before the LORD our *M* .....Ps 95:6
the LORD is the *m* of them ..Prov 22:2
man will look to his *M* .....Is 17:7
who strives with his *M* .....Is 45:9
*M* is your husband .....Is 54:5
has forgotten his *M* .....Hos 8:14
builder and *m* is God .....Heb 11:10

MAKES
He *m* nations great, and ....Job 12:23
He *m* my feet like the feet ...Ps 18:33
He *m* me to lie down in .....Ps 23:2
He *m* wars cease to the end ..Ps 46:9
Who *m* His angels spirits, ...Ps 104:4
son *m* a glad father, .....Prov 10:1
Hope deferred *m* the .....Prov 13:12
he *m* even his enemies to ..Prov 16:7
He *m* lightnings for the .....Jer 51:16
for He *m* His sun rise on ...Matt 5:45
*m* both the deaf to hear ...Mark 7:37
He *m* intercession .....Rom 8:27
*m* himself an enemy of ....James 4:4

MAKING
is sure, *m* wise the simple ....Ps 19:7
*m* the word of God of no ..Mark 7:13
*m* mention of you in my ....Eph 1:16
*m* melody in your heart to ..Eph 5:19

MAKKEDAH
Canaanite town assigned to Judah, Josh 15:20, 41

MALACHI
Prophet and writer, Mal 1:1

MALCHISHUA
Son of King Saul, 1 Sam 14:49
Killed at Gilboa, 1 Sam 31:2

MALCHUS
Servant of the high priest, John 18:10

MALE
He created them *m* and .....Gen 5:2
into the ark to Noah, *m* .....Gen 7:9
every *m* child in your .....Gen 17:12
who has borne a *m* or a .....Lev 12:7
lie with a *m* as with a .....Lev 18:22
utterly destroy every *m* ...Judg 21:11
came, she delivered a *m* .....Is 66:7
beginning 'made them *m* ...Matt 19:4
is neither *m* nor female .....Gal 3:28
gave birth to the *m* Child ..Rev 12:13

MALICE
in *m* be babes .....1 Cor 14:20
away from you, with all *m* ..Eph 4:31
wrath, *m*, blasphemy, .....Col 3:8
pleasures, living in *m* .....Titus 3:3
laying aside all *m* .....1 Pet 2:1

MALICIOUSNESS
covetousness, *m* .....Rom 1:29

MALIGN
*m* a servant to his .....Prov 30:10

MALTA
Site of Paul's shipwreck, Acts 28:1–8

MAMMON
cannot serve God and *m* ...Matt 6:24
by unrighteous *m* .....Luke 16:9

MAMRE
Town or district near Hebron, Gen 23:19
Abram dwells by the oaks of, Gen 13:18

MAN
*See* NEW MAN; OLD MAN; RIGHTEOUS MAN; SON OF MAN; WISE MAN

"Let Us make *m* .....Gen 1:26
she was taken out of *M* .....Gen 2:23
Therefore a *m* shall leave ...Gen 2:24
were both naked, the *m* .....Gen 2:25
I will destroy *m* whom I .....Gen 6:7
*M* wrestled with him .....Gen 32:24
God is not a *m*, that He ...Num 23:19
but *m* lives by every word ...Deut 8:3
No *m* shall be able to .....Deut 11:25
*m* looks at the outward ...1 Sam 16:7
"You are the *m* .....2 Sam 12:7
and prove yourself a *m* .....1 Kin 2:2
"What is *m*.....Job 7:17
For an empty-headed *m* ....Job 11:12
"Are you the first *m* .....Job 15:7
Blessed is the *m* who .....Ps 1:1
*m* that You are mindful .....Ps 8:4
The steps of a good *m* are ...Ps 37:23
Blessed is that *m* who .....Ps 40:4
What can *m* do to me .....Ps 118:6
Happy is the *m* who finds ..Prov 3:13
rebuke a wise *m*, and he ....Prov 9:8
A good *m* obtains favor ....Prov 12:2
that seems right to a *m* ...Prov 16:25
The spirit of a *m* is the ....Prov 20:27
Let another *m* praise you, ..Prov 27:2
shall take hold of one *m*, .....Is 4:1
Because I am a *m* of unclean ...Is 6:5
marred more than any *m* ....Is 52:14
*M* of sorrows and .....Is 53:3
mighty *m* glory in his .....Jer 9:23
Blessed is the *m* who trusts ..Jer 17:7
Son of *m*, can these .....Ezek 37:3
He has shown you, O *m*, .....Mic 6:8
Will a *m* rob God .....Mal 3:8
*M* shall not live by bread ....Matt 4:4
A good *m* out of the .....Matt 12:35
the mouth defiles a *m* .....Matt 15:11
For this reason a *m* shall ...Matt 19:5
coming of the Son of *M* ...Matt 24:27
first binds the strong *m* ...Mark 3:27
within and defile a *m* .....Mark 7:23
what will it profit a *m* .....Mark 8:36
*m* had two sons .....Luke 15:11
a certain rich *m* .....Luke 16:19
a *m* named Zacchaeus .....Luke 19:2
can a *m* be born when he ...John 3:4
blind *m* with the clay .....John 9:6
*m* should die for the .....John 11:50
"Behold the *M* .....John 19:5
name, has made this *m* .....Acts 3:16
a *m* full of faith and the .....Acts 6:5
you are inexcusable, O *m*, ...Rom 2:1
blessed is the *m* to whom ...Rom 4:8
*m* is not from woman .....1 Cor 11:8
I became a *m*, I put .....1 Cor 13:11
since by *m* came death ...1 Cor 15:21
though our outward *m* ....2 Cor 4:16
for whatever a *m* sows, that ..Gal 6:7
in Himself one new *m* .....Eph 2:15
that the *m* of God may ....2 Tim 3:17
*m* can tame the tongue ....James 3:8
a righteous *m* avails .....James 5:16
is the number of a *m* .....Rev 13:18

## MAN OF GOD

Moses the *m* blessed .....Deut 33:1
"A *m* came to me, and .....Judg 13:6
a *m* came to Eli and said ..1 Sam 2:27
there is in this city a *m* ....1 Sam 9:6
to Shemaiah the *m* .....1 Kin 12:22
a *m* went from Judah to ...1 Kin 13:1
*m* who was disobedient ..1 Kin 13:26
I to do with you, O *m* ....1 Kin 17:18
a *m* came and spoke to ...1 Kin 20:28
"*M*, the king has said .....2 Kin 1:9
this a holy *m*.....2 Kin 4:9
*M*, there is death .....2 Kin 4:40
*m* sent to the king .....2 Kin 6:9
he died, just as the *m* .....2 Kin 7:17
the *m* was angry with ....2 Kin 13:19
"It is the tomb of the *m* ..2 Kin 23:17

for so David the *m* .....2 Chr 8:14
But a *m* came to him .....2 Chr 25:7
Law of Moses the *m* .....Ezra 3:2
command of David the *m* ..Neh 12:24
son of Igdaliah, a *m* .....Jer 35:4
But you, O *m*, flee these ...1 Tim 6:11
*m* may be complete .....2 Tim 3:17

## MAN'S

curse the ground for *m* .....Gen 8:21
every *m* hand against .....Gen 16:12
We are all one *m* sons .....Gen 42:11
each *m* money was in the ..Gen 43:21
The rich *m* wealth is his ..Prov 10:15
When a *m* ways please ....Prov 16:7
A *m* heart plans his way ...Prov 16:9
The rich *m* wealth is his ..Prov 18:11
A *m* gift makes room for ..Prov 18:16
*m* steps are of the LORD ...Prov 20:24
A *m* pride will bring him ..Prov 29:23
a righteous *m* reward .....Matt 10:41
enter a strong *m* house ....Mark 3:27
from the rich *m* table .....Luke 16:21
one *m* offense many died ..Rom 5:15
on another *m* foundation ..Rom 15:20

## MANASSEH

Joseph's firstborn son, Gen 41:50, 51
Adopted by Jacob, Gen 48:5, 6
Loses his birthright to Ephraim, Gen 48:13–20
—— Tribe of:
Numbered, Num 1:34, 35
Half-tribe of, settle east of Jordan, Num 32:33–42; Deut 3:12–15
Help Joshua against Canaanites, Josh 1:12–18
Land assigned to western half-tribe, Josh 17:1–13
Eastern half-tribe builds altar, Josh 22:9–34
Some of, help David, 1 Chr 12:19–31
—— Wicked king of Judah; son of Hezekiah, 2 Kin 21:1–18; 2 Chr 33:1–9
Captured and taken to Babylon; repents and is restored, 2 Chr 33:10–13
Removes idols and altars, 2 Chr 33:14–20

## MANGER

Will he bed by your *m* .....Job 39:9
and laid Him in a *m* .....Luke 2:7
the Babe lying in a *m* .....Luke 2:16

## MANIFEST

*m* Myself to him .....John 14:21
is it that You will *m* .....John 14:22
be known of God is *m* in ...Rom 1:19
but now made *m*, and .....Rom 16:26
that I may make it *m*, as I ....Col 4:4
was *m* in these last times ..1 Pet 1:20

## MANIFESTATION

But the *m* of the .....1 Cor 12:7
deceitfully, but by *m* .....2 Cor 4:2

## MANIFESTED

Galilee, and *m* His glory ...John 2:11
"I have *m* Your name .....John 17:6
God was *m* in the flesh ....1 Tim 3:16
the life was *m* .....1 John 1:2
the Son of God was *m* .....1 John 3:8
the love of God was *m* ....1 John 4:9

## MANIFOLD

*m* are Your works .....Ps 104:24
the *m* wisdom of God .....Eph 3:10
good stewards of the *m* ....1 Pet 4:10

## MANKIND

called them *M* in the day ....Gen 5:2
of *m* may seek the LORD ..Acts 15:17
to kill a third of *m* .....Rev 9:15
But the rest of *m*, who .....Rev 9:20

## MANNA

of Israel ate *m*.....Ex 16:35
the *m* was like coriander ...Num 11:7
the *m* ceased on the day ....Josh 5:12
Your *m* from their mouth ...Neh 9:20
had rained down *m* .....Ps 78:24
Our fathers ate the *m* .....John 6:31
golden pot that had the *m* ....Heb 9:4
of the hidden *m* .....Rev 2:17

## MANNER

in all *m* of workmanship, ....Ex 31:3
Is this the *m* of man .....2 Sam 7:19
In this *m*, therefore, pray ....Matt 6:9
*m* of life from my youth, ...Acts 26:4
same *m* He also took .....1 Cor 11:25
in an unworthy *m* .....1 Cor 11:27
sorrowed in a godly *m* ....2 Cor 7:11
*m* of life, purpose, faith, ...2 Tim 3:10
as is the *m* of some .....Heb 10:25
what *m* of persons .....2 Pet 3:11
Behold what *m* of love ....1 John 3:1
*m* worthy of God .....3 John 6

## MANOAH

Danite; father of Samson, Judg 13:1–25

## MANSIONS

house are many *m* .....John 14:2

## MANTLE

Then he took the *m* .....2 Kin 2:14

## MAON

Village in Judah, Josh 15:55
David stays at, 1 Sam 23:24, 25
Nabal's house here, 1 Sam 25:2

## MARA

Name chosen by Naomi, Ruth 1:20

## MARAH

First Israelite camp after passing through the Red Sea, Num 33:8, 9

## MARCHED

people, when You *m* .....Ps 68:7

## MARK (John)

Son of Mary of Jerusalem; travels with Barnabas and Saul, Acts 12:12, 25
Leaves Paul at Perga, Acts 13:13
Barnabas and Paul separate because of him, Acts 15:37–40
Later approved by Paul, Col 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11
Companion of Peter, 1 Pet 5:13
Author of the second Gospel, Mark 1:1

## MARK

And the LORD set a *m*.....Gen 4:15
*M* the blameless man .....Ps 37:37
slave, to receive a *m* .....Rev 13:16
whoever receives the *m* ....Rev 14:11

## MARKET

is sold in the meat *m* .....1 Cor 10:25

## MARRED

so His visage was *m* .....Is 52:14
he made of clay was *m* .....Jer 18:4

## MARRIAGE

join in *m* with the people ...Ezra 9:14
were not given in *m* .....Ps 78:63
nor are given in *m* .....Matt 22:30
they were given in *m* .....Luke 17:27
her in *m* does well .....1 Cor 7:38
*M* is honorable among .....Heb 13:4
the *m* of the Lamb has .....Rev 19:7

## MARRIED

and *m* Pharaoh's daughter ..1 Kin 3:1
woman when she is *m* ....Prov 30:23
"for I am *m* to you .....Jer 3:14
first died after he had *m* ..Matt 22:25
said, 'I have *m* a wife .....Luke 14:20
*m* wives, they were .....Luke 17:27
But he who is *m* .....1 Cor 7:33
But she who is *m* .....1 Cor 7:34

## MARRIES

If a man *m* a woman and ..Lev 20:14

as a young man *m* a virgin .... Is 62:5
*m* another, commits ..... Matt 19:9
she *m* another man, she ..... Rom 7:3
if a virgin *m*, she has not .. 1 Cor 7:28

MARROW
and of joints and *m* ..... Heb 4:12

MARRY
*m* her, and raise up an ..... Gen 38:8
battle and another man *m* .. Deut 20:7
it is better not to *m* ..... Matt 19:10
they neither *m* nor are .... Matt 22:30
The sons of this age *m* .... Luke 20:34
let them *m* ..... 1 Cor 7:9
forbidding to *m* ..... 1 Tim 4:3
the younger widows *m* .... 1 Tim 5:14

MARRYING
and drinking, *m* ..... Matt 24:38

MARTHA
Sister of Mary and Lazarus; loved by Jesus, John 11:1–5
Affirms her faith, John 11:19–28
Offers hospitality to Jesus, Luke 10:38; John 12:1, 2
Gently rebuked by Christ, Luke 10:39–42

MARTYR
*m* Stephen was shed ..... Acts 22:20
was My faithful *m* ..... Rev 2:13

MARTYRS
the blood of the *m* ..... Rev 17:6

MARVEL
do not *m* at the matter ..... Eccl 5:8
Do not *m* that I said to you .. John 3:7
Do not *m* at this ..... John 5:28
Israel, why do you *m* at .... Acts 3:12
I *m* that you are turning ..... Gal 1:6
Do not *m*, my brethren ... 1 John 3:13

MARVELED
Jesus heard it, He *m* ..... Matt 8:10
And the multitudes *m* ..... Matt 9:33
these words, they *m* ..... Matt 22:22
the governor *m* greatly .... Matt 27:14
He *m* because of their ..... Mark 6:6
so that Pilate *m* ..... Mark 15:5
His mother *m* at those ..... Luke 2:33
believe for joy, and *m* .... Luke 24:41
were all amazed and *m* ..... Acts 2:7
And all the world *m* ..... Rev 13:3
when I saw her, I *m* ..... Rev 17:6

MARVELOUS
Remember His *m* works .. 1 Chr 16:12
*m* things without number ..... Job 5:9
will tell of all Your *m* works ... Ps 9:1
*m* things He did ..... Ps 78:12
For He has done *m* things .... Ps 98:1
It is *m* in our eyes ..... Ps 118:23
*M* are Your works ..... Ps 139:14
I will again do a *m* work ..... Is 29:14
LORD has done *m* things .... Joel 2:21
If it is *m* in the eyes of ..... Zech 8:6
Why, this is a *m* thing ..... John 9:30
of darkness into His *m* ..... 1 Pet 2:9
*m* are Your works, Lord .... Rev 15:3

MARVELS
people I will do *m* ..... Ex 34:10

MARY
Mother of Christ, Matt 1:16
Visited by angel, Luke 1:26–38
Visits Elizabeth and offers praise, Luke 1:39–56
Gives birth to Jesus, Luke 2:6–20
Flees to Egypt, Matt 2:13–18
Visits Jerusalem with Jesus, Luke 2:41–52
Entrusted to John's care, John 19:25–27
—— Mother of James and Joses; present at crucifixion and burial, Matt 27:55–61
Sees the risen Lord; informs disciples, Matt 28:1–10
—— Magdalene; delivered from seven demons; supports Christ's ministry, Luke 8:2, 3
Present at crucifixion and burial, Matt 27:55–61
First to see the risen Lord, Mark 16:1–10; John 20:1–18
—— Sister of Martha and Lazarus; loved by Jesus, John 11:1–5
Grieves for Lazarus, John 11:19, 20, 28–33
Anoints Jesus, Matt 26:6–13; John 12:1–8
Commended by Jesus, Luke 10:38–42
—— Mark's mother, Acts 12:12–17

MASSAH AND MERIBAH
First, at Rephidim, Israel just out of Egypt, Ex 17:1–7
Second, at Kadesh Barnea, 40 years later, Num 20:1–13

MASTER
of Abraham his *m* ..... Gen 24:9
If she does not please her *m* .. Ex 21:8
for your *m* Saul is dead .... 2 Sam 2:7
If only my *m* were with ..... 2 Kin 5:3
*m*! For it was borrowed ..... 2 Kin 6:5
no longer call Me 'My *M* .... Hos 2:16
a servant like his *m* ..... Matt 10:25
before him, saying, '*M* .... Matt 18:26
servant whom his *m* ..... Matt 24:46
*M*, *M*, we are perishing .... Luke 8:24
*M*, it is good for us to be ... Luke 9:33
*m* of that servant will ..... Luke 12:46
So the *m* commended the .. Luke 16:8
Jesus, *M*, have mercy ..... Luke 17:13
the *m* of the feast called .... John 2:9
is not greater than his *m* .. John 13:16
greater than his *m* ..... John 15:20
*m* builder I have laid ..... 1 Cor 3:10
own *M* also is in heaven ..... Eph 6:9
and useful for the *M* ..... 2 Tim 2:21

MASTERS
look to the hand of their *m* .. Ps 123:2
the soul of his *m* ..... Prov 25:13
*m* besides You have ..... Is 26:13
can serve two *m* ..... Luke 16:13
her *m* much profit ..... Acts 16:16
And you, *m*, do the same .... Eph 6:9
*M*, give your bondservants ... Col 4:1
who have believing *m* ..... 1 Tim 6:2
be obedient to their own *m* .. Titus 2:9

MATTANIAH
King Zedekiah's original name, 2 Kin 24:17

MATTER
*m* is found in me ..... Job 19:28
He who answers a *m* ..... Prov 18:13

MATTERS
the weightier *m* ..... Matt 23:23
judge the smallest *m* ..... 1 Cor 6:2

MATTHEW
Becomes Christ's follower, Matt 9:9
Chosen as one of the Twelve, Matt 10:2, 3
Called Levi, the son of Alphaeus, Mark 2:14
Author of the first Gospel, Matt (title)

MATTHIAS
Chosen by lot to replace Judas, Acts 1:15–26

MATURE
among those who are *m* .... 1 Cor 2:6
understanding be *m* ..... 1 Cor 14:20
us, as many as are *m* ..... Phil 3:15

MEAN
What do you *m* ..... Ex 12:26
What does this parable *m* ... Luke 8:9
what these things *m* ..... Acts 17:20
I do not *m* that others ..... 2 Cor 8:13

MEANING
'What is the *m* ..... Deut 6:20
if I do not know the *m* .... 1 Cor 14:11

MEANS
or one tittle will by no *m* ... Matt 5:18
you will by no *m* enter ..... Matt 5:20
he shall by no *m* lose his .. Matt 10:42
you will by no *m* enter ..... Matt 18:3
words will by no *m* pass .. Matt 24:35
will by no *m* hurt them ... Mark 16:18
shall by any *m* hurt you .. Luke 10:19
to Me I will by no *m* cast .. John 6:37
I must by all *m* keep this .. Acts 18:21
I might by all *m* save ..... 1 Cor 9:22
if, by any *m*, I may attain ... Phil 3:11
godliness is a *m* of gain .... 1 Tim 6:5
by no *m* be put to shame .... 1 Pet 2:6

MEANT
but God *m* it for good ..... Gen 50:20

MEASURE
a perfect and just *m* ..... Deut 25:15
give us a *m* of revival in ..... Ezra 9:8
apportion the waters by *m* . Job 28:25
what is the *m* of my days ..... Ps 39:4
and the short *m* ..... Mic 6:10
and with the *m* you use, it ... Matt 7:2
good *m*, pressed down, .... Luke 6:38
give the Spirit by *m* ..... John 3:34
to each one a *m* ..... Rom 12:3
lest I be exalted above *m* .. 2 Cor 12:7
to the *m* of the stature of ... Eph 4:13
*m* the temple of God ..... Rev 11:1

MEASURED
*m* heaven with a span ..... Is 40:12
If heaven above can be *m* .. Jer 31:37
nor the sand of the sea *m* ... Jer 33:22
cannot be *m* or numbered .. Hos 1:10
you use, it will be *m* ..... Matt 7:2
it will be *m* back to you .... Luke 6:38
Then he *m* its wall ..... Rev 21:17

MEASURES
your house differing *m* .... Deut 25:14
weights and diverse *m* .... Prov 20:10

MEASURING
will make justice the *m* line .. Is 28:17
the man's hand was a *m* ... Ezek 40:5
behold, a man with a *m* ..... Zech 2:1
*m* themselves by ..... 2 Cor 10:12
given a reed like a *m* ..... Rev 11:1

MEAT
you *m* to eat in the evening .. Ex 16:8
But while the *m* was still .. Num 11:33
Can He provide *m* ..... Ps 78:20
He also rained *m* ..... Ps 78:27
good neither to eat *m* ..... Rom 14:21
will never again eat *m* ..... 1 Cor 8:13
is sold in the *m* ..... 1 Cor 10:25

MEDDLE
why should you *m* ..... 2 Kin 14:10

MEDEBA
Moabite town assigned to Judah, Num 21:29, 30; Josh 13:9, 16

MEDES, MEDIA
Part of Medo-Persian Empire, Esth 1:19
Israel deported to, 2 Kin 17:6
Babylon falls to, Dan 5:30, 31
Daniel rises high in kingdom of, Dan 6:1–28
Cyrus, king of, allows Jews to return, 2 Chr 36:22, 23
Agents in Babylon's fall, Is 13:17–19

MEDIATE
a mediator does not *m* ..... Gal 3:20

MEDIATOR
Nor is there any *m* ..... Job 9:33

by the hand of a *m* .....Gal 3:19
is one God and one *M* .....1 Tim 2:5
as He is also *M* .....Heb 8:6
to Jesus the *M* of the .....Heb 12:24

MEDICINE
does good, like *m* .....Prov 17:22

MEDICINES
you will use many *m* .....Jer 46:11

MEDITATE
Isaac went out to *m* .....Gen 24:63
but you shall *m* .....Josh 1:8
*M* within your heart on .....Ps 4:4
I *m* within my heart .....Ps 77:6
I will *m* on Your .....Ps 119:15
Your heart will *m* .....Is 33:18
*m* beforehand on what ...Luke 21:14
*m* on these things .....Phil 4:8

MEDITATES
in His law he *m* .....Ps 1:2

MEDITATION
O LORD, consider my *m* .....Ps 5:1
of my mouth and the *m* .....Ps 19:14
the *m* of my heart shall .....Ps 49:3
*m* be sweet to Him .....Ps 104:34
It is my *m* all the day .....Ps 119:97

MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Described as:
Sea, Gen 49:13
Great Sea, Josh 1:4; 9:1
Sea of the Philistines, Ex 23:31
Western Sea, Deut 11:24; Joel 2:20; Zech 14:8

MEDIUM
a woman who is a *m* .....Lev 20:27
a woman who is a *m* .....1 Sam 28:7

MEDIUM'S
shall be like a *m* .....Is 29:4

MEDIUMS
"Seek those who are *m* .....Is 8:19

MEEK
But the *m* shall inherit the ...Ps 37:11
with equity for the *m* .....Is 11:4
all you *m* of the earth .....Zeph 2:3
Blessed are the *m* .....Matt 5:5

MEEKNESS
with you by the *m* .....2 Cor 10:1
are done in the *m* .....James 3:13
that is in you, with *m* .....1 Pet 3:15

MEET
from the tent door to *m* .....Gen 18:2
For You *m* him with the .....Ps 21:3
mercies come speedily to *m* ..Ps 79:8
prepare to *m* your God ....Amos 4:12
out to *m* the bridegroom ...Matt 25:1
go out to *m* him .....Matt 25:6
a man will *m* you .....Luke 22:10
*m* the Lord in the air ....1 Thess 4:17

MEETING
In the tabernacle of *m* .....Ex 27:21
burned up all the *m* .....Ps 74:8

MEGIDDO
City of Canaan; scene of battles, Judg 5:19–21; 2 Kin 23:29, 30
Fortified by Solomon, 1 Kin 9:15
Possible site of Armageddon, Rev 16:16

MELCHIZEDEK
Priest and king of Salem, Gen 14:18–20
Type of Christ's eternal priesthood, Heb 7:1–22

MELODY
make sweet *m* .....Is 23:16
singing and making *m* .....Eph 5:19

MELT
You make his beauty *m* .....Ps 39:11
The mountains *m* like wax ...Ps 97:5
man's heart will *m* .....Is 13:7
mountains will *m* under .....Mic 1:4
the elements will *m* .....2 Pet 3:10

MEMBER
body is not one *m* .....1 Cor 12:14
if they were all one *m* ....1 Cor 12:19
if one *m* suffers, all the ...1 Cor 12:26
tongue is a little *m* .....James 3:5

MEMBERS
you that one of your *m* .....Matt 5:29
do not present your *m* .....Rom 6:13
have many *m* in one body ..Rom 12:4
that your bodies are *m* ....1 Cor 6:15
there are many *m* .....1 Cor 12:20
neighbor, for we are *m* .....Eph 4:25
*m* that it defiles the .....James 3:6

MEMORIAL
and this is My *m* .....Ex 3:15
day shall be to you a *m* .....Ex 12:14
as a *m* between your eyes, ...Ex 13:9
also be told as a *m* .....Matt 26:13
be told of as a *m* .....Mark 14:9
come up for a *m* before ....Acts 10:4

MEMORY
The *m* of him perishes .....Job 18:17
He may cut off the *m* .....Ps 109:15
The *m* of the righteous .....Prov 10:7

MEMPHIS (or Noph)
Ancient capital of Egypt, Hos 9:6
Prophesied against by Isaiah, Is 19:13
Jews flee to, Jer 44:1
Denounced by the prophets, Jer 46:19

MEN
*See* WISE MEN
*m* began to call on the .....Gen 4:26
saw the daughters of *m* .....Gen 6:2
But the *m* of Sodom were ..Gen 13:13
Hebrew *m* were fighting .....Ex 2:13
Send *m* to spy out the .....Num 13:2
So Gideon took ten *m* .....Judg 6:27
with the LORD and *m* .....1 Sam 2:26
reproach of *m*, and despised ..Ps 22:6
All *m* shall fear, and shall ....Ps 64:9
received gifts among *m* .....Ps 68:18
you shall die like *m* .....Ps 82:7
with wise *m* will be wise ..Prov 13:20
are the crown of old *m* .....Prov 17:6
not be envious of evil *m* ....Prov 24:1
*m* should fear before Him ..Eccl 3:14
the Egyptians are *m* .....Is 31:3
despised and rejected by *m* ...Is 53:3
I see four *m* loose .....Dan 3:25
make you fishers of *m* .....Matt 4:19
light so shine before *m* .....Matt 5:16
forgive *m* their trespasses ..Matt 6:14
confesses Me before *m* ....Matt 10:32
will not be forgiven *m* ....Matt 12:31
every idle word *m* may ...Matt 12:36
was carried by four *m* .....Mark 2:3
Who do *m* say that I am ...Mark 8:27
With *m* it is impossible ...Mark 10:27
goodwill toward *m* .....Luke 2:14
when all *m* speak well of ..Luke 6:26
*m* always ought to pray ....Luke 18:1
from heaven or from *m* ....Luke 20:4
the life was the light of *m* ...John 1:4
loved the praise of *m* .....John 12:43
old *m* shall dream dreams ..Acts 2:17
have not lied to *m* but to ....Acts 5:4
*m* everywhere to repent ...Acts 17:30
Likewise also the *m* .....Rom 1:27
in the sight of all *m* .....Rom 12:17
let no one boast in *m* .....1 Cor 3:21
all things to all *m* .....1 Cor 9:22
with the tongues of *m* .....1 Cor 13:1
speak to *m* but to God .....1 Cor 14:2
the Lord, and not to *m* .....Eph 6:7
to the tradition of *m*, .....Col 2:8
between God and *m* .....1 Tim 2:5
rejected indeed by *m* .....1 Pet 2:4
In those days *m* will seek ....Rev 9:6
to scorch *m* with fire .....Rev 16:8

MENAHEM
Cruel king of Israel, 2 Kin 15:14–18

MENSERVANTS
And also on My *m* .....Joel 2:29
And on My *m* and on My ...Acts 2:18

MENTION
I will make *m* of Your .....Ps 71:16
make *m* that His name is .....Is 12:4
by You only we make *m* .....Is 26:13
He has made *m* of My name ..Is 49:1
You who make *m* of the .....Is 62:6
will *m* the lovingkindnesses ...Is 63:7
Make *m* to the nations, .....Jer 4:16
*m* of you always in my .....Rom 1:9
he was dying, made *m* ....Heb 11:22

MEPHIBOSHETH
Son of King Saul, 2 Sam 21:8
—— Grandson of King Saul; crippled son of Jonathan, 2 Sam 4:4–6
Sought out and honored by David, 2 Sam 9:1–13
Accused by Ziba, 2 Sam 16:1–4
Later explains himself to David, 2 Sam 19:24–30
Spared by David, 2 Sam 21:7

MERAB
King Saul's eldest daughter, 1 Sam 14:49
Saul promises her to David, but gives her to Adriel, 1 Sam 18:17–19

MERARI
Third son of Levi, Gen 46:11
—— Descendants of, called Merarites:
Duties in the tabernacle, Num 3:35–37
Cities assigned to, Josh 21:7, 34–40
Duties in the temple, 1 Chr 26:10–19
Assist Ezra after Exile, Ezra 8:18, 19

MERCHANDISE
perceives that her *m* .....Prov 31:18
house a house of *m* .....John 2:16

MERCHANTS
set it in a city of *m* .....Ezek 17:4
have multiplied your *m* .....Nah 3:16
*m* were the great men .....Rev 18:23

MERCIES
for His *m* are great .....2 Sam 24:14
in Your manifold *m* You .... Neh 9:19
multitude of Your tender *m* ...Ps 51:1
I will sing of the *m* of the .....Ps 89:1
and His tender *m* .....Ps 145:9
give you the sure *m* .....Acts 13:34
brethren, by the *m* of God ..Rom 12:1
the Father of *m* .....2 Cor 1:3
beloved, put on tender *m* ....Col 3:12

MERCIFUL
LORD, the LORD God, *m* .....Ex 34:6
your God is a *m* God .....Deut 4:31
With the *m* You will show ...Ps 18:25
He is ever *m* .....Ps 37:26
God be *m* to us and .....Ps 67:1
for He is gracious and *m* ....Joel 2:13
Blessed are the *m* .....Matt 5:7
Therefore be *m*, just as ....Luke 6:36
saying, 'God be *m* .....Luke 18:13
For I will be *m* .....Heb 8:12
compassionate and *m* ....James 5:11

MERCY
*See* HAVE MERCY; HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
but showing *m* to .....Ex 20:6
You shall put the *m* seat ....Ex 26:34
and abundant in *m* .....Num 14:18
*m* endures forever .....1 Chr 16:34
I have trusted in Your *m* .....Ps 13:5
to Your *m* remember me .....Ps 25:7
I trust in the *m* .....Ps 52:8

shall send forth His *m* . . . . . Ps 57:3
You, O Lord, belongs *m* . . . . . Ps 62:12
*m* ceased forever . . . . . Ps 77:8
*M* and truth have met . . . . . Ps 85:10
*M* shall be built . . . . . Ps 89:2
*m* and truth go before . . . . . Ps 89:14
*m* is everlasting . . . . . Ps 100:5
I will sing of *m* . . . . . Ps 101:1
For Your *m* is great . . . . . Ps 108:4
is full of Your *m* . . . . . Ps 119:64
the LORD there is *m* . . . . . Ps 130:7
to anger and great in *m* . . . . . Ps 145:8
Let not *m* and truth . . . . . Prov 3:3
who honors Him has *m* . . . Prov 14:31
cruel and have no *m* . . . . . Jer 6:23
Lord our God belong *m* . . . . . Dan 9:9
For I desire *m* and not . . . . . Hos 6:6
do justly, to love *m* . . . . . Mic 6:8
'I desire *m* and not . . . . . Matt 9:13
And His *m* is on those . . . . . Luke 1:50
"I will have *m* . . . . . Rom 9:15
of God who shows *m* . . . . . Rom 9:16
that He might have *m* . . . . . Rom 11:32
*m* has made trustworthy . . . 1 Cor 7:25
as we have received *m* . . . . . 2 Cor 4:1
God, who is rich in *m* . . . . . Eph 2:4
but I obtained *m* . . . . . 1 Tim 1:13
that he may find *m* . . . . . 2 Tim 1:18
to His *m* He saved us . . . . . Titus 3:5
that we may obtain *m* . . . . . Heb 4:16
judgment is without *m* . . . . James 2:13
God, looking for the *m* . . . . . Jude 21

MERCY SEAT
make a *m* . . . . . Ex 25:17
put the *m* on top of the . . . . . Ex 40:20
the veil, before the *m* . . . . . Lev 16:2
incense may cover the *m* . . Lev 16:13
to him from above the *m* . . . Num 7:89
and the place of the *m* . . . 1 Chr 28:11
glory overshadowing the *m* . . Heb 9:5

MERIB-BAAL
Another name for Mephibosheth, 1 Chr 8:34

MERODACH
Supreme deity of the Babylonians, Jer 50:2
Otherwise called Bel, Is 46:1

MERODACH-BALADAN
Sends ambassadors to Hezekiah, Is 39:1–8
Also called Berodach-Baladan, 2 Kin 20:12

MEROM
Lake on Jordan, Josh 11:5, 7

MEROZ
Town cursed for failing to help the Lord, Judg 5:23

MERRY
*m* heart makes a . . . . . Prov 15:13
A *m* heart does good . . . . . Prov 17:22
eat, drink, and be *m* . . . . . Eccl 8:15
eat, drink, and be *m* . . . . . Luke 12:19
we should make *m* . . . . . Luke 15:32

MESHACH
Babylonian name given to Mishael, Dan 1:7
Advanced to high position, Dan 2:49
Remains faithful in testing, Dan 3:13–30

MESHECH
Son of Japheth, Gen 10:2
His descendants, mentioned in prophecy, Ezek 27:13; 32:26; 38:2, 3

MESOPOTAMIA
Home of Abraham's relatives, Gen 24:4, 10, 15
Called Padan Aram and Syria, Gen 25:20; 31:20, 24
Israel enslaved to, Judg 3:8–10
Jews from, present at Pentecost, Acts 2:9

MESSAGE
He who sends a *m* by the . . Prov 26:6
I have heard a *m* . . . . . Jer 49:14
*m* was revealed to Daniel . . . Dan 10:1
to it the *m* that I tell you . . . . . Jon 3:2
For the *m* of the cross . . . . . 1 Cor 1:18
is the *m* which we have . . . 1 John 1:5

MESSENGER
Jezebel sent a *m* to Elijah . 1 Kin 19:2
a *m* came to Job and said, . . . Job 1:14
is a faithful *m* . . . . . Prov 25:13
"Behold, I send My *m* . . . . . Mal 3:1
'Behold, I send My *m* . . . . . Matt 11:10
a *m* of Satan to buffet me . . 2 Cor 12:7

MESSIAH
until *M* the Prince . . . . . Dan 9:25
"We have found the *M* . . . . . John 1:41

MET
the angels of God *m* him . . . . Gen 32:1
and truth have *m* together . . . Ps 85:10
there *m* Him ten men . . . . . Luke 17:12
*m* Him, but Mary was . . . . John 11:20
coming in, Cornelius *m* . . . Acts 10:25
spirit of divination *m* us . . . Acts 16:16
who *m* Abraham returning . . . Heb 7:1

METHUSELAH
Oldest man on record, Gen 5:27

MICAH
Prophet, contemporary of Isaiah, Is 1:1; Mic 1:1

MICAIAH (or Michaiah)
Prophet who predicts Ahab's death, 1 Kin 22:8–28
—— Contemporary of Jeremiah, Jer 36:11–13

MICHAEL
Chief prince, Dan 10:13, 21
Disputes with Satan, Jude 9
Fights the dragon, Rev 12:7–9

MICHAL
Daughter of King Saul, 1 Sam 14:49
Loves and marries David, 1 Sam 18:20–28
Saves David from Saul, 1 Sam 19:9–17
Given to Palti, 1 Sam 25:44
David demands her from Abner, 2 Sam 3:13–16
Ridicules David; becomes barren, 2 Sam 6:16–23

MICHMASH
Site of battle with Philistines, 1 Sam 13:5, 11, 16, 23
Scene of Jonathan's victory, 1 Sam 14:1–16

MIDDLE
in the *m* of a wheel . . . . . Ezek 10:10
boat was in the *m* of the . . Mark 6:47
about the *m* of the feast . . . . John 7:14
broken down the *m* wall . . . . Eph 2:14

MIDIAN
Son of Abraham by Keturah, Gen 25:1–4
—— Region in the Arabian desert occupied by the Midianites, Gen 25:6; Ex 2:15

MIDIANITES
Descendants of Abraham by Keturah, Gen 25:1, 2
Moses flees to, Ex 2:15
Join Moab in cursing Israel, Num 22:4–7
Intermarriage with incurs God's wrath, Num 25:1–18
Defeated by Israel, Num 31:1–10
Oppress Israel; defeated by Gideon, Judg 6; 7

MIDST
God is in the *m* . . . . . Ps 46:5
that I am in the *m* . . . . . Joel 2:27
I am there in the *m* . . . . . Matt 18:20

MIGDOL
Israelite encampment, Ex 14:2
Place Jews flee to in Egypt, Jer 44:1

MIGHT
'My power and the *m* . . . . . Deut 8:17
hand is power and *m* . . . . . 1 Chr 29:12
shall speak of the *m* . . . . . Ps 145:6
to do, do it with your *m* . . . . Eccl 9:10
the Spirit of counsel and *m* . . . Is 11:2
the greatness of His *m* . . . . . Is 40:26
man glory in his *m* . . . . . Jer 9:23
their *m* has failed . . . . . Jer 51:30
'Not by *m* nor by . . . . . Zech 4:6
and power and *m* . . . . . Eph 1:21
in the power of His *m* . . . . . Eph 6:10
greater in power and *m* . . . . 2 Pet 2:11
honor and power and *m* . . . . Rev 7:12

MIGHTIER
The LORD on high is *m* . . . . . Ps 93:4
coming after me is *m* . . . . . Matt 3:11

MIGHTILY
to shake the earth *m* . . . . . Is 2:19
sackcloth, and cry *m* to God . . Jon 3:8
word of the Lord grew *m* . . Acts 19:20
which works in me *m* . . . . . Col 1:29
cried *m* with a loud voice, . . . Rev 18:2

MIGHTY
Those were the *m* men who . . Gen 6:4
He was a *m* hunter . . . . . Gen 10:9
and grew exceedingly *m* . . . . . Ex 1:7
son's son the *m* things I . . . . . Ex 10:2
for they are too *m* . . . . . Num 22:6
with His *m* power . . . . . Deut 4:37
How the *m* have fallen . . . . 2 Sam 1:19
is wise in heart and *m* . . . . . Job 9:4
The LORD *m* in battle . . . . . Ps 24:8
*m* man is not delivered by . . . Ps 33:16
The *M* One, God the LORD, . . . Ps 50:1
the *m* acts of the LORD . . . . . Ps 106:2
Praise Him for His *m* acts . . . Ps 150:2
their Redeemer is *m* . . . . . Prov 23:11
Woe to men *m* at . . . . . Is 5:22
*M* God, Everlasting Father, . . . . . Is 9:6
Redeemer, the *M* One of . . . . . Is 49:26
in righteousness, *m* to save . . . Is 63:1
great in counsel and *m* . . . . . Jer 32:19
righteousness like a *m* . . . . Amos 5:24
*m* men are made red . . . . . Nah 2:3
For if the *m* works . . . . . Matt 11:21
not do many *m* works . . . . Matt 13:58
*m* has done great . . . . . Luke 1:49
He has put down the *m* . . . . Luke 1:52
as of a rushing *m* wind . . . . . Acts 2:2
the flesh, not many *m* . . . . . 1 Cor 1:26
*m* in God for pulling . . . . . 2 Cor 10:4
the working of His *m* . . . . . Eph 1:19
from heaven with His *m* . . 2 Thess 1:7
city Babylon, that *m* city . . . Rev 18:10

MILCOM
Ammonite god worshiped by Solomon, 1 Kin 11:5
Altar of, destroyed by Josiah, 2 Kin 23:12, 13

MILETUS
Paul meets Ephesian elders here, Acts 20:15–38
Paul leaves Trophimus here, 2 Tim 4:20

MILK
to a land flowing with *m* . . . . . Ex 3:8
for water, she gave *m* . . . . . Judg 5:25
not pour me out like *m* . . . . . Job 10:10
honey and *m* are under . . . . Song 4:11

come, buy wine and *m* ..... Is 55:1
and whiter than *m* ..... Lam 4:7
shall flow with *m* ..... Joel 3:18
have come to need *m* ..... Heb 5:12
*m* is unskilled in the ..... Heb 5:13
desire the pure *m* ..... 1 Pet 2:2

MILK AND HONEY
to a land flowing with *m* ..... Ex 3:8
It truly flows with *m* ..... Num 13:27
land flowing with *m* ..... Deut 6:3
land flowing with *m* ..... Josh 5:6
land flowing with *m* ..... Jer 11:5
*m*, the glory of all ..... Ezek 20:6

MILL
be grinding at the *m* ..... Matt 24:41

MILLO
Fort at Jerusalem, 2 Sam 5:9
Prepared by Solomon, 1 Kin 9:15
Strengthened by Hezekiah, 2 Chr 32:5
Scene of Joash's death, 2 Kin 12:20, 21

MILLSTONE
*m* were hung around his ... Matt 18:6
a stone like a great *m* ..... Rev 18:21

MIND
the people had a *m* to work .. Neh 4:6
put wisdom in the *m* ..... Job 38:36
perfect peace, whose *m* ..... Is 26:3
and with all your *m* ..... Matt 22:37
and in his right *m* ..... Mark 5:15
nor have an anxious *m* ... Luke 12:29
*m* I myself serve the ..... Rom 7:25
Because the carnal *m* is ..... Rom 8:7
the *m* of the Spirit is ..... Rom 8:27
who has known the *m* .... Rom 11:34
renewing of your *m* ..... Rom 12:2
Be of the same *m* ..... Rom 12:16
convinced in his own *m* .... Rom 14:5
have the *m* of Christ ..... 1 Cor 2:16
you are out of your *m* .... 1 Cor 14:23
Let this *m* be in you ..... Phil 2:5
Set your *m* on things above, .. Col 3:2
to *m* your own ..... 1 Thess 4:11
love and of a sound *m* ..... 2 Tim 1:7
put My laws in their *m* ..... Heb 8:10
the loins of your *m* ..... 1 Pet 1:13

MINDFUL
is man that You are *m* ..... Ps 8:4
The LORD has been *m* ..... Ps 115:12
for you are not *m* ..... Matt 16:23
is man that You are *m* ..... Heb 2:6

MINDS
people change their *m* ..... Ex 13:17
put My law in their *m* ..... Jer 31:33
I stir up your pure *m* ..... 2 Pet 3:1
He who searches the *m* ..... Rev 2:23

MINISTER
to make you a *m* ..... Acts 26:16
for he is God's *m* ..... Rom 13:4
you will be a good *m* ..... 1 Tim 4:6
spirits sent forth to *m* for ... Heb 1:14
a *M* of the sanctuary ..... Heb 8:2

MINISTERED
But the child *m* ..... 1 Sam 2:11
a thousand thousands *m* .... Dan 7:10
angels came and *m* to ..... Matt 4:11
As they *m* to the Lord ..... Acts 13:2

MINISTERS
angels spirits, His *m* ..... Ps 104:4
for they are God's *m* ..... Rom 13:6
commend ourselves as *m* ... 2 Cor 6:4
Are they *m* of Christ ..... 2 Cor 11:23
If anyone *m* ..... 1 Pet 4:11

MINISTRIES
are differences of *m* ..... 1 Cor 12:5

MINISTRY
I magnify my *m* ..... Rom 11:13
But if the *m* of death ..... 2 Cor 3:7
since we have this *m* ..... 2 Cor 4:1
and has given us the *m* .... 2 Cor 5:18
for the work of *m* ..... Eph 4:12
*m* which you have ..... Col 4:17
fulfill your *m* ..... 2 Tim 4:5
a more excellent *m* ..... Heb 8:6

MINT
For you pay tithe of *m* .... Matt 23:23

MIRACLE
saying, 'Show a *m* ..... Ex 7:9
no one who works a *m* .... Mark 9:39
see some *m* done by Him .. Luke 23:8
that a notable *m* ..... Acts 4:16

MIRACLES
God worked unusual *m* ... Acts 19:11
the working of *m* ..... 1 Cor 12:10
Are all workers of *m* ..... 1 Cor 12:29
with various *m* ..... Heb 2:4

MIRIAM
Sister of Aaron and Moses, Num 26:59
Chosen by God; called a prophetess, Ex 15:20
Punished for rebellion, Num 12:1–16
Buried at Kadesh, Num 20:1

MIRTH
I will test you with *m* ..... Eccl 2:1
is in the house of *m* ..... Eccl 7:4
joy is darkened, the *m* ..... Is 24:11

MISER
eat the bread of a *m* ..... Prov 23:6

MISERIES
*m* that are coming ..... James 5:1

MISERY
would forget your *m* ..... Job 11:16
and remember his *m* ..... Prov 31:7

MISTREATED
But the Egyptians *m* ..... Deut 26:6
those who are *m* ..... Heb 13:3

MISTREATS
*m* his father and ..... Prov 19:26

MITES
widow putting in two *m* ... Luke 21:2

MITYLENE
Visited by Paul, Acts 20:13–15

MIZPAH
Site of covenant between Jacob and Laban, Gen 31:44–53
—— Town of Benjamin; outraged Israelites gather here, Josh 18:21, 26; Judg 20:1, 3
Samuel gathers Israel, 1 Sam 7:5–16; 10:17–25
Residence of Gedaliah, 2 Kin 25:23, 25

MOAB
Son of Lot, Gen 19:33–37
—— Country of the Moabites, Deut 1:5

MOABITES
Descendants of Lot, Gen 19:36, 37
Join Midian in cursing Israel, Num 22:4
Excluded from Israel, Deut 23:3–6
Kindred of Ruth, Ruth 1:4
Subdued by Israel, 1 Sam 14:47; 2 Sam 8:2; 2 Kin 3:4–27
Women of, lead Solomon astray, 1 Kin 11:1–8
Prophecies concerning, Is 11:14; 15:1–9; Jer 48:1–47; Amos 2:1–3

MOAN
*m* sadly like doves ..... Is 59:11

MOCK
I will *m* when your ..... Prov 1:26
Fools *m* at sin ..... Prov 14:9
to the Gentiles to *m* ..... Matt 20:19

MOCKED
at noon, that Elijah *m* .... 1 Kin 18:27
"I am one *m* by his ..... Job 12:4
knee before Him and *m* ... Matt 27:29
deceived, God is not *m* ..... Gal 6:7

MOCKER
Wine is a *m* ..... Prov 20:1

MOCKERS
that there would be *m* ..... Jude 18

MOCKINGS
others had trial of *m* ..... Heb 11:36

MOCKS
He who *m* the poor ..... Prov 17:5

MODERATION
with propriety and *m* ..... 1 Tim 2:9

MOLECH
God of the Ammonites; worshiped by Solomon, 1 Kin 11:7
Human sacrifice made to, Lev 18:21; 2 Kin 23:10

MOMENT
consume them in a *m* ..... Num 16:21
In a *m* they die ..... Job 34:20
For His anger is but for a *m* .. Ps 30:5
face from you for a *m* ..... Is 54:8
of the world in a *m* of time .. Luke 4:5
*m*, in the twinkling ..... 1 Cor 15:52
which is but for a *m* ..... 2 Cor 4:17

MONEY
man's *m* to his sack ..... Gen 42:25
does not put out his *m* ..... Ps 15:5
*m* answers every ..... Eccl 10:19
be redeemed without *m* ..... Is 52:3
and you who have no *m* ..... Is 55:1
of the *m* changers ..... Matt 21:12
and hid his lord's *m* ..... Matt 25:18
put *m* into the treasury ... Mark 12:41
promised to give him *m* .. Mark 14:11
Carry neither *m* ..... Luke 10:4
I sent you without *m* ..... Luke 22:35
the *m* changers doing ..... John 2:14
a thief, and had the *m* ..... John 12:6
be purchased with *m* ..... Acts 8:20
not greedy for *m* ..... 1 Tim 3:3
*m* is a root of all ..... 1 Tim 6:10
not greedy for *m* ..... Titus 1:7

MONSTER
me up like a *m* ..... Jer 51:34
of Egypt, O great *m* ..... Ezek 29:3

MONTH
ark rested in the seventh *m* .. Gen 8:4
first *m* of the year to you ..... Ex 12:2
will bear fruit every *m* .... Ezek 47:12
latter rain in the first *m* ..... Joel 2:23
in the sixth *m* the angel .... Luke 1:26
this is now the sixth *m* .... Luke 1:36
yielding its fruit every *m* .... Rev 22:2

MONTHS
child, she hid him three *m* .... Ex 2:2
with her about three *m*, .... Luke 1:56
up three years and six *m* .. Luke 4:25
You observe days and *m* .... Gal 4:10
to torment them for five *m* ... Rev 9:5
continue for forty-two *m* .... Rev 13:5

MOON
this time, the sun, the *m* .... Gen 37:9
and the *m* stopped, till .... Josh 10:13
of Your fingers, the *m* ..... Ps 8:3
until the *m* is no more ..... Ps 72:7
the *m* for seasons ..... Ps 104:19
by day, nor the *m* by night .. Ps 121:6
morning, fair as the *m* ..... Song 6:10
sun and *m* grow dark ..... Joel 2:10
the *m* into blood, before .... Joel 2:31
and *m* will grow dark, and .. Joel 3:15
sun and *m* stood still in ..... Hab 3:11
*m* will not give its ..... Mark 13:24
in the sun, in the *m* ..... Luke 21:25
or a new *m* or sabbaths, ..... Col 2:16

the *m* became like blood ....Rev 6:12
or of the *m* to shine in it ...Rev 21:23

MORDECAI
Esther's guardian; advises her, Esth 2:5–20
Reveals plot to kill the king, Esth 2:21–23
Refuses homage to Haman, Esth 3:1–6
Honored by the king, Esth 6:1–12
Exalted highly, Esth 8:15; 9:4
Institutes feast of Purim, Esth 9:20–31

MORESHETH GATH
Birthplace of Micah the prophet, Mic 1:14

MORIAH
*See* MOUNT MORIAH

MORNING
the *m* were the first day .....Gen 1:5
none of it remain until *m* ....Ex 12:10
they gathered it every *m* ....Ex 16:21
up in the *m* to Mount Sinai ...Ex 34:2
she lay at his feet until *m* ..Ruth 3:14
the eyelids of the *m* .....Job 41:18
You shall hear in the *m* .....Ps 5:3
but joy comes in the *m* .....Ps 30:5
Evening and *m* and at .....Ps 55:17
in the *m* my prayer comes ...Ps 88:13
lovingkindness in the *m* .....Ps 92:2
the wings of the *m* .....Ps 139:9
looks forth as the *m* .....Song 6:10
Lucifer, son of the *m* .....Is 14:12
shall break forth like the *m* ...Is 58:8
They are new every *m* .....Lam 3:23
established as the *m* .....Hos 6:3
in the *m*, 'It will be foul ....Matt 16:3
rooster, or in the *m* .....Mark 13:35
very early in the *m* .....Luke 24:1
the *m* star rises in your ....2 Pet 1:19
the Bright and *M* Star .....Rev 22:16

MORSEL
or eaten my *m* by .....Job 31:17
Better is a dry *m* .....Prov 17:1
Esau, who for one *m* .....Heb 12:16

MORTAL
sin reign in your *m* .....Rom 6:12
*m* bodies through His .....Rom 8:11
and this *m* must put .....1 Cor 15:53
Here *m* men receive tithes, ...Heb 7:8

MORTALITY
*m* may be swallowed .....2 Cor 5:4

MORTALS
with idolatrous *m* .....Ps 26:4

MOSES
*See* LAW OF MOSES
Born; hidden by mother; adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, Ex 2:1–10
Kills Egyptian and flees to Midian, Ex 2:11–22
Receives call from God, Ex 3:1—4:17
Returns to Israelites in Egypt, Ex 4:18–31
Wins Israel's deliverance with plagues, Ex 5:1—6:13; 6:28—11:10; 12:29–42
Leads Israel out of Egypt and through the Red Sea, Ex 13:17—14:31
His song of praise, Ex 15:1–18
Provides miraculously for the people, Ex 15:22—17:7
Appoints judges, Ex 18
Receives the law on Mount Sinai, Ex 19—23
Receives instructions for tabernacle, Ex 25—31
Intercedes for Israel's sin, Ex 32
Recommissioned and encouraged, Ex 33; 34
Further instructions and building of the tabernacle, Ex 35—40
Consecrates Aaron, Lev 8:1–36
Takes census, Num 1:1–54
Resumes journey to Canaan, Num 10:11–36
Complains; 70 elders appointed, Num 11:1–35
Intercedes for people when they refuse to enter Canaan, Num 14:11–25
Puts down Korah's rebellion, Num 16
Sins in anger, Num 20:1–13
Makes bronze serpent, Num 21:4–9
Travels toward Canaan, Num 21:10–20
Takes second census, Num 26
Commissions Joshua as his successor, Num 27:12–23
Receives further laws, Num 28—30
Commands conquest of Midian, Num 31
Final instructions, Num 32—36
Forbidden to enter Promised Land, Deut 3:23–28
Gives farewell messages, Deut 32; 33
Sees Promised Land; dies, Deut 34:1–7
Is mourned and extolled, Deut 34:8–12
Appears with Christ at transfiguration, Matt 17:1–3

MOST
His mouth is *m* sweet .....Song 5:16
on your *m* holy faith .....Jude 20

MOST HIGH
be Abram of God *M* .....Gen 14:19
the knowledge of the *M* ...Num 24:16
the *M* uttered His voice ..2 Sam 22:14
praise to Your name, O *M* .....Ps 9:2
through the mercy of the *M* ..Ps 21:7
the Lord *M* is awesome .....Ps 47:2
I will cry out to God *M* .....Ps 57:2
*M* God their Redeemer .....Ps 78:35
you are children of the *M* ....Ps 82:6
secret place of the *M* .....Ps 91:1
the counsel of the *M* .....Ps 107:11
I will be like the *M* .....Is 14:14
from the mouth of the *M* ...Lam 3:38
servants of the *M* God .....Dan 3:26
*M* rules in the kingdom of ..Dan 4:17
But the saints of the *M* .....Dan 7:18
Though they call to the *M* ..Hos 11:7
Jesus, Son of the *M* .....Mark 5:7
*M* does not dwell in .....Acts 7:48
are the servants of the *M* ..Acts 16:17
Salem, priest of the *M* .....Heb 7:1

MOST HOLY PLACE
*m* you shall eat it .....Num 18:10
sanctuary, as the *M* .....1 Kin 6:16
And he made the *M* .....2 Chr 3:8
to me, "This is the *M* .....Ezek 41:4
blood He entered the *M* .....Heb 9:12
high priest enters the *M* ....Heb 9:25

MOTH
*m* will eat them .....Is 50:9
where *m* and rust .....Matt 6:19

MOTHER
because she was the *m* .....Gen 3:20
your father and your *m* .....Ex 20:12
your father and your *m* ....Deut 5:16
like a joyful *m* .....Ps 113:9
son is the grief of his *m* ....Prov 10:1
the only one of her *m* .....Song 6:9
*m* might have been my .....Jer 20:17
Like *m*, like dauther .....Ezek 16:44
Child with Mary His *m* .....Matt 2:11
who loves father or *m* ....Matt 10:37
leave his father and *m* .....Matt 19:5
Who is My *m*, or My .....Mark 3:33
His *m* marveled at those ...Luke 2:33
but His *m* kept all these ...Luke 2:51
wife's *m* was sick .....Luke 4:38
out, the only son of his *m* ..Luke 7:12
*m* against daughter .....Luke 12:53
hate his father and *m* .....Luke 14:26
"Behold your *m* .....John 19:27
free, which is the *m* .....Gal 4:26
without father, without *m* ....Heb 7:3
The *M* of Harlots .....Rev 17:5

MOTHER'S
return each to her *m* house ..Ruth 1:8
Naked I came from my *m* ...Job 1:21
while on My *m* breasts .....Ps 22:9
who took me out of my *m* ....Ps 71:6
Spirit, even from his *m* ....Luke 1:15
his *m* womb was carried ....Acts 3:2

MOUNT
the *M* of the LORD it shall..Gen 22:14
come up to *M* Sinai .....Ex 19:23
came down from *M* Sinai ...Ex 34:29
*M* Zion on the sides of the ....Ps 48:2
Let *M* Zion rejoice, let the ...Ps 48:11
the LORD are like *M* Zion ....Ps 125:1
you like *M* Carmel .....Song 7:5
they shall *m* up with .....Is 40:31
stand on the *M* of Olives ...Zech 14:4
He sat on the *M* of Olives ..Matt 24:3
to the *M* of Olives .....Mark 14:26
for this Hagar is *M* .....Gal 4:25

MOUNT CARMEL
Prophets gather at, 1 Kin 18:19, 20
Elisha journeys to, 2 Kin 2:25
Shunammite woman comes to Elisha at, 2 Kin 4:25

MOUNT EBAL
Cursed by God, Deut 11:29
Joshua builds an altar on, Josh 8:30

MOUNT GERIZIM
Mount of blessing, Deut 11:29; 27:12
Jotham speaks to people of Shechem here, Judg 9:7
Samaritans' sacred mountain, John 4:20, 21

MOUNT GILBOA
Men of Israel slain at, 1 Sam 31:1
Saul and his sons slain at, 1 Sam 31:8

MOUNT GILEAD
Gideon divides the people for battle at, Judg 7:3

MOUNT HOR
Lord speaks to Moses and Aaron on, Num 20:23
Aaron dies on, Num 20:25–28

MOUNT HOREB
Sons of Israel stripped of ornaments at, Ex 33:6
The same as Sinai, Ex 3:1

MOUNT MORIAH
Place where Abraham offered Isaac, Gen 22:2
Elevation where Solomon built the temple, 1 Chr 3:1

MOUNT NEBO
Place where Moses viewed the Promised Land, Deut 32:49

MOUNT OF OLIVES
*See* OLIVES, MOUNT OF

MOUNT SINAI
Lord descends upon, in fire, Ex 19:18
Lord calls Moses to the top of, Ex 19:20
The glory of the Lord rests on, for six days, Ex 24:16

MOUNT TABOR
Deborah sends Barak there to defeat Canaanites, Judg 4:6–14

MOUNT ZION
Survivors shall go out from, 2 Kin 19:31

MOUNTAIN
to Horeb, the *m* .....Ex 3:1
Whoever touches the *m* .....Ex 19:12

and a thick cloud on the *m* . . Ex 19:16
Moses was on the *m* forty . . . Ex 24:18
"But as a *m* falls . . . . . Job 14:18
You have made my *m* . . . . . Ps 30:7
of many peaks is the *m* . . . . . Ps 68:15
let us go up to the *m* . . . . . Is 2:3
be exalted, and every *m* . . . . . Is 40:4
image became a great *m* . . . . Dan 2:35
an alarm in My holy *m* . . . . . Joel 2:1
Who are you, O great *m* . . . . Zech 4:7
on an exceedingly high *m* . . . Matt 4:8
He went up on a *m* . . . . . Matt 5:1
you will say to this *m* . . . . . Matt 17:20
came down from the *m* . . . . . Mark 9:9
whoever says to this *m* . . . Mark 11:23
shall be filled and every *m* . . Luke 3:5
feeding there on the *m* . . . . Luke 8:32
worshiped on this *m* . . . . . John 4:20
with Him on the holy *m* . . . . 2 Pet 1:18
it is rolled up, and every *m* . . Rev 6:14
to a great and high *m* . . . . . Rev 21:10

## MOUNTAINS

tops of the *m* were seen . . . . . Gen 8:5
He removes the *m* . . . . . Job 9:5
Surely the *m* yield . . . . . Job 40:20
though the *m* be carried . . . . . Ps 46:2
*m* will bring peace . . . . . Ps 72:3
excellent than the *m* . . . . . Ps 76:4
*m* were brought forth . . . . . Ps 90:2
*m* melt like wax at the . . . . . Ps 97:5
*m* skipped like rams . . . . . Ps 114:4
*m* surround Jerusalem . . . . . Ps 125:2
forth into singing, you *m* . . . . . Is 44:23
How beautiful upon the *m* . . . . Is 52:7
*m* shall depart and the . . . . . Is 54:10
*m* shook at Your presence . . . . Is 64:3
*m* shall be thrown down . . Ezek 38:20
in Judea flee to the *m* . . . . . Matt 24:16
and day, he was in the *m* . . . Mark 5:5
begin 'to say to the *m* . . . . Luke 23:30
that I could remove *m* . . . . . 1 Cor 13:2
in deserts and *m* . . . . . Heb 11:38
*m* were not found . . . . . Rev 16:20

## MOURN

and you *m* at last . . . . . Prov 5:11
a time to *m* . . . . . Eccl 3:4
to comfort all who *m*, . . . . . Is 61:2
will *m* for Him as one . . . . Zech 12:10
are those who *m* . . . . . Matt 5:4
*m* as long as the . . . . . Matt 9:15
Lament and *m* and weep . . James 4:9
of the earth will *m* . . . . . Rev 1:7

## MOURNED

we *m* to you . . . . . Matt 11:17
and have not rather *m* . . . . . 1 Cor 5:2

## MOURNING

This is a deep *m* . . . . . Gen 50:11
for me my *m* into dancing . . . Ps 30:11
*m* all the day long . . . . . Ps 38:6
*m* shall be ended . . . . . Is 60:20
ashes, the oil of joy for *m* . . . . . Is 61:3
men break bread in *m* . . . . . Jer 16:7
I will turn their *m* . . . . . Jer 31:13
shall be a great *m* . . . . . Zech 12:11
be turned to *m* and . . . . . James 4:9

## MOURNS

heavily, as one who *m* . . . . . Ps 35:14
The earth *m* and fades . . . . . Is 24:4
for Him as one *m* . . . . . Zech 12:10

## MOUTH

"Who has made man's *m* . . . . Ex 4:11
and put the words in his *m* . . . Ex 4:15
the earth opened its *m* . . . . Num 16:32
the *m* of the donkey . . . . . Num 22:28
from the *m* of the LORD . . . . . Deut 8:3
near you, in your *m* . . . . . Deut 30:14
not depart from your *m* . . . . . Josh 1:8
Out of the *m* of babes . . . . . Ps 8:2
Let the words of my *m* and . . Ps 19:14
shall continually be in my *m* . . Ps 34:1
The *m* of the righteous . . . . . Ps 37:30
*m* shall speak wisdom . . . . . Ps 49:3
my *m* shall show forth . . . . . Ps 51:15
with my *m* will I make . . . . . Ps 89:1
iniquity stops its *m* . . . . . Ps 107:42
Then our *m* was filled with . . Ps 126:2
by the words of your *m* . . . . . Prov 6:2
knowledge, but the *m* . . . . . Prov 10:14
by the fruit of his *m* . . . . . Prov 12:14
*m* preserves his life . . . . . Prov 13:3
The *m* of an immoral . . . . . Prov 22:14
and a flattering *m* . . . . . Prov 26:28
her *m* with wisdom . . . . . Prov 31:26
And he touched my *m* with . . . . Is 6:7
yet He opened not His *m* . . . . . Is 53:7
not depart from your *m* . . . . . Is 59:21
put My words in your *m* . . . . . Jer 1:9
it was in my *m* like honey . . Ezek 3:3
*m* speaking pompous . . . . . Dan 7:8
the doors of your *m* . . . . . Mic 7:5
from the *m* of God . . . . . Matt 4:4
near to Me with their *m* . . . . Matt 15:8
*m* defiles a man . . . . . Matt 15:11
that 'by the *m* of two or . . . Matt 18:16
'Out of the *m* of babes . . . . Matt 21:16
*m* I will judge you . . . . . Luke 19:22
I will give you a *m* . . . . . Luke 21:15
so He opened not His *m* . . . . Acts 8:32
is near you, in your *m* . . . . . Rom 10:8
with your *m* the Lord . . . . . Rom 10:9
*m* confession is made . . . . . Rom 10:10
proceed out of your *m*, but . . Eph 4:29
the same *m* proceed . . . . . James 3:10
*m* great swelling words . . . . . Jude 16
vomit you out of My *m* . . . . . Rev 3:16
sweet as honey in your *m* . . . Rev 10:9
*m* was found no deceit . . . . . Rev 14:5

## MOUTHS

gape at Me with their *m* . . . . . Ps 22:13
food was still in their *m* . . . . . Ps 78:30
have *m*, but they do not . . . . . Ps 115:5
near to Me with their *m* . . . . . Is 29:13
and shut the lions' *m* . . . . . Dan 6:22

## MOVE

and the earth will *m* . . . . . Is 13:13
the mountain shall *m* . . . . . Zech 14:4
*M* from here to there,' . . . . Matt 17:20
*m* them with one of their . . . Matt 23:4
in Him we live and *m* . . . . . Acts 17:28

## MOVED

shall never be *m* . . . . . Ps 15:5
right hand I shall not be *m* . . . Ps 16:8
she shall not be *m* . . . . . Ps 46:5
I shall not be greatly *m* . . . . . Ps 62:2
*m* Him to jealousy with . . . . . Ps 78:58
*m* with compassion . . . . . Matt 14:14
all the city was *m* . . . . . Matt 21:10
spoke as they were *m* . . . . . 2 Pet 1:21

## MUCH

*m* study is wearisome . . . . . Eccl 12:12
*m* better than wine is . . . . . Song 4:10
to whom *m* is given . . . . . Luke 12:48
*M* more then . . . . . Rom 5:9

## MULTIPLIED

the more they *m* and grew . . . Ex 1:12
sorrows shall be *m* . . . . . Ps 16:4
your days will be *m* . . . . . Prov 9:11
When the wicked are *m*, . . Prov 29:16
*m* before You, and our sins . . Is 59:12
of the disciples *m* . . . . . Acts 6:7
Holy Spirit, they were *m* . . . Acts 9:31
word of God grew and *m* . . Acts 12:24
peace, and love be *m* to you . . . Jude 2

## MULTIPLY

*See* BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY
"Be fruitful and *m* . . . . . Gen 1:22
will greatly *m* your sorrow . . Gen 3:16
*m* your descendants . . . . . Gen 16:10
multiplying I will *m* your . . Gen 22:17
*m* my days as the . . . . . Job 29:18
*m* the descendants . . . . . Jer 33:22
*m* the seed you have . . . . . 2 Cor 9:10

## MULTITUDE

stars of heaven in *m* . . . . . Deut 1:10
*m* of years should teach . . . . . Job 32:7
Your house in the *m* . . . . . Ps 5:7
*m* that kept a pilgrim . . . . . Ps 42:4
in the *m* of Your mercy, . . . . . Ps 69:13
In the *m* of words sin . . . . . Prov 10:19
In a *m* of people is a . . . . . Prov 14:28
bury Gog and all his *m* . . . Ezek 39:11
to the *m* in parables . . . . . Matt 13:34
compassion on the *m* . . . . . Matt 15:32
commanded the *m* to sit . . Matt 15:35
a great *m* followed Him . . . Matt 20:29
with the angel a *m* . . . . . Luke 2:13
whole *m* sought to touch . . Luke 6:19
because of the *m* of fish . . . . John 21:6
stars of the sky in *m* . . . . . Heb 11:12
"love will cover a *m* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:8
and behold, a great *m* . . . . . Rev 7:9
voice of a great *m* in . . . . . Rev 19:1

## MULTITUDES

*M*, *m* in the valley of . . . . . Joel 3:14
when the *m* saw it, they . . . . Matt 9:8
all the *m* were amazed . . . . Matt 12:23
He commanded the *m* to . . Matt 14:19
taught the *m* from the . . . . . Luke 5:3
*m* throng and press You . . . Luke 8:45
*m* from sacrificing to . . . . . Acts 14:18

## MURDER

"You shall not *m* . . . . . Ex 20:13
Will you steal, *m*, commit . . . . . Jer 7:9
'You shall not *m* . . . . . Matt 5:21
they had committed *m* in . . Mark 15:7
threats and *m* against . . . . . Acts 9:1
full of envy, *m*, strife . . . . . Rom 1:29
You *m* and covet and . . . . . James 4:2

## MURDERED

sons of those who *m* . . . . . Matt 23:31
Jesus whom you *m* . . . . . Acts 5:30
one and *m* his brother . . . . 1 John 3:12

## MURDERER

He was a *m* from the . . . . . John 8:44
and asked for a *m* . . . . . Acts 3:14
of you suffer as a *m* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:15
his brother is a *m* . . . . . 1 John 3:15

## MURDERERS

in it, but now *m* . . . . . Is 1:21
and profane, for *m* . . . . . 1 Tim 1:9
abominable, *m* . . . . . Rev 21:8

## MURDERS

whoever *m* will be in . . . . . Matt 5:21
evil thoughts, *m* . . . . . Matt 15:19
envy, *m*, drunkenness . . . . . Gal 5:21
did not repent of their *m* . . . . Rev 9:21

## MUSIC

So David played *m* . . . . . 1 Sam 18:10
I will play *m* before the . . . 2 Sam 6:21
Israel played *m* before . . . . 1 Chr 13:8
whirling and playing *m* . . 1 Chr 15:29
but Asaph made *m* with . . . 1 Chr 16:5
the *m* of the LORD, which . . . 2 Chr 7:6
*m* are brought low . . . . . Eccl 12:4
the house, he heard *m* . . . . Luke 15:25

## MUSING

while I was *m*, the fire . . . . . Ps 39:3

## MUST

touches the altar *m* be . . . . . Ex 29:37
I *m* be regarded as holy . . . . . Lev 10:3
*m* be careful to observe . . . . . Deut 8:1
is sleeping and *m* be . . . . . 1 Kin 18:27
Him, and you *m* wait for . . . Job 35:14
he *m* restore sevenfold . . . . . Prov 6:31
precept *m* be upon precept . . . Is 28:10
that Elijah *m* come first . . . Matt 17:10
offenses *m* come, but woe . . Matt 18:7
Man *m* suffer many . . . . . Mark 8:31

such things *m* happen ..... Mark 13:7
And the gospel *m* first ... Mark 13:10
*m* be about My Father's .... Luke 2:49
you, 'You *m* be born again .. John 3:7
He *m* increase, but I ..... John 3:30
Him *m* worship in spirit .... John 4:24
I *m* work the works of ..... John 9:4
that He *m* rise again from .. John 20:9
by which we *m* be saved ... Acts 4:12
*m* suffer for My name's ..... Acts 9:16
you *m* not call common ... Acts 10:15
*m* put on incorruption, ... 1 Cor 15:53
If I *m* boast, I will ..... 2 Cor 11:30
bishop then *m* be ..... 1 Tim 3:2
deacons *m* be reverent ..... 1 Tim 3:8
servant of the Lord *m* ..... 2 Tim 2:24
to God *m* believe that He ... Heb 11:6
*m* love his brother also ... 1 John 4:21
things which *m* shortly ..... Rev 1:1
*m* be released for a little .... Rev 20:3
*m* shortly take place ..... Rev 22:6

MUSTARD
heaven is like a *m* seed ... Matt 13:31
have faith as a *m* seed .... Matt 17:20

MUTE
Or who makes the *m* ..... Ex 4:11
*m* who does not open ..... Ps 38:13
I was *m* with silence ..... Ps 39:2
was cast out, the *m* spoke .. Matt 9:33
who has a *m* spirit ..... Mark 9:17
But behold, you will be *m* .. Luke 1:20
demon, and it was *m* ..... Luke 11:14

MUTILATION
beware of the *m* ..... Phil 3:2

MUTUAL
by the *m* faith both ..... Rom 1:12

MUZZLE
"You shall not *m* ..... Deut 25:4
"You shall not *m* ..... 1 Tim 5:18

MY RIGHT HAND
Because He is at *m* ..... Ps 16:8
You hold me by *m* ..... Ps 73:23
my Lord, "Sit at *M* ..... Ps 110:1
let *m* forget its skill ..... Ps 137:5
Look on *m* and see ..... Ps 142:4
and *M* has stretched out ..... Is 48:13
but to sit on *M* ..... Matt 20:23
to my Lord, "Sit at *M* ..... Matt 22:44
for He is at *m* ..... Acts 2:25
Sit at *M*, till I make ..... Heb 1:13
stars which you saw in *M* ... Rev 1:20

MYRA
Paul changes ships here, Acts 27:5, 6

MYRRH
perfumed my bed with *m* .. Prov 7:17
my hands dripped with *m* ... Song 5:5
gold, frankincense, and *m* .. Matt 2:11
wine mingled with *m* to .. Mark 15:23

MYSIA
Paul and Silas pass through here, Acts 16:7, 8

MYSTERIES
to you to know the *m* ..... Matt 13:11
and understand all *m* ..... 1 Cor 13:2
the spirit he speaks *m* ..... 1 Cor 14:2

MYSTERIOUS
today is not too *m* ..... Deut 30:11

MYSTERY
given to know the *m* ..... Mark 4:11
wisdom of God in a *m* ..... 1 Cor 2:7
Behold, I tell you a *m* .... 1 Cor 15:51
made known to us the *m* ..... Eph 1:9
This is a great *m* ..... Eph 5:32
*m* which has been ..... Col 1:26
the *m* of godliness ..... 1 Tim 3:16

NAAMAN
Captain in the Syrian army, 2 Kin 5:1–11
Healed of his leprosy, 2 Kin 5:14–17
Referred to by Christ, Luke 4:27

NABAL
Refuses David's request, 1 Sam 25:2–12
Escapes David's wrath but dies of a stroke, 1 Sam 25:13–39

NABOTH
Murdered for his vineyard by King Ahab, 1 Kin 21:1–16
His murder avenged, 1 Kin 21:17–25

NADAB
Eldest of Aaron's four sons, Ex 6:23
Takes part in affirming covenant, Ex 24:1, 9–12
Becomes priest, Ex 28:1
Consumed by fire, Lev 10:1–7
—— King of Israel, 1 Kin 14:20
Killed by Baasha, 1 Kin 15:25–31

NAHASH
King of Ammon; makes impossible demands, 1 Sam 11:1–15

NAHOR
Grandfather of Abraham, Gen 11:24–26
—— Son of Terah, brother of Abraham, Gen 11:17

NAHUM
Prophet to Judah concerning Nineveh, Nah 1:1

NAILED
*n* it to the cross ..... Col 2:14

NAIN
Village south of Nazareth; Jesus raises widow's son here, Luke 7:11–17

NAIOTH
Prophets' school in Ramah, 1 Sam 19:18, 19, 22, 23

NAKED
And they were both *n* ..... Gen 2:25
knew that they were *n* ..... Gen 3:7
told you that you were *n* .... Gen 3:11
"*N* I came from my ..... Job 1:21
Sheol is *n* before Him, and .. Job 26:6
Isaiah has walked *n* ..... Is 20:3
I was *n* and you ..... Matt 25:36
and fled from them *n* ..... Mark 14:52
shall not be found *n* ..... 2 Cor 5:3
but all things are *n* ..... Heb 4:13
brother or sister is *n* ..... James 2:15
poor, blind, and *n* ..... Rev 3:17

NAKEDNESS
of Canaan, saw the *n* ..... Gen 9:22
The *n* of your father's wife .. Lev 18:8
in hunger, in thirst, in *n* ... Deut 28:48
or famine, or *n* ..... Rom 8:35
often, in cold and *n* ..... 2 Cor 11:27
*n* may not be revealed ..... Rev 3:18

NAME
*See* CALLED BY MY NAME; HOLY NAME; IN MY NAME
creature, that was its *n* ..... Gen 2:19
called his wife's *n* Eve ..... Gen 3:20
and make your *n* great ..... Gen 12:2
Abram called on the *n* ..... Gen 13:4
your *n* shall be Abraham ... Gen 17:5
but Sarah shall be her *n* ... Gen 17:15
Israel shall be your *n* ..... Gen 35:10
So she called his *n* Moses .... Ex 2:10
This is My *n* forever ..... Ex 3:15
My *n* may be declared in ..... Ex 9:16
the LORD is His *n* ..... Ex 15:3
Israel called its *n* Manna .... Ex 16:31
shall not take the *n* ..... Ex 20:7
whose *n* is Jealous, is a ..... Ex 34:14
are called by the *n* ..... Deut 28:10
glorious and awesome *n* .. Deut 28:58
by My *n* will humble ..... 2 Chr 7:14
and he has no *n* ..... Job 18:17
excellent is Your *n* ..... Ps 8:1
*n* will put their trust ..... Ps 9:10
LORD the glory due to His *n* .. Ps 29:2
let us exalt His *n* together .... Ps 34:3
lift up my hands in Your *n* .... Ps 63:4
the clouds, by His *n* YAH .... Ps 68:4
be His glorious *n* ..... Ps 72:19
*n* is great in Israel ..... Ps 76:1
do not call on Your *n* ..... Ps 79:6
whose *n* alone is the LORD ... Ps 83:18
to Him, and bless His *n* ..... Ps 100:4
to Your *n* give glory ..... Ps 115:1
above all Your *n* ..... Ps 138:2
He calls them all by *n* ..... Ps 147:4
The *n* of the LORD is a .... Prov 18:10
A good *n* is to be ..... Prov 22:1
what is His Son's *n* ..... Prov 30:4
And His *n* will be called ..... Is 9:6
mention that His *n* is exalted .. Is 12:4
make mention of Your *n* ..... Is 26:13
the LORD, that is My *n* ..... Is 42:8
be to the LORD for a *n* ..... Is 55:13
be called by a new *n* ..... Is 62:2
Everlasting is Your *n* ..... Is 63:16
who calls on Your *n* ..... Is 64:7
it shall be to Me a *n* ..... Jer 33:9
and made Yourself a *n* ..... Dan 9:15
we will walk in the *n* ..... Mic 4:5
They will call on My *n* ..... Zech 13:9
*n* shall be great ..... Mal 1:11
to you who fear My *n* ..... Mal 4:2
you shall call His *n* ..... Matt 1:21
hallowed be Your *n* ..... Matt 6:9
prophesied in Your *n* ..... Matt 7:22
righteous man in the *n* .... Matt 10:41
*n* Gentiles will trust ..... Matt 12:21
together in My *n* ..... Matt 18:20
will come in My *n* ..... Matt 24:5
"My *n* is Legion ..... Mark 5:9
children in My *n* receives .. Mark 9:37
In My *n* they will cast .... Mark 16:17
The virgin's *n* was ..... Luke 1:27
for me, and holy is His *n* .. Luke 1:49
"His *n* is John ..... Luke 1:63
and cast out your *n* ..... Luke 6:22
who believe in His *n* ..... John 1:12
comes in his own *n* ..... John 5:43
his own sheep by *n* ..... John 10:3
you ask in My *n* ..... John 14:13
Father will send in My *n* .. John 14:26
keep through Your *n* ..... John 17:11
whoever calls on the *n* ..... Acts 2:21
through faith in His *n* ..... Acts 3:16
there is no other *n* ..... Acts 4:12
suffer shame for His *n* ..... Acts 5:41
baptized in the *n* of ..... Acts 10:48
whoever calls on the *n* .... Rom 10:13
every *n* that is named, not .. Eph 1:21
which is above every *n* ..... Phil 2:9
at the *n* of Jesus every ..... Phil 2:10
deed, do all in the *n* ..... Col 3:17
a more excellent *n* ..... Heb 1:4
giving thanks to His *n* ..... Heb 13:15
blaspheme that noble *n* .... James 2:7
with oil in the *n* of the .... James 5:14
reproached for the *n* ..... 1 Pet 4:14
*n* of the Son of God ..... 1 John 5:13
you hold fast to My *n* ..... Rev 2:13
*n* that you are alive ..... Rev 3:1
and have not denied My *n* .... Rev 3:8
or the *n* of the beast ..... Rev 13:17
having His Father's *n* ..... Rev 14:1
and glorify Your *n* ..... Rev 15:4
*n* written that no one ..... Rev 19:12

NAME'S
by all for My *n* sake ..... Matt 10:22

or lands, for My *n* sake. . . . Matt 19:29
saved them for His *n* . . . . . Ps 106:8
forgiven you for His *n* . . . . 1 John 2:12

NAMED
let my name be *n* . . . . . Gen 48:16
I have *n* you . . . . . Is 45:4
of a young man *n* Saul . . . . . Acts 7:58
not even *n* among the . . . . . 1 Cor 5:1
and every name that is *n* . . . . Eph 1:21

NAMES
So Adam gave *n* to all . . . . . Gen 2:20
lands after their own *n* . . . . . Ps 49:11
Now the *n* of the twelve . . . . Matt 10:2
*n* are written in heaven . . . Luke 10:20
whose *n* are in the Book of . . Phil 4:3
Let everyone who *n* the . . . 2 Tim 2:19
whose *n* are not written in . . Rev 17:8
the *n* of the twelve . . . . . Rev 21:12
on them were the *n* of the . . Rev 21:14

NAOMI
Widow of Elimelech, Ruth 1:1–3
Returns to Bethlehem with Ruth, Ruth 1:14–19
Arranges Ruth's marriage to Boaz, Ruth 3; 4

NAPHTALI
Son of Jacob by Bilhah, Gen 30:1–8
Receives Jacob's blessing, Gen 49:21, 28
—— Tribe of:
Numbered, Num 1:42, 43
Territory assigned to, Josh 19:32–39
Joins Gideon's army, Judg 7:23
Attacked by Ben-Hadad and Tiglath-Pileser, 1 Kin 15:20; 2 Kin 15:29
Prophecy of great light in; fulfilled in Christ's ministry, Is 9:1–7; Matt 4:12–16

NARROW
"Enter by the *n* gate . . . . . Matt 7:13
*n* is the gate and . . . . . Matt 7:14

NATHAN
Son of David, 2 Sam 5:14
Mary's lineage traced through, Zech 12:12
—— Prophet under David and Solomon, 1 Chr 29:29
Reveals God's plan to David, 2 Sam 7:2–29
Rebukes David's sin, 2 Sam 12:1–15
Reveals Adonijah's plot, 1 Kin 1:10–46

NATHANAEL
One of Christ's disciples, John 1:45–51

NATION
make you a great *n* . . . . . Gen 12:2
You slay a righteous *n* . . . . . Gen 20:4
priests and a holy *n* . . . . . Ex 19:6
Blessed is the *n* whose . . . . . Ps 33:12
dealt thus with any *n* . . . . . Ps 147:20
Righteousness exalts a *n* . . Prov 14:34
lift up sword against *n* . . . . . Is 2:4
that the righteous *n* . . . . . Is 26:2
call a *n* you do not know . . . . . Is 55:5
a small one a strong *n* . . . . . Is 60:22
*n* that was not called . . . . . Is 65:1
Or shall a *n* be born at once . . . Is 66:8
*n* changed its gods . . . . . Jer 2:11
I will make them one *n* . . Ezek 37:22
since there was a *n* . . . . . Dan 12:1
*N* shall not lift up sword . . . . . Mic 4:3
Me, even this whole *n* . . . . . Mal 3:9
*n* will rise against . . . . . Matt 24:7
for he loves our *n* . . . . . Luke 7:5
*N* will rise against *n*, . . . . . Luke 21:10
whole *n* should perish . . . . John 11:50
those who are not a *n* . . . . . Rom 10:19
royal priesthood, a holy *n* . . . 1 Pet 2:9
tribe, tongue, and *n* . . . . . Rev 13:7

NATIONS
Two *n* are in your womb . . Gen 25:23
itself among the *n* . . . . . Num 23:9
shall lend to many *n* . . . . . Deut 28:12
Why do the *n* rage . . . . . Ps 2:1
I will give You the *n* . . . . . Ps 2:8
be exalted among the *n* . . . . . Ps 46:10
*n* shall serve Him . . . . . Ps 72:11
*n* shall call Him . . . . . Ps 72:17
*n* shall fear the name . . . . . Ps 102:15
is high above all *n* . . . . . Ps 113:4
All *n* before Him are . . . . . Is 40:17
*n* who do not know . . . . . Is 55:5
a house of prayer for all *n* . . . . Is 56:7
the wise men of the *n* . . . . . Jer 10:7
a reproach to the *n* . . . . . Ezek 22:4
come to the Desire of All *N* . . Hag 2:7
*n* shall be joined . . . . . Zech 2:11
speak peace to the *n* . . . . . Zech 9:10
For I will gather all the *n* . . Zech 14:2
disciples of all the *n* . . . . . Matt 28:19
in His name to all *n* . . . . . Luke 24:47
the father of many *n* . . . . . Rom 4:18
In you all the *n* shall be . . . . . Gal 3:8
who was to rule all *n* . . . . . Rev 12:5
For all the *n* have drunk of . . Rev 18:3
the healing of the *n* . . . . . Rev 22:2

NATURAL
nor his *n* vigor abated . . . . . Deut 34:7
women exchanged the *n* . . . Rom 1:26
the men, leaving the *n* . . . . . Rom 1:27
did not spare the *n* . . . . . Rom 11:21
*n* man does not receive . . . . 1 Cor 2:14
It is sown a *n* body . . . . . 1 Cor 15:44
not first, but the *n* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:46
his *n* face in a mirror . . . . . James 1:23

NATURE
men with the same *n* . . . . . Acts 14:15
that the Divine *N* is . . . . . Acts 17:29
for what is against *n* . . . . . Rom 1:26
by *n* do the things in . . . . . Rom 2:14
*n* itself teach you . . . . . 1 Cor 11:14
We who are Jews by *n* . . . . . Gal 2:15
by *n* children of wrath . . . . . Eph 2:3
on fire the course of *n* . . . . . James 3:6
man with a *n* like ours . . . . James 5:17
of the divine *n* . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4

NAZARENE
Jesus to be called, Matt 2:23
Descriptive of Jesus' followers, Acts 24:5

NAZARETH
Town in Galilee; considered obscure, John 1:46
City of Jesus' parents, Matt 2:23
Early home of Jesus, Luke 2:39–51
Jesus rejected by, Luke 4:16–30

NEAPOLIS
Seaport of Philippi, Acts 16:11

NEAR
that has God so *n* to it . . . . . Deut 4:7
But the word is very *n* . . . . Deut 30:14
The LORD is *n* to all . . . . . Ps 145:18
upon Him while He is *n* . . . . . Is 55:6
know that it is *n* . . . . . Matt 24:33
kingdom of God is *n* . . . . . Luke 21:31
"The word is *n* . . . . . Rom 10:8
to those who were *n* . . . . . Eph 2:17
for the time is *n* . . . . . Rev 1:3

NEARER
now our salvation is *n* . . . . Rom 13:11

NEBO
Babylonian god, Is 46:1
—— Summit of Pisgah; Moses dies here, Deut 32:49; 34:1, 5

NEBUCHADNEZZAR
Monarch of the Neo-Babylonian Empire (605–562 B.C.); carries Jews captive to Babylon, Dan 1:1–3
Crushes Jehoiachin's revolt, 2 Kin 24:10–17
Destroys Jerusalem; captures Zedekiah, Jer 39:5–8
Prophecies concerning, Is 14:4–27; Jer 21:7–10; 25:8, 9; 27:4–11; 32:28–36; 43:10–13; Ezek 26:7–12

NEBUZARADAN
Nebuchadnezzar's captain at siege of Jerusalem, 2 Kin 25:8–20
Protects Jeremiah, Jer 39:11–14

NECESSARY
mouth more than my *n* . . . . . Job 23:12
and thus it was *n* . . . . . Luke 24:46
*n* that the word of God . . . . Acts 13:46
It is *n* to circumcise them, . . Acts 15:5
burden than these *n* . . . . . Acts 15:28
to be weaker are *n* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:22
Therefore it is *n* that this . . . . Heb 8:3
Therefore it was *n* that the . . Heb 9:23
I found it *n* to write . . . . . Jude 3

NECESSITIES
have provided for my *n* . . . Acts 20:34
and again for my *n* . . . . . Phil 4:16

NECESSITY
*n* is laid upon me . . . . . 1 Cor 9:16
not grudgingly or of *n* . . . . . 2 Cor 9:7
there must also of *n* be the . . Heb 9:16

NECK
smooth part of his *n* . . . . . Gen 27:16
wept on his *n* a good . . . . . Gen 46:29
bind them around your *n*, . . . Prov 3:3
and grace to your *n* . . . . . Prov 3:22
and hardens his *n* . . . . . Prov 29:1
Your *n* is like an ivory . . . . . Song 7:4
and his yoke from your *n* . . . . Is 10:27
*n* was an iron sinew . . . . . Is 48:4
were hung around his *n* . . . . Matt 18:6
ran and fell on his *n* . . . . . Luke 15:20

NECKS
stiffened their *n* . . . . . Neh 9:29
with outstretched *n* . . . . . Is 3:16
who risked their own *n* . . . . Rom 16:4

NEED
in nakedness, and in *n* . . . . Deut 28:48
a prowler, and your *n* . . . . . Prov 24:34
the things you have *n* . . . . . Matt 6:8
no *n* of a physician . . . . . Matt 9:12
'The Lord has *n* . . . . . Matt 21:3
did when he was in *n* . . . . . Mark 2:25
say, 'The Lord has *n* of it . . Mark 11:3
testimony do we *n* . . . . . Luke 22:71
all, as anyone had *n* . . . . . Acts 2:45
each as anyone had *n* . . . . . Acts 4:35
hand, "I have no *n* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:21
who ministered to my *n* . . . . . Phil 2:25
to abound and to suffer *n* . . . Phil 4:12
supply all your *n* . . . . . Phil 4:19
not *n* to be ashamed . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15
to help in time of *n* . . . . . Heb 4:16
you *n* someone to teach . . . . . Heb 5:12
do not *n* that anyone . . . . . 1 John 2:27
sees his brother in *n* . . . . . 1 John 3:17
The city had no *n* . . . . . Rev 21:23

NEEDY
your poor and your *n* . . . . . Deut 15:11
They push the *n* . . . . . Job 24:4
*n* shall not always be . . . . . Ps 9:18
He will deliver the *n* . . . . . Ps 72:12
and lifts the *n* . . . . . Ps 113:7
Him has mercy on the *n* . . Prov 14:31
out her hands to the *n* . . . . Prov 31:20
to rob the *n* of . . . . . Is 10:2
*n* will lie down in . . . . . Is 14:30
a strength to the *n* . . . . . Is 25:4

NEGLECT
*n* the gift that is . . . . . 1 Tim 4:14
if we *n* so great a . . . . . Heb 2:3

NEGLECTED
*n* the weightier . . . . . Matt 23:23
their widows were *n* . . . . . Acts 6:1

## NEHEMIAH
Jewish cupbearer to King Artaxerxes; prays for restoration of Jerusalem, Neh 1:4–11
King commissions him to rebuild walls, Neh 2:1–8
Overcomes opposition and accomplishes rebuilding, Neh 4—6
Appointed governor, Neh 5:14
Participates with Ezra in restored worship, Neh 8—10
Registers the people and the priests and Levites, Neh 11:1—12:26
Dedicates the wall, Neh 12:27–43
Returns to Jerusalem after absence and institutes reforms, Neh 13:4–31

## NEIGHBOR
*See* LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
every man ask from his *n* . . . . Ex 11:2
witness against your *n* . . . . . Ex 20:16
you shall love your *n* . . . . . Lev 19:18
witness against your *n* . . . . . Deut 5:20
secretly slanders his *n* . . . . . Ps 101:5
Do not say to your *n*, "Go . . Prov 3:28
He who despises his *n* . . . . Prov 14:21
against your *n* without . . . . Prov 24:28
for better is a *n* . . . . . Prov 27:10
every man teach his *n* . . . . . Jer 31:34
gives drink to his *n* . . . . . Hab 2:15
man the truth to his *n* . . . . . Zech 8:16
'You shall love your *n* . . . . . Matt 5:43
love your *n* as yourself . . . . Matt 22:39
"And who is my *n* . . . . . Luke 10:29
do you think was *n* . . . . . Luke 10:36
"You shall love your *n* . . . . . Rom 13:9
love your *n* as yourself . . . . . Gal 5:14
of them shall teach his *n* . . . . Heb 8:11

## NEIGHBOR'S
shall not covet your *n* wife . . Ex 20:17
*n* garment as a pledge . . . . . Ex 22:26
or anything that is your *n* . . Deut 5:20
remove your *n* landmark . . Deut 19:14
goes in to his *n* wife . . . . . Prov 6:29

## NEIGHBORS
from all your *n* . . . . . 2 Kin 4:3
Who speak peace to their *n* . . . Ps 28:3
a reproach to our *n* . . . . . Ps 44:13
return to our *n* sevenfold . . . . Ps 79:12
nor your rich *n* . . . . . Luke 14:12
Therefore the *n* and those . . . John 9:8

## NEST
As an eagle stirs up its *n* . . Deut 32:11
and make its *n* . . . . . Job 39:27
*n* is a man who wanders . . . Prov 27:8
though you set your *n* . . . . . Obad 4
that he may set his *n* . . . . . Hab 2:9
and *n* in its branches . . . . . Matt 13:32

## NET
me with His *n* . . . . . Job 19:6
pluck my feet out of the *n* . . . Ps 25:15
have hidden their *n* . . . . . Ps 35:7
They have prepared a *n* . . . . . Ps 57:6
an antelope in a *n* . . . . . Is 51:20
catch in their *n* . . . . . Hab 1:15
casting a *n* into the sea . . . . . Matt 4:18
I will let down the *n* . . . . . Luke 5:5
to them, "Cast the *n* . . . . . John 21:6
so many, the *n* was not . . . John 21:11

## NETHINIM
Servants of the Levites, Ezra 8:20
Possible origins of:
Gibeonites, Josh 9:23–27
Solomon's forced laborers, 1 Kin 9:20, 21
Mentioned, 1 Chr 9:2; Ezra 2:43–54; 7:24; 8:17; Neh 3:31; 7:46–60, 73; 10:28, 29; 11:21

## NETS
fall into their own *n* . . . . . Ps 141:10
immediately left their *n* . . . . Matt 4:20
down your *n* for a catch . . . . Luke 5:4

## NEVER
in Me shall *n* thirst . . . . . John 6:35
in Me shall *n* die . . . . . John 11:26
Love *n* fails . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
*n* take away sins . . . . . Heb 10:11
"I will *n* leave you . . . . . Heb 13:5
prophecy *n* came by . . . . . 2 Pet 1:21

## NEW
Now there arose a *n* . . . . . Ex 1:8
the LORD creates a *n* . . . . . Num 16:30
man has taken a *n* wife . . . . Deut 24:5
They chose *n* gods . . . . . Judg 5:8
him with two *n* ropes . . . . . Judg 15:13
ark of God on a *n* cart . . . . . 2 Sam 6:3
He has put a *n* song in my . . . . Ps 40:3
sing to the LORD a *n* song . . . . . Ps 96:1
will overflow with *n* wine . . Prov 3:10
and there is nothing *n* . . . . . Eccl 1:9
Behold, I will do a *n* . . . . . Is 43:19
shall be called by a *n* name . . . Is 62:2
For behold, I create *n* . . . . . Is 65:17
when I will make a *n* . . . . . Jer 31:31
*n* every morning . . . . . Lam 3:23
I will give you a *n* heart . . Ezek 36:26
shall overflow with *n* wine . . Joel 2:24
wine into *n* wineskins . . . . . Matt 9:17
of the *n* covenant . . . . . Matt 26:28
laid it in his *n* tomb . . . . . Matt 27:60
speak with *n* tongues . . . . Mark 16:17
*n* commandment I give . . . John 13:34
tell or to hear some *n* . . . . . Acts 17:21
he is a *n* creation . . . . . 2 Cor 5:17
*n* man who is renewed . . . . . Col 3:10
when I will make a *n* . . . . . Heb 8:8
Mediator of the *n* covenant . Heb 9:15
*n* heavens and a *n* . . . . . 2 Pet 3:13
*n* commandment I write . . . 1 John 2:8
*n* name written which . . . . . Rev 2:17
the *N* Jerusalem, which . . . . . Rev 3:12
And they sang a *n* . . . . . Rev 5:9
And I saw a *n* heaven . . . . . Rev 21:1
I make all things *n* . . . . . Rev 21:5

## NEW COVENANT
I will make a *n* with . . . . . Jer 31:31
this is My blood of the *n* . . Matt 26:28
"This cup is the *n* in . . . . . Luke 22:20
"This cup is the *n* . . . . . 1 Cor 11:25
as ministers of the *n* . . . . . 2 Cor 3:6
"when I will make a *n* . . . . . Heb 8:8
Mediator of the *n* . . . . . Heb 9:15
the Mediator of the *n* . . . . . Heb 12:24

## NEW MAN
create in Himself one *n* . . . . . Eph 2:15
that you put on the *n* . . . . . Eph 4:24
and have put on the *n* . . . . . Col 3:10

## NEWNESS
also should walk in *n* . . . . . Rom 6:4
should serve in the *n* . . . . . Rom 7:6

## NEWS
heard this bad *n* . . . . . Ex 33:4
Proclaim the good *n* of His . . . Ps 96:2
soul, so is good *n* . . . . . Prov 25:25
him who brings good *n* . . . . . Is 52:7
*n* of Him went out . . . . . Luke 4:14
good *n* of your faith . . . . . 1 Thess 3:6

## NICANOR
One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:1–5

## NICODEMUS
Pharisee; converses with Jesus, John 3:1–12
Protests unfairness of Christ's trial, John 7:50–52
Brings gifts to anoint Christ's body, John 19:39, 40

## NICOLAITANS
Group teaching moral laxity, Rev 2:6–15

## NICOLAS
One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:5

## NIGHT
darkness He called *N* . . . . . Gen 1:5
day and *n* shall not cease . . . Gen 8:22
father drink wine that *n* . . . Gen 19:33
It is a *n* of solemn . . . . . Ex 12:42
pillar of fire by *n* . . . . . Ex 13:22
strong east wind all that *n* . . Ex 14:21
came to Balaam at *n* . . . . . Num 22:20
meditate in it day and *n* . . . . . Josh 1:8
and the *n* be ended . . . . . Job 7:4
gives songs in the *n* . . . . . Job 35:10
law he meditates day and *n* . . . . Ps 1:2
instructs me in the *n* seasons . Ps 16:7
*n* reveals knowledge . . . . . Ps 19:2
Weeping may endure for a *n* . Ps 30:5
be afraid of the terror by *n* . . . Ps 91:5
Your faithfulness every *n* . . . . . Ps 92:2
awake through the *n* . . . . . Ps 119:148
and stars to rule by *n* . . . . . Ps 136:9
the *n* shines as the day . . . . . Ps 139:12
rises while it is yet *n* . . . . . Prov 31:15
Watchman, what of the *n* . . . . Is 21:11
desired You in the *n* . . . . . Is 26:9
and perished in a *n* . . . . . Jon 4:10
Child and His mother by *n* . Matt 2:14
His disciples come by *n* . . . Matt 27:64
over their flock by *n* . . . . . Luke 2:8
and continued all *n* . . . . . Luke 6:12
man came to Jesus by *n* . . . . John 3:2
*n* is coming when no . . . . . John 9:4
came to Jesus by *n* . . . . . John 19:39
that *n* Peter was sleeping, . . Acts 12:6
stood by me this *n* . . . . . Acts 27:23
The *n* is far spent . . . . . Rom 13:12
as a thief in the *n* . . . . . 1 Thess 5:2
We are not of the *n* . . . . . 1 Thess 5:5
they do not rest day or *n* . . . . . Rev 4:8
before our God day and *n* . . Rev 12:10
there shall be no *n* . . . . . Rev 21:25
there shall be no *n* . . . . . Rev 22:5

## NIGHTS
earth forty days and forty *n* . . Gen 7:4
forty days and forty *n* . . . . . Ex 24:18
forty days and forty *n* . . . . . Matt 4:2
three *n* in the belly of . . . . . Matt 12:40

## NILE
Hebrew children drowned in, Ex 1:22
Moses hidden in, Ex 2:3–10
Water of, turned to blood, Ex 7:14–21
Mentioned in prophecies, Is 19:5–8; 23:3; 27:12; Jer 46:7–9; Amos 9:5

## NIMROD
Ham's grandson, Gen 10:6–12

## NINE
Adam lived were *n* hundred . . Gen 5:5
of Methuselah were *n* . . . . . Gen 5:27
where are the *n* . . . . . Luke 17:17

## NINETY-NINE
he not leave the *n* . . . . . Matt 18:12
*n* just persons . . . . . Luke 15:7

## NINEVEH
Capital of Assyria, 2 Kin 19:36
Jonah preaches to; people repent, Jon 3:1–10; Matt 12:41
Prophecy against, Nah 2:13—3:19; Zeph 2:13–15

## NOAH
Son of Lamech, Gen 5:28–32
Finds favor with God; commissioned to build the ark, Gen 6:8–22
Fills ark and survives flood, Gen 7
Leaves ark; builds altar; receives God's promise, Gen 8
God's covenant with, Gen 9:1–17
Blesses and curses his sons; dies, Gen 9:18–29

NO AMON (or Thebes)
Nineveh compared to, Nah 3:8

NOB
City of priests; David flees to, 1 Sam 21:1–9
Priests of, killed by Saul, 1 Sam 22:9–23

NOBLE
of the king's most *n* princes . Esth 6:9
I had planted you a *n* vine ... Jer 2:21
heard the word with a *n* ... Luke 8:15
most *n* Festus, but speak .. Acts 26:25
mighty, not many *n* ..... 1 Cor 1:26
whatever things are *n* ..... Phil 4:8
not blaspheme that *n* ..... James 2:7

NOBLES
voice of *n* was hushed ..... Job 29:10
king is the son of *n* ..... Eccl 10:17
*n* have sent their lads ..... Jer 14:3
your *n* rest in the ..... Nah 3:18

NOD
Place (east of Eden) of Cain's exile, Gen 4:16, 17

NOISE
There is a *n* of war in the ... Ex 32:17
any *n* with your voice ..... Josh 6:10
the *n* of a great army ..... 2 Kin 7:6
Than the *n* of many waters ... Ps 93:4
The *n* of a multitude ..... Is 13:4
people who make a *n* ..... Is 17:12
of Egypt, is but a *n* ..... Jer 46:17
They have made a *n* ..... Lam 2:7
the *n* of many waters ..... Ezek 1:24
the *n* of the wheels beside .. Ezek 3:13
the *n* of your songs ..... Amos 5:23
*n* of the day of the ..... Zeph 1:14
away with a great *n* ..... 2 Pet 3:10

NORTH
Zion on the sides of the *n* .... Ps 48:2
O *n* wind, and come ..... Song 4:16
I will say to the *n*, 'Give ..... Is 43:6
Israel from the land of ..... Jer 16:15
Togarmah from the far *n* .. Ezek 38:6
place out of the far *n* ..... Ezek 38:15
the west, from the *n* ..... Luke 13:29

NOSTRILS
*n* the breath of life ..... Gen 2:7
breath of God in my *n* ..... Job 27:3
breath is in his *n* ..... Is 2:22

NOTE
urge you, brethren, *n* ..... Rom 16:17
*n* those who so walk ..... Phil 3:17

NOTHING
For now you are *n* ..... Job 6:21
rich, yet has *n* ..... Prov 13:7
"It is good for *n* ..... Prov 20:14
before Him are as *n* ..... Is 40:17
their works are *n* ..... Is 41:29
I can of Myself do *n* ..... John 5:30
Me you can do *n* ..... John 15:5
men, it will come to *n* ..... Acts 5:38
bring to *n* the things ..... 1 Cor 1:28
For I know of *n* against ..... 1 Cor 4:4
have not love, I am *n* ..... 1 Cor 13:2
love, it profits me *n* ..... 1 Cor 13:3
Be anxious for *n* ..... Phil 4:6
For we brought *n* ..... 1 Tim 6:7
complete, lacking *n* ..... James 1:4
name's sake, taking *n* ..... 3 John 7

NOTORIOUS
*n* prisoner called ..... Matt 27:16

NOURISHED
"I have *n* and ..... Is 1:2
*n* and knit together ..... Col 2:19
*n* in the words of ..... 1 Tim 4:6

NOURISHES
*n* and cherishes it ..... Eph 5:29

NOVICE
not a *n*, lest being ..... 1 Tim 3:6

NUMBER
if a man could *n* ..... Gen 13:16
fulfill the *n* of your days .... Ex 23:26
that I may know the *n* .... 2 Sam 24:2
and moved David to *n* .... 1 Chr 21:1
things without *n* ..... Job 5:9
For now You *n* my steps ... Job 14:16
*n* the clouds by wisdom .... Job 38:37
teach us to *n* our days ..... Ps 90:12
He counts the *n* ..... Ps 147:4
Me days without *n* ..... Jer 2:32
in *n* about five thousand ... John 6:10
a great *n* believed and .... Acts 11:21
and increased in *n* daily .... Acts 16:5
which no one could *n* ..... Rev 7:9
His *n* is 666 ..... Rev 13:18

NUMBERED
David *n* the people ..... 2 Sam 18:1
he had *n* the people ..... 2 Sam 24:10
are more than can be *n* ..... Ps 40:5
death, and He was *n* with .... Is 53:12
God has *n* your kingdom ... Dan 5:26
of your head are all *n* ..... Matt 10:30
*n* among the twelve ..... Luke 22:3
'And He was *n* with ..... Luke 22:37
was *n* with the eleven ..... Acts 1:26

OAKS
Wail, O *o* of Bashan ..... Zech 11:2

OARSMEN
*o* brought you into ..... Ezek 27:26

OATH
two of them swore an *o* ... Gen 21:31
the *o* which He swore to .... Deut 7:8
people feared the *o* ..... 1 Sam 14:26
Judah rejoiced at the *o* ... 2 Chr 15:15
*o* to walk in God's Law .... Neh 10:29
for the sake of your *o* ..... Eccl 8:2
I may establish the *o* ..... Jer 11:5
And you shall be an *o* ..... Jer 42:18
raised My hand in an *o* .... Ezek 20:5
the *o* written in the Law .... Dan 9:11
he denied with an *o* ..... Matt 26:72
*o* which He swore ..... Luke 1:73
themselves under an *o* .... Acts 23:12
made priest without an *o* ... Heb 7:20
or with any other *o* ..... James 5:12

OATHS
shall perform your *o* ..... Matt 5:33
because of the *o* ..... Matt 14:9

OBADIAH
King Ahab's steward, 1 Kin 18:3–16
—— Prophet of Judah, Obad 1

OBED
Son of Boaz and Ruth, Ruth 4:17–22

OBED-EDOM
Philistine from Gath; ark of the Lord left in his house, 2 Sam 6:10–12; 1 Chr 13:13, 14

OBEDIENCE
scorns *o* to his mother .... Prov 30:17
and apostleship for *o* ..... Rom 1:5
*o* many will be made ..... Rom 5:19
For your *o* has become .... Rom 16:19
glorify God for the *o* of .... 2 Cor 9:13
captivity to the *o* ..... 2 Cor 10:5
confidence in your *o* ..... Philem 21
yet He learned *o* ..... Heb 5:8
for *o* and sprinkling ..... 1 Pet 1:2

OBEDIENT
said we will do, and be *o* ..... Ex 24:7
you are willing and *o* ..... Is 1:19
of the priests were *o* ..... Acts 6:7
make the Gentiles *o* ..... Rom 15:18
bondservants, be *o* to ..... Eph 6:5
Himself and became *o* ..... Phil 2:8
homemakers, good, *o* ..... Titus 2:5
as *o* children ..... 1 Pet 1:14

OBEY
LORD, that I should *o* ..... Ex 5:2
God and *o* His voice ..... Deut 4:30
*o* the commandments ..... Deut 11:27
if you diligently *o* the ..... Deut 28:1
if you do not *o* the voice .. Deut 28:15
His voice we will *o* ..... Josh 24:24
*o* is better than ..... 1 Sam 15:22
they hear of me they *o* ..... Ps 18:44
O My voice, and I will be .... Jer 7:23
O My voice, and do ..... Jer 11:4
we will *o* the voice of the .... Jer 42:6
shall serve and *o* Him ..... Dan 7:27
if you diligently *o* ..... Zech 6:15
winds and the sea *o* Him ... Matt 8:27
spirits, and they *o* Him .... Mark 1:27
*o* God rather than men ..... Acts 5:29
and do not *o* the truth ..... Rom 2:8
yourselves slaves to *o* ..... Rom 6:16
*o* your parents in all ..... Col 3:20
Bondservants, *o* in all ..... Col 3:22
on those who do not *o* .... 2 Thess 1:8
salvation to all who *o* Him ... Heb 5:9
O those who rule ..... Heb 13:17
mouths that they may *o* .... James 3:3
if some do not *o* ..... 1 Pet 3:1

OBEYED
Abraham *o* My voice ..... Gen 26:5
you have not *o* My voice .... Judg 2:2
bondage anymore, they *o* ... Jer 34:10
of sin, yet you *o* ..... Rom 6:17
they have not all *o* ..... Rom 10:16
By faith Abraham *o* ..... Heb 11:8
as Sarah *o* Abraham ..... 1 Pet 3:6

OBEYING
*o* the truth through ..... 1 Pet 1:22

OBSCURITY
shall see out of *o* ..... Is 29:18

OBSERVANCE
the LORD, a solemn *o* ..... Ex 12:42

OBSERVATION
does not come with *o* ..... Luke 17:20

OBSERVE
So you shall *o* the Feast of .. Ex 12:17
to *o* the Sabbath ..... Ex 31:16
which I teach you to *o* ..... Deut 4:1
night, that you may *o* to do .. Josh 1:8
man, and *o* the upright ..... Ps 37:37
is wise will *o* these things .. Ps 107:43
and let your eyes *o* ..... Prov 23:26
*o* mercy and justice ..... Hos 12:6
teaching them to *o* all ..... Matt 28:20
who does not *o* the day .... Rom 14:6
*o* days and months and ..... Gal 4:10
*o* your chaste conduct ..... 1 Pet 3:2

OBSERVES
*o* the wind will not ..... Eccl 11:4
He who *o* the day ..... Rom 14:6

OBSERVING
*o* his natural face ..... James 1:23

OBSESSED
nothing, but is *o* ..... 1 Tim 6:4

OBSOLETE
Now what is becoming *o* .... Heb 8:13

OBSTINATE
and made his heart *o* ..... Deut 2:30
I knew that you were *o* ..... Is 48:4

OBTAIN
They shall *o* joy and ..... Is 35:10
for they shall *o* mercy ..... Matt 5:7
they also may *o* mercy .... Rom 11:31
way that you may *o* it ..... 1 Cor 9:24
*o* salvation through ..... 1 Thess 5:9

o for themselves a good ... 1 Tim 3:13
that they might o a better .. Heb 11:35
and covet and cannot o .... James 4:2

## OBTAINED

Esther o favor in the sight .. Esth 2:15
o a part in this ..... Acts 1:17
yet have now o mercy .... Rom 11:30
have o an inheritance ..... Eph 1:11
He has by inheritance o ..... Heb 1:4
endured, he o the ..... Heb 6:15
o eternal redemption ..... Heb 9:12
o promises, stopped the ... Heb 11:33
To those who have o ..... 2 Pet 1:1

## OBTAINS

o favor from the LORD ..... Prov 8:35

## ODED

Prophet of Samaria, 2 Chr 28:9–15

## OF THE WORLD

men o who have ..... Ps 17:14
their words to the end o ..... Ps 19:4
the ends o shall remember .. Ps 22:27
all inhabitants o ..... Ps 49:1
All inhabitants o ..... Is 18:3
proclaimed to the end o ..... Is 62:11
all the kingdoms o ..... Matt 4:8
You are the light o ..... Matt 5:14
from the foundation o ..... Matt 13:35
since the beginning o ..... Matt 24:21
nations o seek after ..... Luke 12:30
takes away the sin o ..... John 1:29
The Christ, the Savior o .... John 4:42
give for the life o ..... John 6:51
"I am the light o ..... John 8:12
If you were o ..... John 15:19
have given Me out o ..... John 17:6
he would be the heir o ..... Rom 4:13
is the reconciling o ..... Rom 11:15
foolish things o to put ..... 1 Cor 1:27
not the spirit o ..... 1 Cor 2:12
made as the filth o ..... 1 Cor 4:13
cares about the things o ... 1 Cor 7:33
sorrow o produces death .. 2 Cor 7:10
under the elements o ..... Gal 4:3
before the foundation o ..... Eph 1:4
basic principles o ..... Col 2:8
wants to be a friend o ..... James 4:4
escaped the pollutions o ... 2 Pet 2:20
of the Father but is o ..... 1 John 2:16
sent the Son as Savior o .. 1 John 4:14
from the foundation o ..... Rev 17:8

## OF THIS WORLD

word, and the cares o ..... Matt 13:22
o, the deceitfulness ..... Mark 4:19
sons o are more shrewd ... Luke 16:8
You are o; I am not o ..... John 8:23
he sees the light o ..... John 11:9
Now is the judgment o .... John 12:31
for the ruler o is coming .. John 14:30
the ruler o is judged ..... John 16:11
"My kingdom is not o .... John 18:36
foolish the wisdom o ..... 1 Cor 1:20
wisdom o is foolishness ... 1 Cor 3:19
immoral people o ..... 1 Cor 5:10
form o is passing away .... 1 Cor 7:31
according to the course o .... Eph 2:2
not chosen the poor o ..... James 2:5
kingdoms o have become .. Rev 11:15

## OFFEND

I will o no more ..... Job 34:31
that devour him will o ..... Jer 2:3
lest we o them ..... Matt 17:27
than that he should o ..... Luke 17:2
them, "Does this o ..... John 6:61

## OFFENDED

How have I o you, that ..... Gen 20:9
A brother o is harder ..... Prov 18:19
is not o because of Me ..... Matt 11:6
So they were o at Him .... Matt 13:57
And then many will be o .. Matt 24:10
have I o in anything at all .. Acts 25:8
stumbles or is o ..... Rom 14:21

## OFFENDER

who make a man an o ..... Is 29:21
For if I am an o ..... Acts 25:11

## OFFENSE

and a rock of o ..... Is 8:14
You are an o to Me ..... Matt 16:23
by whom the o comes ..... Matt 18:7
one man's o many died .... Rom 5:15
by the one man's o ..... Rom 5:17
stone and rock of o ..... Rom 9:33
Give no o, either to ..... 1 Cor 10:32
the o of the cross ..... Gal 5:11
sincere and without o ..... Phil 1:10
and a rock of o ..... 1 Pet 2:8

## OFFENSES

For o must come ..... Matt 18:7
impossible that no o ..... Luke 17:1
up because of our o ..... Rom 4:25

## OFFER

and o him there as a burnt .. Gen 22:2
You shall not o strange ..... Ex 30:9
o for a sweet aroma to the .. Lev 6:21
to o willingly to You ..... 1 Chr 29:17
o up for yourselves a burnt .. Job 42:8
Therefore I will o sacrifices ... Ps 27:6
o to You the sacrifice ..... Ps 116:17
o the blind as a ..... Mal 1:8
come and o your gift ..... Matt 5:24
one cheek, o the other ..... Luke 6:29
egg, will he o him a ..... Luke 11:12
to o up sacrifices, first for ... Heb 7:27
which they o continually .... Heb 10:1
let us continually o ..... Heb 13:15
to o up spiritual sacrifices ... 1 Pet 2:5

## OFFERED

Jacob o a sacrifice on ..... Gen 31:54
eaten the same day it is o ... Lev 7:15
o profane fire before the .... Lev 10:1
Solomon o a thousand ..... 1 Kin 3:4
who willingly o a ..... Ezra 3:5
he o them money. ..... Acts 8:18
from things o to idols ..... Acts 15:29
to eat those things o ..... 1 Cor 8:10
"This was o to idols," .... 1 Cor 10:28
when He o up Himself ..... Heb 7:27
the eternal Spirit o ..... Heb 9:14
so Christ was o ..... Heb 9:28
in them" (which are o ..... Heb 10:8
o one sacrifice ..... Heb 10:12
By faith Abel o ..... Heb 11:4

## OFFERING

not respect Cain and his o ... Gen 4:5
poured a drink o on it ..... Gen 35:14
a freewill o to the LORD, all .. Ex 35:29
you shall bring your o ..... Lev 1:2
This is the law of the sin o .. Lev 6:25
Do not respect their o .... Num 16:15
fifty men who were o ..... Num 16:35
he offered the burnt o .... 1 Sam 13:9
at the time of the o of .... 1 Kin 18:36
the o for the house of our .. Ezra 8:25
of God, with the grain o .... Neh 13:9
o You did not require ..... Ps 40:6
You make His soul an o ..... Is 53:10
they should present an o .... Dan 2:46
drink o have been cut off .... Joel 1:9
I accept an o from your ..... Mal 1:10
to the LORD an o ..... Mal 3:3
an o for your cleansing, ... Luke 5:14
Himself for us, an o ..... Eph 5:2
out as a drink o ..... Phil 2:17
o You did not ..... Heb 10:5
o of the body of Jesus ..... Heb 10:10
o He has perfected ..... Heb 10:14
is no longer an o ..... Heb 10:18

## OFFERINGS

and offered burnt o ..... Gen 8:20
It is most holy of the o ..... Lev 2:3
My food for My o made .... Num 28:2
on it burnt o to the LORD ... Josh 8:31
delight in burnt o ..... 1 Sam 15:22
burnt o and peace o ..... 2 Sam 24:25
heart brought burnt o .... 2 Chr 29:31
He remember all your o ..... Ps 20:3
freewill o of my mouth .... Ps 119:108
enough of burnt o of rams .... Is 1:11
In burnt o and ..... Heb 10:6

## OFFERS

Whoever o praise glorifies .. Ps 50:23
o sacrifices in the high ..... Jer 48:35
that he o God service ..... John 16:2

## OFFICE

He restored me to my o ... Gen 41:13
let another take his o ..... Ps 109:8
sitting at the tax o ..... Matt 9:9
Levi, sitting at the tax o ... Luke 5:27
'Let another take his o ..... Acts 1:20

## OFFICERS

appoint o over the land .... Gen 41:34
also make your o ..... Is 60:17
the o struck Him with .... Mark 14:65
o answered, "No man ..... John 7:46
o saw Him, they cried ..... John 19:6

## OFFSCOURING

You have made us an o .... Lam 3:45
the o of all things ..... 1 Cor 4:13

## OFFSPRING

You have given me no o .... Gen 15:3
also shown me your o ..... Gen 48:11
because of the o which .... Ruth 4:12
your o like the grass of the .. Job 5:25
My blessing on your o ..... Is 44:3
He seeks godly o ..... Mal 2:15
wife and raise up o ..... Matt 22:24
had her and left no o ..... Mark 12:22
For we are also His o ..... Acts 17:28
we are the o of God ..... Acts 17:29
am the Root and the O ..... Rev 22:16

## OFTEN

o I wanted to gather ..... Luke 13:34
as o as you eat this ..... 1 Cor 11:26
in sleeplessness o ..... 2 Cor 11:27
should offer Himself o ..... Heb 9:25

## OG

Amorite king of Bashan, Deut 3:1–13
Defeated and killed by Israel, Num 21:32–35

## OHOLAH

Symbolic name of Samaria, Ezek 23:4, 5, 36

## OIL

for the anointing o ..... Ex 25:6
o to Me throughout your .... Ex 30:31
shall take the anointing o .... Ex 40:9
anointing o on Aaron's ..... Lev 8:12
land of olive o and honey ... Deut 8:8
I cease giving my o ..... Judg 9:9
a bin, and a little o ..... 1 Kin 17:12
the jar of o run dry ..... 1 Kin 17:16
So the o ceased ..... 2 Kin 4:6
o to the storehouse ..... Neh 13:12
poured out rivers of o ..... Job 29:6
You anoint my head with o ... Ps 23:5
anointed with fresh o ..... Ps 92:10
the heart of man, o ..... Ps 104:15
like the precious o ..... Ps 133:2
be as excellent o ..... Ps 141:5
the o of joy for mourning, ..... Is 61:3
and I anointed you with o .. Ezek 16:9
with new wine and o ..... Joel 2:24
thousand rivers of o ..... Mic 6:7
and took no o with them. ... Matt 25:3
the wise took o in their ..... Matt 25:4
'Give us some of your o .... Matt 25:8
very costly fragrant o ..... Matt 26:7
o might have been sold .... Matt 26:9

costly *o* of spikenard ..... Mark 14:3
anoint My head with *o* .... Luke 7:46
wounds, pouring on *o* .... Luke 10:34
Why was this fragrant *o* ... John 12:5
anointing him with *o* ..... James 5:14
and do not harm the *o* ..... Rev 6:6

OINTMENT
*O* and perfume delight ..... Prov 27:9
your name is *o* ..... Song 1:3

OLD
was five hundred years *o* ... Gen 5:32
was ninety-nine years *o* .... Gen 17:1
who is ninety years *o* ..... Gen 17:17
Remember the days of *o*, ... Deut 32:7
*o* lion perishes for lack ..... Job 4:11
So Job died, *o* and full of .. Job 42:17
young, and now am *o* ..... Ps 37:25
me off in the time of *o* age .... Ps 71:9
will utter dark sayings of *o* ... Ps 78:2
still bear fruit in *o* age ..... Ps 92:14
are the crown of *o* men .... Prov 17:6
and when he is *o* he will ... Prov 22:6
all manner, new and *o* ..... Song 7:13
die one hundred years *o* ..... Is 65:20
*o* men shall dream dreams .. Joel 2:28
was said to those of *o* ..... Matt 5:21
wine into *o* wineskins ..... Matt 9:17
He was twelve years *o* ..... Luke 2:42
man be born when he is *o* .. John 3:4
yet fifty years *o* ..... John 8:57
but when you are *o* ..... John 21:18
Your *o* men shall dream .... Acts 2:17
*o* man was crucified ..... Rom 6:6
of the *O* Testament ..... 2 Cor 3:14
*o* things have passed ..... 2 Cor 5:17
have put off the *o* man ..... Col 3:9
*o* wives' fables, and ..... 1 Tim 4:7
obsolete and growing *o* ..... Heb 8:13
that serpent of *o* ..... Rev 20:2

OLD MAN
the presence of an *o* ..... Lev 19:32
there will not be an *o* ..... 1 Sam 2:31
nor an *o* who has not ..... Is 65:20
I am an *o*, and my wife .... Luke 1:18
our *o* was crucified ..... Rom 6:6
the *o* which grows corrupt .. Eph 4:22
put off the *o* with his ..... Col 3:9

OLDER
*o* shall serve the ..... Gen 25:23
*o* than your father ..... Job 15:10
"Now his *o* son was ..... Luke 15:25
not rebuke an *o* man ..... 1 Tim 5:1
*o* women as mothers ..... 1 Tim 5:2
that the *o* men be sober, .... Titus 2:2
the *o* women likewise, that .. Titus 2:3

OLDEST
beginning with the *o* ..... John 8:9

OLIVE
a freshly plucked *o* ..... Gen 8:11
*o* trees which you did not .. Deut 6:11
a land of *o* groves ..... 2 Kin 18:32
I am like a green *o* ..... Ps 52:8
Your children like *o* plants .. Ps 128:3
of the *o* may fail ..... Hab 3:17
the *o* tree have not yielded .. Hag 2:19
and you, being a wild *o* ... Rom 11:17
*o* tree which is wild ..... Rom 11:24
These are the two *o* trees ... Rev 11:4

OLIVES, MOUNT OF
David flees to, 2 Sam 15:30
Prophecy concerning, Zech 14:4
Christ's triumphal entry from, Matt 21:1
Prophetic discourse delivered from, Matt 24:3
Christ's ascension from, Acts 1:9–12

OMNIPOTENT
For the Lord God *O* ..... Rev 19:6

OMRI
Made king of Israel by army, 1 Kin 16:16, 21, 22
Builds Samaria; reigns wickedly, 1 Kin 16:23–27

ON
City of Lower Egypt; center of sun worship, Gen 41:45, 50
Called Beth Shemesh, Jer 43:13

ONAN
Second son of Judah; slain for failure to give his brother an heir, Gen 38:8–10

ONCE
please come at *o* ..... Num 22:6
marched around the city *o* .. Josh 6:14
*o* more with the fleece ..... Judg 6:39
God has spoken *o*, twice I ... Ps 62:11
shall a nation be born at *o* .... Is 66:8
died, He died to sin *o* ..... Rom 6:10
alive *o* without the law ..... Rom 7:9
*o* I was stoned ..... 2 Cor 11:25
*o* were far off have been .... Eph 2:13
who *o* was unprofitable .... Philem 11
for this He did *o* for all ..... Heb 7:27
Most Holy Place *o* for all ... Heb 9:12
for men to die *o* ..... Heb 9:27
so Christ was offered *o* to ... Heb 9:28
who *o* were not a people ... 1 Pet 2:10
also suffered *o* ..... 1 Pet 3:18

ONE
*See* EVIL ONE; HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL; LOVE ONE ANOTHER; WITH ONE ACCORD
He took *o* of his ribs, and ... Gen 2:21
they shall become *o* flesh ... Gen 2:24
desirable to make *o* wise ..... Gen 3:6
*o* language and *o* speech .... Gen 11:1
our God, the LORD is *o* ..... Deut 6:4
Blessed be the *o* who ..... Ruth 2:19
on a mountain on *o* side .. 1 Sam 17:3
kissed *o* another ..... 1 Sam 20:41
in two, and give half to *o* .. 1 Kin 3:25
failed *o* word of all His .... 1 Kin 8:56
I told no *o* what my God .... Neh 2:12
no *o* could withstand them, .. Esth 9:2
*o* who feared God and ..... Job 1:1
*o* mocked by his friends, .... Job 12:4
find *o* wise man among .... Job 17:10
God may speak in *o* way ... Job 33:14
who does good, no, not *o* ..... Ps 53:3
limited the Holy *O* of Israel .. Ps 78:41
Blessed is every *o* who ..... Ps 128:1
there is *o* who withholds .. Prov 11:24
flee when no *o* pursues .... Prov 28:1
Two are better than *o* ..... Eccl 4:9
up, my love, my fair *o* ..... Song 2:10
I will seek the *o* I love ..... Song 3:2
shall take hold of *o* man, ..... Is 4:1
open, and no *o* shall shut .... Is 22:22
you will be gathered *o* ..... Is 27:12
Return now every *o* from ... Jer 18:11
wings touched *o* another .... Ezek 1:9
Each *o* had four faces .... Ezek 10:21
*o* who is found written ..... Dan 12:1
Holy *O* who is faithful ..... Hos 11:12
Has not *o* God created us ... Mal 2:10
deliver us from the evil *o* ... Matt 6:13
whoever causes *o* of ..... Matt 18:6
two shall become *o* flesh' ... Matt 19:5
and hour no *o* knows ..... Matt 24:36
watch with Me *o* hour .... Matt 26:40
receives *o* of these ..... Mark 9:37
"*O* thing you lack ..... Mark 10:21
*o* on Your right hand .... Mark 10:37
Surely you are *o* of ..... Mark 14:70
The voice of *o* crying in .... Luke 3:4
No *o*, when he has lit a .... Luke 8:16
*o* thing is needed ..... Luke 10:42
*o* sinner who repents ..... Luke 15:10
You still lack *o* thing ..... Luke 18:22
*O* sows and another ..... John 4:37
Has no *o* condemned you .. John 8:10
I and My Father are *o* .... John 10:30
you love *o* another ..... John 13:34
Me, that they may be *o* ... John 17:11
Not *o* of His bones ..... John 19:36
Holy *O* to see corruption ... Acts 2:27
*o* accord in the temple ..... Acts 2:46
none righteous, no, not *o* ... Rom 3:10
each *o* a measure of faith .. Rom 12:3
Repay no *o* evil for evil ... Rom 12:17
Owe no *o* anything except . Rom 13:8
that *o* be found faithful ..... 1 Cor 4:2
to *o* is given the word ..... 1 Cor 12:8
body is not *o* member .... 1 Cor 12:14
if *o* strikes you on the .... 2 Cor 11:20
for you are all *o* ..... Gal 3:28
love serve *o* another ..... Gal 5:13
Bear *o* another's burdens, .... Gal 6:2
to create in Himself *o* ..... Eph 2:15
*o* body and *o* Spirit ..... Eph 4:4
*o* Lord, *o* faith, *o* ..... Eph 4:5
*o* God and Father of ..... Eph 4:6
but *o* thing I do, forgetting .. Phil 3:13
*o* Mediator between God ... 1 Tim 2:5
the husband of *o* wife ..... 1 Tim 3:2
Let no *o* despise your ..... 1 Tim 4:12
But each *o* is tempted .... James 1:14
love *o* another fervently ... 1 Pet 1:22
Be hospitable to *o* another .. 1 Pet 4:9
a thousand years as *o* ..... 2 Pet 3:8
and these three are *o* ..... 1 John 5:7
I will give to each *o* of you .. Rev 2:23
Lamb opened *o* of the seals .. Rev 6:1
on the cloud sat *O* like ..... Rev 14:14

ONESIMUS
Slave of Philemon converted by Paul in Rome, Philem 10–17
With Tychicus, carries Paul's letters to Colosse and to Philemon, Col 4:7–9

ONESIPHORUS
Ephesian Christian commended for his service, 2 Tim 1:16–18

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
The *o*, who is in ..... John 1:18
world that He gave His *o* .. John 3:16
offered up his *o* ..... Heb 11:17
God has sent His *o* ..... 1 John 4:9

OPEN
*o* his eyes that he may .... 2 Kin 6:17
*o* the eyes of these men ... 2 Kin 6:20
*o* His lips against you ..... Job 11:5
His ears are *o* to their cry ... Ps 34:15
You *o* Your hand ..... Ps 104:28
*O* my eyes, that I may see .. Ps 119:18
*O* rebuke is better than .... Prov 27:5
*O* your mouth for the ..... Prov 31:8
and no one shall *o* ..... Is 22:22
I will *o* your mouth to .... Ezek 29:21
*o* toward Jerusalem ..... Dan 6:10
a lamb in *o* country ..... Hos 4:16
*o* My mouth in parables ... Matt 13:35
Can a demon *o* the eyes .. John 10:21
she did not *o* the gate ..... Acts 12:14
our heart is wide *o* ..... 2 Cor 6:11
things are naked and *o* ..... Heb 4:13
set before you an *o* door ..... Rev 3:8
*o* the scroll and to ..... Rev 5:2

OPENED
eat of it your eyes will be *o* .. Gen 3:5
the earth *o* its mouth ..... Num 16:32
the LORD *o* the mouth..... Num 22:28
the LORD *o* the eyes ..... 2 Kin 6:17
Ezra *o* the book in the sight .. Neh 8:5
*o* not His mouth ..... Is 53:7
that the heavens were *o* ..... Ezek 1:1
knock, and it will be *o* to .... Matt 7:7
our eyes may be *o* ..... Matt 20:33
his ears were *o* ..... Mark 7:35

when He had *o* the book ... Luke 4:17
Then their eyes were *o* ... Luke 24:31
*o* the Scriptures ..... Luke 24:32
*o* their understanding .... Luke 24:45
clay and *o* his eyes ..... John 9:14
Lord *o* the prison doors .... Acts 5:19
I see the heavens *o* and .... Acts 7:56
effective door has *o* ..... 1 Cor 16:9
when the Lamb *o* ..... Rev 6:1
he *o* the bottomless pit, and .. Rev 9:2
Now I saw heaven *o* ..... Rev 19:11
God, and books were *o* .... Rev 20:12

## OPENLY

will Himself reward you *o* ... Matt 6:4
to the feast, not *o* ..... John 7:10
*o* among the Jews, ..... John 11:54
and showed Him *o* ..... Acts 10:40
They have beaten us *o*, .... Acts 16:37

## OPENS

*o* the ears of men ..... Job 33:16
The LORD *o* the eyes of ..... Ps 146:8
him the doorkeeper *o* ..... John 10:3
and shuts and no one *o* ..... Rev 3:7
*o* the door, I will come in ... Rev 3:20

## OPHEL

Hill, southeast of Jerusalem, Neh 3:15–27
Fortified by Manasseh, 2 Chr 27:3
Residence of Nethinim, Neh 3:26

## OPHIR

Famous for gold, 1 Chr 29:4

## OPHRAH

Town in Manasseh; home of Gideon, Judg 6:11, 15
Site of Gideon's burial, Judg 8:32

## OPINION

dared not declare my *o* ..... Job 32:6
be wise in your own *o* .... Rom 11:25

## OPINIONS

falter between two *o* ..... 1 Kin 18:21

## OPPORTUNITY

sought *o* to betray Him ... Matt 26:16
*o* to answer for himself ... Acts 25:16
But sin, taking *o* ..... Rom 7:8
but give you *o* to boast .... 2 Cor 5:12
that I may cut off the *o* ... 2 Cor 11:12
liberty as an *o* for the flesh .. Gal 5:13
as we have *o* ..... Gal 6:10
but you lacked *o* ..... Phil 4:10
no *o* to the adversary ..... 1 Tim 5:14
they would have had *o* .... Heb 11:15

## OPPOSES

who *o* and exalts ..... 2 Thess 2:4

## OPPOSITE

wrote *o* the lampstand on .... Dan 5:5
Go into the village *o* you ... Matt 21:2
Mary, sitting *o* the tomb .. Matt 27:61
Jesus sat *o* the treasury .. Mark 12:41
Gadarenes, which is *o* ..... Luke 8:26

## OPPRESS

mistreat a stranger nor *o* .... Ex 22:21
you shall not *o* ..... Lev 25:17
You that You should *o* ..... Job 10:3
He does not *o* ..... Job 37:23
no more *o* My people ..... Ezek 45:8
he loves to *o* ..... Hos 12:7
they *o* a man and his house, .. Mic 2:2
*o* the widow or the ..... Zech 7:10
*o* them four hundred years .. Acts 7:6
Do not the rich *o* ..... James 2:6

## OPPRESSED

Whom have I *o* ..... 1 Sam 12:3
For he has *o* and ..... Job 20:19
fatherless and the *o* ..... Ps 10:18
for all who are *o* ..... Ps 103:6
The tears of the *o* ..... Eccl 4:1
He was *o* and He was ..... Is 53:7
her midst, and the *o* ..... Amos 3:9
at liberty those who are *o* .. Luke 4:18
healing all who were *o* .... Acts 10:38
Lot, who was *o* by ..... 2 Pet 2:7

## OPPRESSES

*o* the poor reproaches ..... Prov 14:31
*o* the poor to increase ..... Prov 22:16
A poor man who *o* ..... Prov 28:3

## OPPRESSION

have surely seen the *o* ..... Ex 3:7
"For the *o* of the ..... Ps 12:5
Do not trust in *o* ..... Ps 62:10
their life from *o* ..... Ps 72:14
brought low through *o* ..... Ps 107:39
Redeem me from the *o* .... Ps 119:134
considered all the *o* ..... Eccl 4:1
*o* destroys a wise ..... Eccl 7:7
justice, but behold, *o* ..... Is 5:7
surely seen the *o* ..... Acts 7:34

## OPPRESSIONS

of *o* they cry out ..... Job 35:9

## OPPRESSOR

the voice of the *o* ..... Job 3:18
Do not envy the *o* ..... Prov 3:31
is a great *o* ..... Prov 28:16
of the fury of the *o* ..... Is 51:13
No more shall an *o* ..... Zech 9:8

## OPPRESSORS

me from the hand of *o* ..... Job 6:23
not leave me to my *o* ..... Ps 119:121
*o* there is power ..... Eccl 4:1
LORD because of the *o* ..... Is 19:20

## ORACLES

received the living *o* ..... Acts 7:38
were committed the *o* ..... Rom 3:2
principles of the *o* ..... Heb 5:12
let him speak as the *o* ..... 1 Pet 4:11

## ORDAINED

infants You have *o* ..... Ps 8:2
the stars, which You have *o* ... Ps 8:3
*o* you a prophet ..... Jer 1:5
the Man whom He has *o* .. Acts 17:31
God *o* before the ages ..... 1 Cor 2:7

## ORDER

in *o* that you may know ..... Ex 8:22
'Set your house in *o* ..... 2 Kin 20:1
of the LORD was set in *o* .. 2 Chr 29:35
in *o* to seek the LORD. ..... Ezra 6:21
set your words in *o* ..... Job 33:5
you, and set them in *o* ..... Ps 50:21
to the *o* of Melchizedek ..... Ps 110:4
in *o* to cleanse the land ... Ezek 39:12
swept, and put in *o* ..... Matt 12:44
it swept and put in *o* ..... Luke 11:25
done decently and in *o* ... 1 Cor 14:40
each one in his own *o* .... 1 Cor 15:23
to see your good *o* ..... Col 2:5
according to the *o* ..... Heb 5:6
in *o* to stir up love ..... Heb 10:24

## ORDERED

man did as Joseph *o* ..... Gen 43:17
for so the LORD has *o* .... 2 Sam 16:11
for so the king had *o* all ..... Esth 1:8
a good man are *o* by the .... Ps 37:23

## ORDERS

*o* his conduct aright I ..... Ps 50:23
as I have given *o* to the .... 1 Cor 16:1

## ORDINANCE

the *o* of the Passover ..... Ex 12:43
you shall keep My *o* ..... Lev 18:30
an *o* forever throughout .... Num 10:8
*o* for Israel to this day ... 1 Sam 30:25
required by *o* for each day .. Ezra 3:4
forsake the *o* of their God ..... Is 58:2
that we have kept His *o* ..... Mal 3:14
resists the *o* of God ..... Rom 13:2
yourselves to every *o* ..... 1 Pet 2:13

## ORDINANCES

shall you walk in their *o* .... Lev 18:3
*o* by the hand of Moses ... 2 Chr 33:8
and gave them just *o* ..... Neh 9:13
Do you know the *o* ..... Job 38:33
according to Your *o* ..... Ps 119:91
"If those *o* depart ..... Jer 31:36
not appointed the *o* ..... Jer 33:25
gone away from My *o* ..... Mal 3:7
contained in *o* ..... Eph 2:15
and fleshly *o* imposed ..... Heb 9:10

## ORION

Brilliant constellation, Job 9:9

## ORNAMENT

will be a graceful *o* ..... Prov 1:9
of gold and an *o* ..... Prov 25:12
with them all as an *o* ..... Is 49:18

## ORNAMENTS

cheeks are lovely with *o* ... Song 1:10
a virgin forget her *o* ..... Jer 2:32
I adorned you with *o*, put . Ezek 16:11

## ORPAH

Ruth's sister-in-law, Ruth 1:4, 14

## ORPHANS

We have become *o* ..... Lam 5:3
I will not leave you *o* ..... John 14:18
to visit *o* and widows ..... James 1:27

## OSNAPPER

Called "the great and noble," Ezra 4:10

## OSTRICHES

*o* will dwell there ..... Is 13:21
is cruel, like *o* ..... Lam 4:3
a mourning like the *o* ..... Mic 1:8

## OTHNIEL

Son of Kenaz, Caleb's youngest brother, Judg 1:13
Captures Kirjath Sepher; receives Caleb's daughter as wife, Josh 15:15–17
First judge of Israel, Judg 3:9–11

## OUGHT

what Israel *o* to do ..... 1 Chr 12:32
These you *o* to have ..... Matt 23:23
pray for as we *o* ..... Rom 8:26
how you *o* to conduct ..... 1 Tim 3:15
which they *o* not ..... 1 Tim 5:13
persons *o* you to be ..... 2 Pet 3:11

## OUTCAST

they called you an *o* ..... Jer 30:17
the lame, I will gather the *o* .. Mic 4:6
and the *o* a strong nation ..... Mic 4:7

## OUTCASTS

gathers together the *o* ..... Ps 147:2
will assemble the *o* ..... Is 11:12
hide the *o*, do not betray ..... Is 16:3
Let My *o* dwell with ..... Is 16:4

## OUTCRY

because the *o* against ..... Gen 19:13
that there be no *o* ..... Ps 144:14
Then there arose a loud *o* .. Acts 23:9

## OUTGOINGS

You make the *o* of the ..... Ps 65:8

## OUTRAGE

lewdness and *o* in ..... Judg 20:6

## OUTRAN

the other disciple *o* ..... John 20:4

## OUTSIDE

and dish, that the *o* ..... Matt 23:26
Pharisees make the *o* ..... Luke 11:39
toward those who are *o* ..... Col 4:5
to Him, *o* the camp ..... Heb 13:13
But *o* are dogs and ..... Rev 22:15

## OUTSTRETCHED

power and by Your *o* arm .. Deut 9:29
and with an *o* arm ..... Deut 26:8
an *o* arm, Him you shall .. 2 Kin 17:36
against you with an *o* ..... Jer 21:5

OUTWARD
at the *o* appearance ..... 1 Sam 16:7
Even though our *o* man ... 2 Cor 4:16
to the *o* appearance ..... 2 Cor 10:7
adornment be merely *o* ..... 1 Pet 3:3

OUTWARDLY
appear beautiful *o* ..... Matt 23:27
not a Jew who is one *o* .... Rom 2:28

OUTWIT
The enemy shall not *o* ..... Ps 89:22

OVEN
make them as a fiery *o* ..... Ps 21:9
burning like an *o* ..... Mal 4:1
is thrown into the *o* ..... Matt 6:30

OVERCAME
My throne, as I also *o* ..... Rev 3:21
And they *o* him by ..... Rev 12:11

OVERCOME
we are well able to *o* it ... Num 13:30
for they have *o* me ..... Song 6:5
to those who are *o* with wine .. Is 28:1
good cheer, I have *o* ..... John 16:33
*o* when You are judged ..... Rom 3:4
*o* evil with good ..... Rom 12:21
entangled in them and *o* ... 2 Pet 2:20
because you have *o* ..... 1 John 2:13
and have *o* them, ..... 1 John 4:4
that has *o* the world ..... 1 John 5:4
and the Lamb will *o* ..... Rev 17:14

OVERCOMES
of God *o* the world ..... 1 John 5:4
he who *o* the world ..... 1 John 5:5
*o* I will give to eat ..... Rev 2:7
*o* shall not be hurt ..... Rev 2:11
To him who *o* I will give .... Rev 2:17
He who *o* shall be clothed .... Rev 3:5
To him who *o* I will grant ... Rev 3:21
*o* shall inherit all ..... Rev 21:7

OVERFLOW
Let not the floodwater *o* ..... Ps 69:15
vats will *o* with new wine .. Prov 3:10
shall *o* with righteousness ... Is 10:22
rivers, they shall not *o* you .... Is 43:2
vats shall *o* with new wine .. Joel 2:24

OVERFLOWING
My heart is *o* with a ..... Ps 45:1
a flood of mighty waters *o* .... Is 28:2
and shall be an *o* flood ..... Jer 47:2
But with an *o* flood He will .. Nah 1:8

OVERSEER
Then he made him *o* ..... Gen 39:4
having no captain, *o* ..... Prov 6:7
to the Shepherd and *O* ..... 1 Pet 2:25

OVERSEERS
Spirit has made you *o* ..... Acts 20:28
you, serving as *o* ..... 1 Pet 5:2

OVERSHADOW
of the Highest will *o* ..... Luke 1:35

OVERTAKE
some evil *o* me and I die ... Gen 19:19
*o* you, because you obey ... Deut 28:2
upon you and *o* you ..... Deut 28:15
and *o* you, until you are ... Deut 28:45
lest he *o* us suddenly .... 2 Sam 15:14
does righteousness *o* ..... Is 59:9
you feared shall *o* ..... Jer 42:16
lest darkness *o* you ..... John 12:35
and *o* this chariot ..... Acts 8:29
that this Day should *o* .... 1 Thess 5:4

OVERTAKEN
and anguish have *o* me ... Ps 119:143
No temptation has *o* ..... 1 Cor 10:13
if a man is *o* in any ..... Gal 6:1

OVERTHREW
So He *o* those cities ..... Gen 19:25
will be as when God *o* ..... Is 13:19
As God *o* Sodom and ..... Jer 50:40
"I *o* some of you ..... Amos 4:11

OVERTHROW
you shall utterly *o* ..... Ex 23:24
*o* them in the wilderness ... Ps 106:26
*o* their descendants ..... Ps 106:27
*o* the righteous in ..... Prov 18:5
As in the *o* of Sodom and ... Jer 49:18
*o* the throne of ..... Hag 2:22
of God, you cannot *o* it ..... Acts 5:39
*o* the faith of some ..... 2 Tim 2:18

OVERTHROWN
Their judges are *o* ..... Ps 141:6
but it is *o* by the mouth ... Prov 11:11
The wicked are *o* and are .. Prov 12:7
desolate, as *o* by strangers ..... Is 1:7
of Sodom, which was *o* ..... Lam 4:6
I will make it *o* ..... Ezek 21:27
and Nineveh shall be *o* ..... Jon 3:4

OVERTHROWS
and *o* the mighty ..... Job 12:19
*o* them in the night ..... Job 34:25
*o* the words of the ..... Prov 22:12

OVERTURNED
my heart is *o* within ..... Lam 1:20
*o* the tables of the ..... Matt 21:12
money and *o* the tables .... John 2:15

OVERWHELM
*o* the fatherless ..... Job 6:27
sends them out, they *o* ..... Job 12:15

OVERWHELMED
when my heart is *o* ..... Ps 61:2
and my spirit was *o* ..... Ps 77:3
*o* their enemies ..... Ps 78:53
waters would have *o* ..... Ps 124:4
my spirit is *o* within ..... Ps 143:4

OVERWORK
Do not *o* to be rich ..... Prov 23:4

OWE
Pay me what you *o* ..... Matt 18:28
'How much do you *o* ..... Luke 16:5
*O* no one anything ..... Rom 13:8
*o* me even your own ..... Philem 19

OWED
*o* him ten thousand ..... Matt 18:24
fellow servants who *o* ..... Matt 18:28
*o* five hundred denarii ..... Luke 7:41

OWN
created man in His *o* ..... Gen 1:27
interpretation of his *o* ..... Gen 41:11
of his *o* people as wife ..... Lev 21:14
grasshoppers in our *o* .... Num 13:33
is right in his *o* eyes ..... Deut 12:8
each to his *o* inheritance .. Josh 24:28
a man after His *o* heart .. 1 Sam 13:14
loved him as his *o* soul ... 1 Sam 18:1
Your very *o* people ..... 2 Sam 7:24
Your *o* we have given .... 1 Chr 29:14
everyone to his *o* city ..... Ezra 2:1
reproach on their *o* heads .... Neh 4:4
wise in their *o* craftiness .... Job 5:13
He who swears to his *o* hurt .. Ps 15:4
Even my *o* familiar friend in .. Ps 41:9
on your *o* understanding .... Prov 3:5
not be wise in your *o* eyes .. Prov 3:7
troubles his *o* house ..... Prov 11:29
a fool is right in his *o* ..... Prov 12:15
a man are pure in his *o* .... Prov 16:2
wisdom loves his *o* soul .... Prov 19:8
no rule over his *o* spirit ... Prov 25:28
forsake your *o* friend ..... Prov 27:10
her *o* works praise her .... Prov 31:31
over another to his *o* hurt .... Eccl 8:9
the work of their *o* hands ..... Is 2:8
every one from his *o* fig ..... Is 36:16
dictates of their *o* heart ..... Jer 9:14
return upon your *o* head .... Obad 15
idols forsake their *o* Mercy ... Jon 2:8
men of his *o* household ..... Mic 7:6
the plank in your *o* eye ..... Matt 7:3
dead bury their *o* dead ..... Matt 8:22
and loses his *o* soul ..... Matt 16:26
honor except in his *o* ..... Mark 6:4
is known by its *o* fruit ..... Luke 6:44
He came to His *o* ..... John 1:11
not to do My *o* will ..... John 6:38
I do not seek My *o* glory ... John 8:50
and am known by My *o* .. John 10:14
having loved His *o* ..... John 13:1
world would love its *o* .... John 15:19
took her to his *o* home .... John 19:27
speak in his *o* language ..... Acts 2:6
by our *o* power or ..... Acts 3:12
His *o* love toward us ..... Rom 5:8
did not spare His *o* Son .... Rom 8:32
and you are not your *o* .... 1 Cor 6:19
But each one has his *o* ..... 1 Cor 7:7
ask their *o* husbands at .. 1 Cor 14:35
plucked out your *o* eyes ..... Gal 4:15
submit to your *o* husbands .. Eph 5:22
ought to love their *o* wives .. Eph 5:28
work out your *o* salvation .. Phil 2:12
For all seek their *o* ..... Phil 2:21
who rules his *o* house ..... 1 Tim 3:4
but with His *o* blood He .... Heb 9:12
in His *o* body on the tree .. 1 Pet 2:24
but left their *o* abode ..... Jude 6
from our sins in His *o* ..... Rev 1:5

OX
shall not muzzle an *o* ..... Deut 25:4
"Will the wild *o* ..... Job 39:9
you bind the wild *o* ..... Job 39:10
like a young wild *o* ..... Ps 29:6
exalted like a wild *o* ..... Ps 92:10
*o* knows its owner ..... Is 1:3
had the face of an *o* ..... Ezek 1:10
Sabbath loose his *o* ..... Luke 13:15
shall not muzzle an *o* ..... 1 Cor 9:9

PACE
are majestic in *p* ..... Prov 30:29

PACIFIES
A gift in secret *p* ..... Prov 21:14
for conciliation *p* ..... Eccl 10:4

PADAN ARAM
Same as Mesopotamia, Gen 24:10; *see* MESOPOTAMIA
Home of Isaac's wife, Gen 25:20
Jacob flees to, Gen 28:2–7
Jacob returns from, Gen 31:17, 18
People of, called Syrians, Gen 31:24
Language of, called Aramaic, 2 Kin 18:26

PAGAN
have taken *p* wives from ... Ezra 10:2
by marrying *p* women ..... Neh 13:27
have begotten *p* children ..... Hos 5:7
priests with the *p* priests .... Zeph 1:4

PAID
today I have *p* my vows .... Prov 7:14
*p* the very last mite ..... Luke 12:59
*p* tithes through Abraham .... Heb 7:9

PAILS
*p* are full of milk ..... Job 21:24

PAIN
*p* you shall bring ..... Gen 3:16
Because I bore him in *p* .... 1 Chr 4:9
on my affliction and my *p* ... Ps 25:18
*p* as a woman in ..... Is 13:8
are filled with *p* ..... Is 21:3
before her *p* came ..... Is 66:7
Why is my *p* perpetual ..... Jer 15:18
labor and in *p* to give birth .. Rev 12:2
shall be no more *p* ..... Rev 21:4

PAINED
My heart is severely *p* ..... Ps 55:4
I am *p* in my very ..... Jer 4:19

PAINFUL
this, it was too *p* ..... Ps 73:16
for the present, but *p* ..... Heb 12:11

PAINS
The *p* of death ..... Ps 116:3
having loosed the *p* ..... Acts 2:24
upon them, as labor *p* .... 1 Thess 5:3

PAINT
and she put *p* on her ..... 2 Kin 9:30
your eyes with *p* ..... Jer 4:30

PAINTING
it with cedar and *p* ..... Jer 22:14

PALACE
support from the *p* ..... Ezra 4:14
was taken to the king's *p* .... Esth 2:8
was great in the king's *p* .... Esth 9:4
enter the King's *p* ..... Ps 45:15
a *p* of foreigners ..... Is 25:2
to serve in the king's *p* ..... Dan 1:4
the king went to his *p* ..... Dan 6:18
at the *p* of the high priest .. Matt 26:3
guards his own *p* ..... Luke 11:21
evident to the whole *p* ..... Phil 1:13

PALACES
out of the ivory *p* ..... Ps 45:8
God is in her *p* ..... Ps 48:3
has entered our *p* ..... Jer 9:21
has swallowed up all her *p* .. Lam 2:5
in the *p* at Ashdod ..... Amos 3:9

PALANQUIN
the King made himself a *p* .. Song 3:9

PALE
his face now grow *p* ..... Is 29:22
and all faces turned *p* ..... Jer 30:6
behold, a *p* horse ..... Rev 6:8

PALM
of water and seventy *p* ..... Ex 15:27
*p* trees, and open flowers .. 1 Kin 6:29
of yours is like a *p* tree ..... Song 7:7
*p* branch and bulrush in ..... Is 9:14
*p* branch or bulrush, may .... Is 19:15
and *p* trees were carved .. Ezek 41:20
*p* trees and went out ..... John 12:13
*p* branches in their ..... Rev 7:9

PALMS
you on the *p* of My hands .... Is 49:16
struck Him with the *p* ..... Matt 26:67

PALTI (or Paltiel)
Man to whom Saul gives Michal, David's wife, in marriage, 1 Sam 25:44; 2 Sam 3:15

PAMPERS
*p* his servant from ..... Prov 29:21

PAMPHYLIA
People from, at Pentecost, Acts 2:10
Paul visits; John Mark returns home from, Acts 13:13; 15:38
Paul preaches in cities of, Acts 14:24, 25

PANGS
The *p* of death ..... Ps 18:4
*P* and sorrows will ..... Is 13:8
labors with birth *p* ..... Rom 8:22

PANICKED
the men of Benjamin *p* .... Judg 20:41

PANT
They *p* after the dust ..... Amos 2:7

PANTS
As the deer *p* for the ..... Ps 42:1

PAPHOS
Paul blinds Elymas at, Acts 13:6–13

PAPYRUS
"Can the *p* grow up ..... Job 8:11

PARABLE
open my mouth in a *p* ..... Ps 78:2
speak a *p* to the house of .. Ezek 17:2
utter a *p* to the rebellious .. Ezek 24:3
*p* He did not speak ..... Matt 13:34
learn this *p* from the fig ... Matt 24:32
spoken the *p* against ..... Mark 12:12
do You speak this *p* ..... Luke 12:41

PARABLES
'Does he not speak *p* ..... Ezek 20:49
understand all the *p* ..... Mark 4:13
rest it is given in *p* ..... Luke 8:10

PARADE
love does not *p* ..... 1 Cor 13:4

PARADISE
will be with Me in *P* ..... Luke 23:43
was caught up into *P* ..... 2 Cor 12:4
in the midst of the *P* ..... Rev 2:7

PARALYTIC
then He said to the *p* ..... Matt 9:6
on which the *p* was lying ... Mark 2:4

PARALYZED
servant is lying at home *p* ... Matt 8:6
sick people, blind, lame, *p* .. John 5:3
who were *p* and lame ..... Acts 8:7

PARAN
Residence of exiled Ishmael, Gen 21:21
Israelites camp in, Num 10:12
Headquarters of spies, Num 13:3, 26
Site of David's refuge, 1 Sam 25:1

PARCHMENTS
especially the *p* ..... 2 Tim 4:13

PARDON
*p* your transgressions ..... Ex 23:21
You are God, ready to *p* .... Neh 9:17
not *p* my transgression ..... Job 7:21
O LORD, *p* my iniquity ..... Ps 25:11
He will abundantly *p* ..... Is 55:7
*p* all their iniquities ..... Jer 33:8

PARDONED
ended, that her iniquity is *p* ... Is 40:2

PARDONING
is a God like You, *p* ..... Mic 7:18

PARENTS
will rise up against *p* ..... Matt 10:21
His *p* went to Jerusalem ... Luke 2:41
has left house or *p* ..... Luke 18:29
sinned, this man or his *p* .... John 9:2
disobedient to *p* ..... Rom 1:30
to lay up for the *p* ..... 2 Cor 12:14
obey your *p* in all things, .... Col 3:20
disobedient to *p* ..... 2 Tim 3:2

PARMENAS
One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:5

PART
You have no *p* in the ..... Josh 22:25
has chosen that good *p* ... Luke 10:42
you, you have no *p* ..... John 13:8
And he kept back *p* of the ... Acts 5:2
that blindness in *p* has .... Rom 11:25
to that *p* which lacks it, .. 1 Cor 12:24
For we know in *p* ..... 1 Cor 13:9
*p* has a believer ..... 2 Cor 6:15
Abraham gave a tenth *p* ..... Heb 7:2
shall take away his *p* ..... Rev 22:19

PARTAKE
for we all *p* of that ..... 1 Cor 10:17
you cannot *p* of the ..... 1 Cor 10:21

PARTAKER
and have been a *p* ..... Ps 50:18
in hope should be *p* ..... 1 Cor 9:10
Christ, and also a *p* ..... 1 Pet 5:1

PARTAKERS
Gentiles have been *p* ..... Rom 15:27
of the sacrifices *p* ..... 1 Cor 10:18
know that as you are *p* ..... 2 Cor 1:7
gospel, you all are *p* ..... Phil 1:7
qualified us to be *p* ..... Col 1:12
For we have become *p* ..... Heb 3:14

PARTED
them, that He was *p* ..... Luke 24:51
so sharp that they *p* ..... Acts 15:39

PARTIAL
You shall not be *p* ..... Lev 19:15

PARTIALITY
You shall not show *p* ..... Deut 1:17
unjustly, and show *p* ..... Ps 82:2
is not good to show *p* ..... Prov 18:5
but have shown *p* ..... Mal 2:9
that God shows no *p* ..... Acts 10:34
For there is no *p* ..... Rom 2:11
doing nothing with *p* ..... 1 Tim 5:21
but if you show *p* ..... James 2:9
good fruits, without *p* .... James 3:17

PARTIES
revelries, drinking *p* ..... 1 Pet 4:3

PARTING
at the *p* of the road ..... Ezek 21:21

PARTITION
the Testimony, and *p* ..... Ex 40:3

PARTNER
Whoever is a *p* with a .... Prov 29:24
you count me as a *p* ..... Philem 17

PARTRIDGE
when one hunts a *p* ..... 1 Sam 26:20

PARTS
anything but death *p* ..... Ruth 1:17
in the inward *p* ..... Ps 51:6
uttermost *p* of the sea ..... Ps 139:9
Shout, you lower *p* ..... Is 44:23
and made four *p* ..... John 19:23
but our presentable *p* .... 1 Cor 12:24
into the lower *p* ..... Eph 4:9

PASHHUR
Official opposing Jeremiah, Jer 21:1; 38:1–13
—— Priest who puts Jeremiah in jail, Jer 20:1–6

PASS
I will *p* over you ..... Ex 12:13
of the sea that *p* ..... Ps 8:8
When you *p* through the ..... Is 43:2
"I will make you *p* ..... Ezek 20:37
seven times shall *p* over .... Dan 4:32
I will not *p* by them ..... Amos 7:8
and earth will *p* ..... Matt 24:35
let this cup *p* from Me .... Matt 26:39
will by no means *p* ..... Mark 13:31
*p* away with a great noise .. 2 Pet 3:10

PASSED
And behold, the LORD *p* .. 1 Kin 19:11
and Your waves *p* over me ... Jon 2:3
*p* by on the other side .... Luke 10:31
forbearance God had *p* .... Rom 3:25
all *p* through the sea ..... 1 Cor 10:1
old things have *p* away .... 2 Cor 5:17
High Priest who has *p* ..... Heb 4:14
By faith they *p* through .... Heb 11:29
know that we have *p* ..... 1 John 3:14
former things have *p* away .. Rev 21:4

PASSES
For the wind *p* over it ..... Ps 103:16
of Christ which *p* ..... Eph 3:19

PASSING
days are like a *p* shadow .... Ps 144:4
and *p* by, to bear His ..... Mark 15:21
Jesus of Nazareth was *p* .. Luke 18:37
which glory was *p* away, ... 2 Cor 3:7
the *p* pleasures of sin ..... Heb 11:25
the darkness is *p* away .... 1 John 2:8

PASSION
than to burn with *p* ..... 1 Cor 7:9
uncleanness, *p*, evil ..... Col 3:5

PASSIONS
gave them up to vile *p* ..... Rom 1:26

PASSOVER
It is the LORD'S *P* ..... Ex 12:11
of the Feast of the *P* be left .. Ex 34:25
at twilight is the LORD'S *P* ... Lev 23:5
the *P* at its appointed time .. Num 9:2
to the rite of the *P* and ..... Num 9:14
sacrifice the *P* at twilight ... Deut 16:6
the *P* on the fourteenth ..... Josh 5:10
of King Josiah this *P* ..... 2 Kin 23:23
*P* in the second month .... 2 Chr 30:2
of the slaughter of the *P* .. 2 Chr 30:17
Now Josiah kept a *P* to .... 2 Chr 35:1
the *P* lambs for all the ..... Ezra 6:20
you shall observe the *P* ... Ezek 45:21
I will keep the *P* ..... Matt 26:18
*P* with My disciples ..... Mark 14:14
the *P* must be killed ..... Luke 22:7
Now the *P* of the Jews ..... John 2:13
Now the *P*, a feast of the .... John 6:4
*P* of the Jews was near ... John 11:55
six days before the *P* ..... John 12:1
that they might eat the *P* .. John 18:28
Preparation Day of the *P* . John 19:14
indeed Christ, our *P* ..... 1 Cor 5:7
By faith he kept the *P* ..... Heb 11:28

PAST
My days are *p* ..... Job 17:11
lo, the winter is *p* ..... Song 2:11
harvest is *p*, the summer ..... Jer 8:20
and His ways *p* finding ... Rom 11:33
resurrection is already *p* .. 2 Tim 2:18
ways spoke in time *p* ..... Heb 1:1
*p* lifetime in doing ..... 1 Pet 4:3

PASTORS
and some *p* and ..... Eph 4:11

PASTURE
the sheep of Your *p* ..... Ps 74:1
the people of His *p* ..... Ps 95:7
feed them in good *p* ..... Ezek 34:14
in and out and find *p* ..... John 10:9

PASTURES
to lie down in green *p* ..... Ps 23:2

PATARA
Port of Lycia where Paul changes ships, Acts 21:1, 2

PATH
You enlarged my *p* ..... 2 Sam 22:37
*p* no bird knows ..... Job 28:7
You will show me the *p* ..... Ps 16:11
lead me in a smooth *p* ..... Ps 27:11
comprehend my *p* and my ... Ps 139:3
But the *p* of the just ..... Prov 4:18
You weigh the *p* of the just ... Is 26:7
Him in the *p* of justice ..... Is 40:14
way in the sea and a *p* ..... Is 43:16

PATHROS
Described as a lowly kingdom, Ezek 29:14–16
Refuge for dispersed Jews, Jer 44:1–15
Jews to be regathered from, Is 11:11

PATHS
He leads me in the *p* ..... Ps 23:3
Teach me Your *p* ..... Ps 25:4
and all her *p* are ..... Prov 3:17
*p* they have not ..... Is 42:16
themselves crooked *p* ..... Is 59:8
Make His *p* straight ..... Matt 3:3
and make straight *p* ..... Heb 12:13

PATIENCE
'Master, have *p* ..... Matt 18:26
and bear fruit with *p* ..... Luke 8:15
*p* possess your souls ..... Luke 21:19
Now may the God of *p* ..... Rom 15:5
labor of love, and *p* ..... 1 Thess 1:3
faith, love, *p* ..... 1 Tim 6:11
and *p* inherit the promises .. Heb 6:12
your faith produces *p* ..... James 1:3
*p* have its perfect ..... James 1:4
of suffering and *p* ..... James 5:10
in the kingdom and *p* ..... Rev 1:9
Here is the *p* and the ..... Rev 13:10

PATIENT
rejoicing in hope, *p* ..... Rom 12:12
uphold the weak, be *p* ... 1 Thess 5:14

PATIENTLY
the LORD, and wait *p* ..... Ps 37:7
if you take it *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:20

PATMOS
John, banished here, receives the Revelation, Rev 1:9

PATRIARCHS
begot the twelve *p* ..... Acts 7:8

PATTERN
*p* which you were ..... Ex 26:30
as you have us for a *p* ..... Phil 3:17
Hold fast the *p* ..... 2 Tim 1:13
*p* shown you on the ..... Heb 8:5

PAUL
Roman citizen from Tarsus; studied under Gamaliel, Acts 22:3, 25–28
Originally called Saul; persecutes the church, Acts 7:58; 8:1, 3; 9:1, 2
Converted on road to Damascus, Acts 9:3–19
Preaches in Damascus; escapes to Jerusalem and then to Tarsus, Acts 9:20–30
Ministers in Antioch; sent to Jerusalem, Acts 11:25–30
First missionary journey, Acts 13; 14
Speaks for Gentiles at Jerusalem Council, Acts 15:1–5, 12
Second missionary journey, Acts 15:36—18:22
Third missionary journey, Acts 18:23—21:14
Arrested in Jerusalem; defense before Roman authorities, Acts 21:15—26:32
Sent to Rome, Acts 27:1—28:31
His epistles, Rom; 1 and 2 Cor; Gal; Eph; Phil; Col; 1 and 2 Thess; 1 and 2 Tim; Titus; Philem

PAULUS, SERGIUS
Roman proconsul of Cyprus, Acts 13:4, 7

PAVED
a *p* work of sapphire stone .. Ex 24:10

PAVEMENT
that is called The *P* ..... John 19:13

PAVILION
shall hide me in His *p* ..... Ps 27:5
them secretly in a *p* ..... Ps 31:20

PAW
from the *p* of the lion .... 1 Sam 17:37

PAWS
He *p* in the valley ..... Job 39:21

PAY
sell the oil and *p* your debt .. 2 Kin 4:7
*p* attention to my wisdom ... Prov 5:1
with which to *p* ..... Prov 22:27
priests teach for *p* ..... Mic 3:11
with me, and I will *p* ..... Matt 18:26
*p* taxes to Caesar ..... Matt 22:17
For you *p* tithe of ..... Matt 23:23
to *p* taxes to Caesar ..... Mark 12:14

PEACE
"These men are at *p* ..... Gen 34:21
sacrifice of the *p* offering ..... Lev 3:9
I will give *p* in the ..... Lev 26:6
you, and give you *p* ..... Num 6:26
Joshua made *p* with them .. Josh 9:15
had made *p* with Israel ..... Josh 10:1
'Make *p* with me by a .... 2 Kin 18:31
If you ever return in *p* .... 2 Chr 18:27
field shall be at *p* ..... Job 5:23
both lie down in *p* ..... Ps 4:8
seek *p* and pursue it ..... Ps 34:14
for He will speak *p* ..... Ps 85:8
*p* have those who ..... Ps 119:165
I am for *p* ..... Ps 120:7
for the *p* of Jerusalem ..... Ps 122:6
*P* be within your walls ..... Ps 122:7
*P* be upon Israel ..... Ps 125:5
war, and a time of *p* ..... Eccl 3:8
Father, Prince of *P* ..... Is 9:6
keep him in perfect *p* ..... Is 26:3
*p* they have not ..... Is 59:8
slightly, saying, '*P* ..... Jer 6:14
"We looked for *p* ..... Jer 8:15
give you assured *p* ..... Jer 14:13
they will seek *p* ..... Ezek 7:25
My people, saying, '*P* ..... Ezek 13:10
*P* be multiplied ..... Dan 4:1
this One shall be *p* ..... Mic 5:5
place I will give *p* ..... Hag 2:9
speak *p* to the nations ..... Zech 9:10
is worthy, let your *p* ..... Matt 10:13
that I came to bring *p* ..... Matt 10:34
and on earth *p* ..... Luke 2:14
if a son of *p* is there ..... Luke 10:6
that make for your *p* ..... Luke 19:42
I leave with you, My *p* .... John 14:27
in Me you may have *p* .... John 16:33
Grace to you and *p* ..... Rom 1:7
by faith, we have *p* ..... Rom 5:1
minded is life and *p* ..... Rom 8:6
of *p* will crush Satan ..... Rom 16:20
God has called us to *p* ..... 1 Cor 7:15
*p* will be with you ..... 2 Cor 13:11
Spirit is love, joy, *p* ..... Gal 5:22
He Himself is our *p* ..... Eph 2:14
the Spirit in the bond of *p* .... Eph 4:3
of the gospel of *p* ..... Eph 6:15
and the *p* of God ..... Phil 4:7
heaven, having made *p* ..... Col 1:20
And let the *p* of God ..... Col 3:15
Be at *p* among ..... 1 Thess 5:13
faith, love, *p* ..... 2 Tim 2:22
meaning "king of *p*," ..... Heb 7:2
Pursue *p* with all people ... Heb 12:14
is sown in *p* by those ..... James 3:18
*p* be multiplied ..... 2 Pet 1:2
it to take *p* from the earth .... Rev 6:4

PEACEABLE
and *p* life in all ..... 1 Tim 2:2
is first pure, then *p* ..... James 3:17

PEACEABLY
Do you come *p* ..... 1 Sam 16:4
*p*?" And he said, "*P*." ..... 1 Kin 2:13
speaks *p* to his neighbor ..... Jer 9:8
He shall enter *p*, even ..... Dan 11:24
on you, live *p* ..... Rom 12:18

PEACEFUL
in a *p* habitation ..... Is 32:18

PEACEMAKERS
Blessed are the *p* ..... Matt 5:9

PEARL
had found one *p* ..... Matt 13:46
gate was of one *p* ..... Rev 21:21

PEARLS
nor cast your *p* ..... Matt 7:6
hair or gold or *p* ..... 1 Tim 2:9
gates were twelve *p* ..... Rev 21:21

PEG
wife, took a tent *p* ..... Judg 4:21
will fasten him as a *p* ..... Is 22:23

PEKAH
Son of Remaliah; usurps Israel's throne, 2 Kin 15:25–28
Forms alliance with Rezin of Syria against Ahaz, Is 7:1–9

Alliance defeated; captives returned, 2 Kin 16:5–9
Territory of, overrun by Tiglath-Pileser, 2 Kin 15:29
Assassinated by Hoshea, 2 Kin 15:30

PEKAHIAH
Son of Menahem; king of Israel, 2 Kin 15:22–26
Assassinated by Pekah, 2 Kin 15:23–25

PEN
My tongue is the *p* ..... Ps 45:1
on it with a man's *p* ..... Is 8:1
to write to you with *p* ..... 3 John 13

PENNY
have paid the last *p* ..... Matt 5:26

PENTECOST
*P* had fully come ..... Acts 2:1
on the Day of *P* ..... Acts 20:16
tarry in Ephesus until *P* ... 1 Cor 16:8

PENUEL
Place east of Jordan; site of Jacob's wrestling with angel, Gen 32:24–31
Inhabitants of, slain by Gideon, Judg 8:8, 9, 17

PEOPLE
will take you as My *p* ..... Ex 6:7
Who is like you, a *p* ..... Deut 33:29
*p* shall be my *p* ..... Ruth 1:16
*p* who know the joyful ..... Ps 89:15
We are His *p* and the ..... Ps 100:3
Happy are the *p* ..... Ps 144:15
"Blessed is Egypt My *p* ..... Is 19:25
this is a rebellious *p* ..... Is 30:9
*p* who provoke Me ..... Is 65:3
and they shall be My *p* ..... Jer 24:7
Then they shall be My *p* .. Ezek 37:23
for you are not My *p* ..... Hos 1:9
like *p*, like priest ..... Hos 4:9
to make ready a *p* ..... Luke 1:17
taught the *p* in the ..... Luke 20:1
Unless you *p* see signs ..... John 4:48
a great multitude of sick *p* .. John 5:3
all the *p* came to Him ..... John 8:2
man should die for the *p* .. John 11:50
favor with all the *p* ..... Acts 2:47
were done among the *p* .... Acts 5:12
for they feared the *p*, lest ... Acts 5:26
and signs among the *p* ..... Acts 6:8
the *p* grew and multiplied .. Acts 7:17
of My *p* who are in Egypt .. Acts 7:34
astonished the *p* of ..... Acts 8:9
a great many *p* were ..... Acts 11:24
take out of them a *p* ..... Acts 15:14
his defense to the *p* ..... Acts 19:33
of this *p* has grown dull ... Acts 28:27
who were not My *p* ..... Rom 9:25
and contrary *p* ..... Rom 10:21
His *p* whom He foreknew .. Rom 11:2
and they shall be My *p* .... 2 Cor 6:16
His own special *p* ..... Titus 2:14
and they shall be My *p* ..... Heb 8:10
LORD will judge His *p* ..... Heb 10:30
His own special *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:9
but are now the *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:10
tribe and tongue and *p* ..... Rev 5:9
tribe, tongue, and *p* ..... Rev 14:6
they shall be His *p* ..... Rev 21:3

PEOPLE OF GOD
in the assembly of the *p* .... Judg 20:2
a thing against the *p* ..... 2 Sam 14:13
a rest for the *p* ..... Heb 4:9
affliction with the *p* ..... Heb 11:25
people but are now the *p* .. 1 Pet 2:10

PEOPLES
Let *p* serve you ..... Gen 27:29
separated you from the *p* .. Lev 20:26
scatter you among all *p* ... Deut 28:64
His deeds among the *p* .... 1 Chr 16:8
The LORD shall judge the *p* .... Ps 7:8
clap your hands, all you *p* .... Ps 47:1
Let all the *p* praise You ..... Ps 67:5
of the earth and all *p* ..... Ps 148:11
lift up a banner for the *p* ..... Is 62:10
customs of the *p* are futile ... Jer 10:3
to the *p* a pure language, ... Zeph 3:9
sow them among the *p* ..... Zech 10:9
heavy stone for all *p* ..... Zech 12:3
will draw all *p* to Myself .. John 12:32

PEOR
Mountain of Moab opposite Jericho, Num 23:28
Israel's camp seen from, Num 24:2
—— Moabite god called Baal of Peor, Num 25:3, 5, 18
Israelites punished for worship of, Num 31:16

PERCEIVE
given you a heart to *p* ..... Deut 29:4
but I cannot *p* ..... Job 23:8
seeing, but do not *p* ..... Is 6:9
may see and not *p* ..... Mark 4:12
not yet *p* nor understand .. Mark 8:17
In truth I *p* that God ..... Acts 10:34

PERCEIVED
not heard nor *p* by the ear .... Is 64:4
Jesus *p* their wickedness .. Matt 22:18
when Jesus *p* in His spirit .. Mark 2:8
Jesus *p* their thoughts ..... Luke 5:22
for I *p* power going out .... Luke 8:46
*p* the grace that had been .... Gal 2:9

PERDITION
except the son of *p* ..... John 17:12
to them a proof of *p* ..... Phil 1:28
revealed, the son of *p* ..... 2 Thess 2:3
who draw back to *p* ..... Heb 10:39
day of judgment and *p* ..... 2 Pet 3:7

PEREZ
One of Judah's twin sons by Tamar, Gen 38:24–30

PERFECT
Noah was a just man, *p* ..... Gen 6:9
His work is *p* ..... Deut 32:4
Give a *p* lot ..... 1 Sam 14:41
one who is *p* in ..... Job 36:4
for God, His way is *p* ..... Ps 18:30
The law of the LORD is *p*, ..... Ps 19:7
I hate them with *p* hatred .. Ps 139:22
will keep him in *p* peace ..... Is 26:3
You were *p* in your ..... Ezek 28:15
Father in heaven is *p* ..... Matt 5:48
"If you want to be *p* ..... Matt 19:21
they may be made *p* ..... John 17:23
and *p* will of God ..... Rom 12:2
when that which is *p* ..... 1 Cor 13:10
is made *p* in weakness .... 2 Cor 12:9
present every man *p* ..... Col 1:28
the law made nothing *p* ..... Heb 7:19
more *p* tabernacle ..... Heb 9:11
of just men made *p* ..... Heb 12:23
patience have its *p* work ... James 1:4
good gift and every *p* ..... James 1:17
in word, he is a *p* ..... James 3:2
*p* love casts out fear ..... 1 John 4:18

PERFECTED
third day I shall be *p* ..... Luke 13:32
or am already *p* ..... Phil 3:12
the Son who has been *p* .... Heb 7:28
the love of God is *p* ..... 1 John 2:5

PERFECTION
the *p* of beauty ..... Ps 50:2
consummation of all *p* ..... Ps 119:96
You were the seal of *p* .... Ezek 28:12
let us go on to *p* ..... Heb 6:1

PERFORM
*p* the duty ..... Ruth 3:13
*p* Your statutes ..... Ps 119:112
am ready to *p* My word ..... Jer 1:12
he is obliged to *p* it ..... Matt 23:16
What sign will You *p* ..... John 6:30
how to *p* what is good ..... Rom 7:18

PERFORMED
They *p* His signs ..... Ps 105:27
works are *p* by His hands .. Mark 6:2
John *p* no sign ..... John 10:41
who *p* the service perfect in .. Heb 9:9

PERFUMER'S
putrefy the *p* ointment ..... Eccl 10:1

PERGA
Visited by Paul, Acts 13:13, 14; 14:25

PERGAMOS
Site of one of the seven churches, Rev 1:11
Special message to, Rev 2:12–17

PERIL
or nakedness, or *p* ..... Rom 8:35

PERILOUS
from the *p* pestilence ..... Ps 91:3
in the last days *p* ..... 2 Tim 3:1

PERILS
journeys often, in *p* ..... 2 Cor 11:26

PERISH
"Surely we die, we *p* ..... Num 17:12
until you *p* from this ..... Josh 23:13
and if I *p*, I *p* ..... Esth 4:16
Why did I not *p* ..... Job 3:11
All flesh would *p* ..... Job 34:15
way of the ungodly shall *p* .... Ps 1:6
He is like the beasts that *p* .. Ps 49:12
they *p* at the rebuke ..... Ps 80:16
very day his plans *p* ..... Ps 146:4
he who speaks lies shall *p* .. Prov 19:9
But those riches *p* through .. Eccl 5:14
they all will *p* together ..... Is 31:3
the remnant in Judah *p* ..... Jer 40:15
so that we may not *p* ..... Jon 1:6
one of your members *p* .... Matt 5:29
little ones should *p* ..... Matt 18:14
will *p* by the sword ..... Matt 26:52
will all likewise *p* ..... Luke 13:3
in Him should not *p* ..... John 3:16
they shall never *p* ..... John 10:28
whole nation should *p* .... John 11:50
Your money *p* with you, .... Acts 8:20
will also *p* without law ..... Rom 2:12
shall the weak brother *p* ... 1 Cor 8:11
concern things which *p* ..... Col 2:22
among those who *p* ..... 2 Thess 2:10
They will *p*, ..... Heb 1:11
that any should *p* ..... 2 Pet 3:9

PERISHABLE
do it to obtain a *p* ..... 1 Cor 9:25

PERISHED
*p* being innocent ..... Job 4:7
Truth has *p* and has ..... Jer 7:28
The faithful man has *p* ..... Mic 7:2

PERISHES
The old lion *p* for lack of .... Job 4:11
The righteous *p*, ..... Is 57:1
for the food which *p* ..... John 6:27
precious than gold that *p* .... 1 Pet 1:7

PERISHING
We are *p* ..... Matt 8:25
to those who are *p* ..... 2 Cor 4:3

PERIZZITES
One of seven Canaanite nations, Deut 7:1
Possessed Palestine in Abraham's time, Gen 13:7
Jacob's fear of, Gen 34:30
Many of, slain by Judah, Judg 1:4, 5

PERJURER
*p* shall be expelled ..... Zech 5:3

PERMIT
the Spirit did not *p* ..... Acts 16:7
I do not *p* a woman ..... 1 Tim 2:12

PERMITS
you, if the Lord *p* ..... 1 Cor 16:7
we will do if God *p* ..... Heb 6:3

PERMITTED
*p* no one to do them ..... Ps 105:14

PERPETUAL
*p* incense before the LORD .... Ex 30:8
It shall be a *p* statute for .. Num 19:21
Why is my pain *p* ..... Jer 15:18
make it a *p* desolation ..... Jer 25:12
saltpits, and a *p* desolation .. Zeph 2:9

PERPETUATED
Your name shall be *p* ..... Nah 1:14

PERPLEXED
at one another, *p* ..... John 13:22
we are *p* ..... 2 Cor 4:8

PERSECUTE
*p* me as God does ..... Job 19:22
*p* me wrongfully ..... Ps 119:86
when they revile and *p* ..... Matt 5:11
Bless those who *p* ..... Rom 12:14

PERSECUTED
*p* the poor and needy ..... Ps 109:16
*p* the prophets who ..... Matt 5:12
If they *p* Me ..... John 15:20
*p* the church of God ..... 1 Cor 15:9
*p*, but not forsaken ..... 2 Cor 4:9
*p* us now preaches the ..... Gal 1:23

PERSECUTES
wicked in his pride *p* ..... Ps 10:2

PERSECUTION
*p* arises because of ..... Matt 13:21
At that time a great *p* ..... Acts 8:1
do I still suffer *p* ..... Gal 5:11

PERSECUTIONS
and lands, with *p* ..... Mark 10:30
in needs, in *p* ..... 2 Cor 12:10
*p*, afflictions, which ..... 2 Tim 3:11

PERSECUTOR
a blasphemer, a *p* ..... 1 Tim 1:13

PERSECUTORS
Deliver me from my *p*, for ... Ps 142:6
vengeance for me on my *p* .. Jer 15:15
all her *p* overtake her in ..... Lam 1:3

PERSEVERANCE
tribulation produces *p* ..... Rom 5:3
to this end will all *p* ..... Eph 6:18
longsuffering, love, *p* ..... 2 Tim 3:10
heard of the *p* of Job ..... James 5:11
to self-control *p* ..... 2 Pet 1:6

PERSEVERE
kept My command to *p* ..... Rev 3:10

PERSISTENCE
*p* he will rise and ..... Luke 11:8

PERSON
In whose eyes a vile *p* ..... Ps 15:4
*p* will suffer hunger ..... Prov 19:15
do not regard the *p* ..... Matt 22:16
One *p* esteems one day .... Rom 14:5
to eat with such a *p* ..... 1 Cor 5:11
no fornicator, unclean *p* ..... Eph 5:5
that such a *p* is warped .... Titus 3:11
express image of His *p* ..... Heb 1:3
let it be the hidden *p* ..... 1 Pet 3:4
by whom a *p* is overcome .. 2 Pet 2:19

PERSUADE
Who will *p* Ahab to ..... 1 Kin 22:20
"You almost *p* me ..... Acts 26:28
the Lord, we *p* men ..... 2 Cor 5:11
For do I now *p* men ..... Gal 1:10

PERSUADED
a ruler is *p* ..... Prov 25:15
neither will they be *p* ..... Luke 16:31
*p* that He is able ..... 2 Tim 1:12

PERSUASIVE
*p* words of human ..... 1 Cor 2:4
you with *p* words ..... Col 2:4

PERTAINING
Priest in things *p* ..... Heb 2:17
for men in things *p* ..... Heb 5:1

PERTURBED
things the earth is *p* ..... Prov 30:21

PERVERSE
your way is *p* ..... Num 22:32
for the *p* person is an ..... Prov 3:32
*p* lips far from you ..... Prov 4:24
*p* heart will be ..... Prov 12:8
*p* man sows strife ..... Prov 16:28
but he who is *p* ..... Prov 28:18
from this *p* generation ..... Acts 2:40

PERVERSITY
in oppression and *p* ..... Is 30:12

PERVERT
You shall not *p* ..... Deut 16:19
and *p* all equity ..... Mic 3:9
*p* the gospel of Christ ..... Gal 1:7

PERVERTING
We found this fellow *p* .... Luke 23:2
will you not cease *p* ..... Acts 13:10

PERVERTS
*p* the words of the ..... Ex 23:8
*p* his ways will become .... Prov 10:9

PESTILENCE
from the perilous *p* ..... Ps 91:3
*p* that walks in ..... Ps 91:6
Before Him went *p* ..... Hab 3:5

PESTILENCES
will be famines, *p* ..... Matt 24:7

PETER
Fisherman; called to discipleship, Matt 4:18–20; John 1:40–42
Called as apostle, Matt 10:2–4
Walks on water, Matt 14:28–33
Confesses Christ's deity, Matt 16:13–19
Rebuked by Christ, Matt 16:21–23
Witnesses transfiguration, Matt 17:1–8; 2 Pet 1:16–18
Denies Christ three times, Matt 26:69–75
Commissioned to feed Christ's sheep, John 21:15–17
Leads disciples, Acts 1:15–26
Preaches at Pentecost, Acts 2:1–41
Performs miracles, Acts 3:1–11; 5:14–16; 9:32–43
Called to minister to Gentiles, Acts 10
Defends his visit to Gentiles, Acts 11:1–18
Imprisoned and delivered, Acts 12:3–19
Speaks at Jerusalem Council, Acts 15:7–14
Writes epistles, 1 Pet 1:1; 2 Pet 1:1

PETITION
of Israel grant your *p* ..... 1 Sam 1:17
What is your *p* ..... Esth 5:6
present your *p* before Him ... Jer 42:9
makes his *p* three times .... Dan 6:13

PETITIONS
fulfill all your *p* ..... Ps 20:5
*p* that we have asked ..... 1 John 5:15

PHARAOH
Kings of Egypt, contemporaries of:
Abraham, Gen 12:15–20
Joseph, Gen 40; 41
Moses in youth, Ex 1:8–11
the Exodus, Ex 5—14
Solomon, 1 Kin 3:1; 11:17–20
Other Pharaohs, 1 Kin 14:25, 26; 2 Kin 17:4; 18:21; 19:9; 23:29; Jer 44:30

PHARISEE
"Blind *P*, first cleanse ..... Matt 23:26
*P* who had invited Him .... Luke 7:39
*P* asked Him to dine ..... Luke 11:37
temple to pray, one a *P* ... Luke 18:10
*P* named Gamaliel ..... Acts 5:34
I am a *P*, the son of a *P* .... Acts 23:6
our religion I lived a *P* ..... Acts 26:5
concerning the law, a *P* ..... Phil 3:5

PHARISEES
*See* SCRIBES AND PHARISEES
when he saw many of the *P* . Matt 3:7
when the *P* saw it, they .... Matt 9:11
we and the *P* fast often ..... Matt 9:14
*P* said, "He casts out ..... Matt 9:34
*P* saw it, they said to ..... Matt 12:2
*P* were offended when .... Matt 15:12
of the leaven of the *P* ..... Matt 16:6
*P* also came to Him ..... Matt 19:3
*P* heard His parables ..... Matt 21:45
*P* went and plotted how ... Matt 22:15
*P* heard that He had ..... Matt 22:34
*P* gathered together to .... Matt 27:62
*P* came out and began to .. Mark 8:11
*P* and teachers of the law .. Luke 5:17
*P* and lawyers rejected .... Luke 7:30
you *P* make the outside ... Luke 11:39
"But woe to you *P*! For ... Luke 11:42
of the leaven of the *P* ..... Luke 12:1
*P* came, saying to Him .... Luke 13:31
to the lawyers and *P* ..... Luke 14:3
*P* and scribes murmured ... Luke 15:2
*P*, who were lovers of .... Luke 16:14
*P* when the kingdom of ... Luke 17:20
of the *P* named Nicodemus .. John 3:1
*P* heard the crowd .... ... John 7:32
*P* therefore said to Him .... John 8:13
*P* also asked him again .... John 9:15
went away to the *P* ..... John 11:46
*P* had given a command .. John 11:57
because of the *P* they ..... John 12:42
of the *P* who believed ..... Acts 15:5
Sadducees and the other *P* . Acts 23:6

PHILADELPHIA
City of Lydia in Asia Minor; church established here, Rev 1:11

PHILEMON
Christian at Colosse to whom Paul writes, Philem 1
Paul appeals to him to receive Onesimus, Philem 9–21

PHILETUS
False teacher, 2 Tim 2:17, 18

PHILIP
Son of Herod the Great, Matt 14:3
—— One of the twelve apostles, Matt 10:3
Brings Nathanael to Christ, John 1:43–48
Tested by Christ, John 6:5–7
Introduces Greeks to Christ, John 12:20–22
Gently rebuked by Christ, John 14:8–12
—— One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:5
Called an evangelist, Acts 21:8
Preaches in Samaria, Acts 8:5–13
Leads the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ, Acts 8:26–40

PHILIPPI
City of Macedonia (named after Philip of Macedon); visited by Paul, Acts 16:12; 20:6
Paul writes letter to church of, Phil 1:1

PHILISTIA
The land of the Philistines, Gen 21:32, 34; Josh 13:2; Ps 60:8

PHILISTINES
Not attacked by Joshua, Josh 13:1–3

Left to test Israel, Judg 3:1–4
God delivers Israel to, as punishment, Judg 10:6, 7
Israel delivered from, by Samson, Judg 13—16
Capture, then return the ark of the Lord, 1 Sam 4—6
Wars and dealings with Saul and David, 1 Sam 13:15—14:23; 17:1–52; 18:25–27; 21:10–15; 27:1—28:6; 29:1–11; 31:1–13; 2 Sam 5:17–25
Originally on the island of Caphtor, Jer 47:4
Prophecies concerning, Is 9:11, 12; Jer 25:15–20; 47:1–7; Ezek 25:15–17; Zeph 2:4–6

## PHILOSOPHERS
*p* encountered him ..... Acts 17:18

## PHILOSOPHY
cheat you through *p* ..... Col 2:8

## PHINEHAS
Aaron's grandson; executes God's judgment, Num 25:1–18; Ps 106:30, 31
Settles dispute over memorial altar, Josh 22:11–32
—— Younger son of Eli; abuses his office, 1 Sam 1:3; 2:12–17, 22–36
Killed by Philistines, 1 Sam 4:11, 17

## PHOENICIA
Mediterranean coastal region including the cities of Ptolemais, Tyre, Zarephath and Sidon; evangelized by early Christians, Acts 11:19
Jesus preaches here, Matt 15:21

## PHRYGIA
Jews from, at Pentecost, Acts 2:1, 10
Visited twice by Paul, Acts 16:6

## PHYLACTERIES
They make their *p* ..... Matt 23:5

## PHYSICIAN
Gilead, is there no *p* ..... Jer 8:22
have no need of a *p* ..... Matt 9:12
Luke the beloved *p* ..... Col 4:14

## PHYSICIANS
are all worthless *p* ..... Job 13:4
her livelihood on *p* ..... Luke 8:43

## PI HAHIROTH
Israel camps there before crossing the Red Sea, Ex 14:2, 9; Num 33:7, 8

## PICTURE
what parable shall we *p* ... Mark 4:30

## PIECE
placed each *p* opposite .... Gen 15:10
hammered *p* of pure gold ... Ex 25:36
one *p* with the mercy seat .... Ex 37:8
two legs or a *p* of an ear .. Amos 3:12
No one puts a *p* ..... Matt 9:16
bought a *p* of ground ..... Luke 14:18
Him a *p* of a broiled fish .. Luke 24:42
from the top in one *p* ..... John 19:23

## PIECES
for my wages thirty *p* ..... Zech 11:12
they took the thirty *p* ..... Matt 27:9
shall be dashed to *p* ..... Rev 2:27

## PIERCE
and his master shall *p* ..... Ex 21:6
a sword will *p* ..... Luke 2:35

## PIERCED
*p* My hands and My feet .... Ps 22:16
Me whom they have *p* .... Zech 12:10
of the soldiers *p* ..... John 19:34
*p* themselves through ..... 1 Tim 6:10
and they also who *p* ..... Rev 1:7

## PIERCING
*p* even to the division ..... Heb 4:12

## PIETY
first learn to show *p* ..... 1 Tim 5:4

## PILATE, PONTIUS
Governor of Judea (A.D. 26–36), Luke 3:1
Questions Jesus and delivers Him to Jews, Matt 27:2, 11–26; John 18:28—19:16

## PILGRIMAGE
heart is set on *p* ..... Ps 84:5
In the house of my *p* ..... Ps 119:54

## PILGRIMS
we are aliens and *p* ..... 1 Chr 29:15
were strangers and *p* ..... Heb 11:13

## PILLAR
and she became a *p* ..... Gen 19:26
where you anointed the *p* .. Gen 31:13
and by night in a *p* ..... Ex 13:21
standing by a *p* ..... 2 Kin 11:14
a *p* to the LORD ..... Is 19:19
the living God, the *p* ..... 1 Tim 3:15
I will make him a *p* in the ... Rev 3:12

## PILLARS
break their sacred *p* ..... Ex 34:13
between the *p* ..... Judg 16:25
And he cast two *p* ..... 1 Kin 7:15
bronze *p* that were in .... 2 Kin 25:13
I set up its *p* firmly ..... Ps 75:3
out her seven *p* ..... Prov 9:1
blood and fire and *p* ..... Joel 2:30
who seemed to be *p* ..... Gal 2:9
and his feet like *p* ..... Rev 10:1

## PILOT
rudder wherever the *p* ..... James 3:4

## PIM
*p* for the plowshares ..... 1 Sam 13:21

## PINE
cypress tree and the *p* ..... Is 41:19
for these *p* away ..... Lam 4:9

## PINNACLE
set Him on the *p* ..... Luke 4:9

## PISGAH
Mountain in Moab where Balaam offers sacrifice, Num 23:14
Moses views Promised Land from, Deut 3:27
Site of Moses' death, Deut 34:1–7

## PISHON
One of Eden's four rivers, Gen 2:10, 11

## PISIDIA
Twice visited by Paul, Acts 13:13, 14; 14:24

## PIT
*See* BOTTOMLESS PIT
cast him into some *p* ..... Gen 37:20
soul draws near the *P* ..... Job 33:22
who go down to the *p* ..... Ps 28:1
woman is a deep *p* ..... Prov 22:14
a harlot is a deep *p* ..... Prov 23:27
fall into his own *p* ..... Prov 28:10
my life in the *p* ..... Lam 3:53
who descend into the *P* ... Ezek 31:16
up my life from the *p* ..... Jon 2:6
from the waterless *p* ..... Zech 9:11
if it falls into a *p* ..... Matt 12:11
ox that has fallen into a *p* .. Luke 14:5
the key to the bottomless *p* ... Rev 9:1
into the bottomless *p* ..... Rev 20:3

## PITCH
inside and outside with *p* ... Gen 6:14
Israel would *p* their tents .. Num 9:17

## PITCHER
her *p* on her shoulder ..... Gen 24:15
or the *p* shattered at the .... Eccl 12:6
carrying a *p* of water ..... Luke 22:10

## PITCHERS
and torches inside the *p* .... Judg 7:16
the *p* of pure gold ..... 1 Chr 28:17
the washing of cups, *p* ..... Mark 7:4

## PITHOM
Egyptian city built by Hebrew slaves, Ex 1:11

## PITIABLE
of all men the most *p* ..... 1 Cor 15:19

## PITS
The proud have dug *p* ..... Ps 119:85

## PITY
eye shall have no *p* ..... Deut 7:16
"Have *p* on me ..... Job 19:21
for someone to take *p* ..... Ps 69:20
He who has *p* on the ..... Prov 19:17
*p* He redeemed them ..... Is 63:9
land, and *p* His people ..... Joel 2:18
And should I not *p* ..... Jon 4:11
just as I had *p* ..... Matt 18:33

## PLACE
*See* HIGH PLACE; HOLY PLACE; MOST HOLY PLACE
*p* know him anymore ..... Job 7:10
All go to one *p* ..... Eccl 3:20
return again to My *p* ..... Hos 5:15
Come, see the *p* ..... Matt 28:6
My word has no *p* ..... John 8:37
I go to prepare a *p* ..... John 14:2
might go to his own *p* ..... Acts 1:25

## PLACES
*See* HIGH PLACES
set them in slippery *p* ..... Ps 73:18
dark *p* of the earth ..... Ps 74:20
and the rough *p* ..... Is 40:4
They love the best *p* ..... Matt 23:6
in the heavenly *p* ..... Eph 1:3

## PLAGUE
bring yet one more *p* ..... Ex 11:1
with a very great *p* ..... Num 11:33
those who died in the *p* .... Num 25:9
three days' *p* in your .... 2 Sam 24:13
*p* come near your ..... Ps 91:10
and the *p* was stopped ..... Ps 106:30
And this shall be the *p* .... Zech 14:12
because of the *p* of the ..... Rev 16:21

## PLAGUES
I will send all My *p* ..... Ex 9:14
I will be your *p* ..... Hos 13:14
*p* that are written ..... Rev 22:18

## PLAINLY
the Christ, tell us *p* ..... John 10:24
now You are speaking *p* .. John 16:29
such things declare *p* ..... Heb 11:14

## PLAN
*p* evil things in their ..... Ps 140:2
Let none of you *p* ..... Zech 7:10
*p* according to the flesh .... 2 Cor 1:17

## PLANK
First remove the *p* ..... Matt 7:5

## PLANS
He makes the *p* of the ..... Ps 33:10
in that very day his *p* ..... Ps 146:4
that devises wicked *p* ..... Prov 6:18
A man's heart *p* ..... Prov 16:9
*P* are established ..... Prov 20:18

## PLANT
A time to *p* ..... Eccl 3:2
Him as a tender *p* ..... Is 53:2
they shall *p* vineyards ..... Is 65:21
*p* of an alien vine ..... Jer 2:21
the LORD God prepared a *p* ... Jon 4:6
*p* which My heavenly ..... Matt 15:13

## PLANTED
The LORD God *p* a garden .... Gen 2:8
and he *p* a vineyard ..... Gen 9:20
Abraham *p* a tamarisk .... Gen 21:33

shall be like a tree *p* ..... Ps 1:3
Your right hand has *p* ..... Ps 80:15
*p* it with the choicest vine ..... Is 5:2
shall they be *p* ..... Is 40:24
like a tree *p* by the waters ... Jer 17:8
by the roots and be *p* ..... Luke 17:6
I *p*, Apollos watered ..... 1 Cor 3:6

PLANTS
our sons may be as *p* ..... Ps 144:12
down its choice *p* ..... Is 16:8
neither he who *p* ..... 1 Cor 3:7

PLASTERED
*p* with untempered ..... Ezek 13:14
Her prophets *p* them ..... Ezek 22:28

PLATFORM
scribe stood on a *p* ..... Neh 8:4

PLATTER
head here on a *p* ..... Matt 14:8

PLAY
and rose up to *p* ..... Ex 32:6
*p* skillfully with a ..... Ps 33:3
nursing child shall *p* ..... Is 11:8
and rose up to *p* ..... 1 Cor 10:7

PLAYED
So David *p* music with .. 1 Sam 18:10
We *p* the flute for you .... Matt 11:17

PLEAD
the one who would *p* ..... Judg 6:31
Oh, that one might *p* ..... Job 16:21
*p* my cause against an ..... Ps 43:1
*p* with your friend ..... Prov 6:3
Behold, I will *p* ..... Jer 2:35
*p* His case with all ..... Jer 25:31

PLEADED
Then Moses *p* with the ..... Ex 32:11
this thing I *p* with ..... 2 Cor 12:8

PLEADING
though God were *p* ..... 2 Cor 5:20

PLEASANT
food, that it was *p* ..... Gen 3:6
fallen to me in *p* places ..... Ps 16:6
they despised the *p* ..... Ps 106:24
how good and how *p* ..... Ps 133:1
and knowledge is *p* ..... Prov 2:10
words of the pure are *p* ... Prov 15:26
*P* words are like a ..... Prov 16:24
*p* places of the ..... Jer 23:10
Is he a *p* child ..... Jer 31:20
I ate no *p* food ..... Dan 10:3

PLEASANTNESS
Her ways are ways of *p* ... Prov 3:17

PLEASE
*P* say you are my sister, ... Gen 12:13
*P*, go in to my maid ..... Gen 16:2
*p* let me escape there ..... Gen 19:20
*P* come near, ..... Gen 27:21
*P* hear this dream which I .. Gen 37:6
Now, *p*, forgive the ..... Gen 50:17
*P*, let us go three days' ..... Ex 5:3
*P* inquire of God, ..... Judg 18:5
*p* pardon my sin, ..... 1 Sam 15:25
yet honor me now, *p*, .... 1 Sam 15:30
*P* bring the ephod here ... 1 Sam 30:7
*P* let my sister Tamar ..... 2 Sam 13:5
*p* let my brother ..... 2 Sam 13:26
When a man's ways *p* ..... Prov 16:7
do those things that *p* ..... John 8:29
in the flesh cannot *p* ..... Rom 8:8
*p* his neighbor for his ..... Rom 15:2
how he may *p* the Lord .... 1 Cor 7:32
how he may *p* his wife .... 1 Cor 7:33
may *p* her husband ..... 1 Cor 7:34
Or do I seek to *p* men ..... Gal 1:10
is impossible to *p* Him ..... Heb 11:6

PLEASED
and she *p* Samson well .... Judg 14:7
Then You shall be *p* ..... Ps 51:19
The LORD is well *p*. ..... Is 42:21
Yet it *p* the LORD to bruise ... Is 53:10
Would he be *p* with you ..... Mal 1:8
in whom I am well *p* ..... Matt 3:17
danced before them and *p* .. Matt 14:6
God was not well *p* ..... 1 Cor 10:5
But when it *p* God, who ..... Gal 1:15
testimony, that he *p* ..... Heb 11:5
in whom I am well *p* ..... 2 Pet 1:17

PLEASES
dwell where it *p* you ..... Gen 20:15
He does whatever He *p* ..... Ps 115:3
Whatever the LORD *p*. ..... Ps 135:6
who *p* God shall escape .... Eccl 7:26
nor awaken love until it *p* .. Song 2:7

PLEASING
sacrifice, well *p* ..... Phil 4:18
for this is well *p* ..... Col 3:20
in you what is well *p* ..... Heb 13:21

PLEASURE
grown old, shall I have *p* .. Gen 18:12
not a God who takes *p* ..... Ps 5:4
has *p* in the prosperity ..... Ps 35:27
Do good in Your good *p* ..... Ps 51:18
Your servants take *p* ..... Ps 102:14
The LORD takes *p* in those .. Ps 147:11
*p* will be a poor man ..... Prov 21:17
for He has no *p* ..... Eccl 5:4
shall perform all My *p* ..... Is 44:28
your fast you find *p* ..... Is 58:3
nor finding your own *p* ..... Is 58:13
Do I have any *p* ..... Ezek 18:23
I have no *p* in you ..... Mal 1:10
your Father's good *p* ..... Luke 12:32
to the good *p* of His ..... Eph 1:5
to do for His good *p* ..... Phil 2:13
fulfill all the good *p* ..... 2 Thess 1:11
*p* is dead while ..... 1 Tim 5:6
for sin You had no *p* ..... Heb 10:6
back, My soul has no *p* .... Heb 10:38
*p* that war in your ..... James 4:1
on the earth in *p* ..... James 5:5

PLEASURES
Your right hand are *p* ..... Ps 16:11
cares, riches, and *p* ..... Luke 8:14
to enjoy the passing *p* ..... Heb 11:25
may spend it on your *p* .... James 4:3

PLEDGE
give me a *p* till you send .. Gen 38:17
hands in *p* for a stranger .... Prov 6:1
shakes hands in a *p*, and .. Prov 17:18
who shakes hands in a *p* .. Prov 22:26

PLEIADES
Part of God's creation, Job 9:9; Amos 5:8

PLENTIFUL
You, O God, sent a *p* ..... Ps 68:9
The harvest truly is *p* ..... Matt 9:37

PLENTIFULLY
rich man yielded *p* ..... Luke 12:16

PLENTY
*p* which were in the ..... Gen 41:53
LORD will grant you *p* ..... Deut 28:11
barns will be filled with *p* .. Prov 3:10
diligent lead surely to *p* .... Prov 21:5
his land will have *p* ..... Prov 28:19

PLIGHT
He laughs at the *p* ..... Job 9:23

PLOT
in the *p* at Jezreel, so that . 2 Kin 9:37
and the people *p* ..... Ps 2:1
near the *p* of ground that ... John 4:5
*p* became known to Saul ... Acts 9:24

PLOTS
The wicked *p* against ..... Ps 37:12

PLOTTED
and *p* to take Jesus by ..... Matt 26:4
chief priests *p* ..... John 12:10

PLOW
lazy man will not *p* ..... Prov 20:4
Does one *p* there with .... Amos 6:12
put his hand to the *p* ..... Luke 9:62
he who plows should *p* .... 1 Cor 9:10

PLOWED
"Zion shall be *p* ..... Jer 26:18
You have *p* wickedness .... Hos 10:13
of you Zion shall be *p* ..... Mic 3:12

PLOWMAN
*p* shall overtake the ..... Amos 9:13

PLOWSHARES
beat their swords into *p* ..... Is 2:4
Beat your *p* into swords .... Joel 3:10
beat their swords into *p* ..... Mic 4:3

PLUCK
grain, you may *p* ..... Deut 23:25
who pass by the way *p* ..... Ps 80:12
obey, I will utterly *p* ..... Jer 12:17
*p* the heads of grain ..... Mark 2:23

PLUCKED
*p* the victim from his ..... Job 29:17
cheeks to those who *p* ..... Is 50:6
And His disciples *p* ..... Luke 6:1
you would have *p* ..... Gal 4:15

PLUMB
a *p* line, with a *p* ..... Amos 7:7
rejoice to see the *p* ..... Zech 4:10

PLUNDER
*p* the Egyptians ..... Ex 3:22
who pass by the way *p* ..... Ps 89:41
The *p* of the poor is ..... Is 3:14
*p* you shall become ..... Jer 30:16
house and *p* his goods .... Matt 12:29

PLUNDERED
stouthearted were *p* ..... Ps 76:5
a people robbed and *p* ..... Is 42:22
"And when you are *p* ..... Jer 4:30
Because you have *p* ..... Hab 2:8

PLUNDERING
me because of the *p* ..... Is 22:4
accepted the *p* of your ..... Heb 10:34

POETS
some of your own *p* ..... Acts 17:28

POINT
obedient to the *p* of death .... Phil 2:8
even to the *p* of chains ..... 2 Tim 2:9
Now this is the main *p* ..... Heb 8:1
yet stumble in one *p* ..... James 2:10

POINTS
but was in all *p* tempted .... Heb 4:15

POISON
the *p* of asps is under ..... Ps 140:3
"The *p* of asps is ..... Rom 3:13
evil, full of deadly *p* ..... James 3:8

POISONED
*p* by bitterness ..... Acts 8:23
*p* their minds against ..... Acts 14:2

POLLUTIONS
have escaped the *p* ..... 2 Pet 2:20

POMEGRANATE
a golden bell and a *p*, a ..... Ex 28:34
the *p* tree, the palm tree .... Joel 1:12

POMEGRANATES
you shall make *p* of blue .... Ex 28:33
brought some of the *p* .... Num 13:23
grain or figs or vines or *p* .. Num 20:5
of vines and fig trees and *p* .. Deut 8:8

POMP
multitude and their *p* ..... Is 5:14
*p* is brought down to ..... Is 14:11
had come with great *p* .... Acts 25:23

POMPOUS
and a mouth speaking *p* ..... Dan 7:8

PONDER
*P* the path of your ..... Prov 4:26

PONDERED
*p* them in her heart ..... Luke 2:19

PONDERS
*p* all his paths ..... Prov 5:21

PONTUS
Jews from, at Pentecost, Acts 2:5, 9
Home of Aquila, Acts 18:2
Christians of, addressed by Peter, 1 Pet 1:1

POOL
the rock into a *p* of water ... Ps 114:8
the wilderness a *p* ..... Is 41:18
by the Sheep Gate a *p* ..... John 5:2
at a certain time into the *p* .. John 5:4
wash in the *p* of Siloam ..... John 9:7
'Go to the *p* of Siloam ..... John 9:11

POOLS
also covers it with *p* ..... Ps 84:6
a wilderness into *p* ..... Ps 107:35
your eyes like the *p* ..... Song 7:4

POOR
*p* shall not give less ..... Ex 30:15
be partial to the *p* ..... Lev 19:15
*p* will never cease ..... Deut 15:11
whether *p* or rich ..... Ruth 3:10
raises the *p* from the dust .. 1 Sam 2:8
seeing I am a *p* ..... 1 Sam 18:23
one rich and the other *p* .. 2 Sam 12:1
left some of the *p* ..... 2 Kin 25:12
and gifts to the *p* ..... Esth 9:22
So the *p* have hope ..... Job 5:16
and forsaken the *p* ..... Job 20:19
I delivered the *p* ..... Job 29:12
soul grieved for the *p* ..... Job 30:25
The expectation of the *p* ..... Ps 9:18
*p* shall eat and be ..... Ps 22:26
*p* man cried out ..... Ps 34:6
delivering the *p* from him ... Ps 35:10
to cast down the *p* ..... Ps 37:14
But I am *p* and needy ..... Ps 40:17
is he who considers the *p* ..... Ps 41:1
goodness for the *p* ..... Ps 68:10
For the LORD hears the *p*,..... Ps 69:33
and Your *p* with justice ..... Ps 72:2
Let the *p* and needy ..... Ps 74:21
Defend the *p* and fatherless .. Ps 82:3
yet He sets the *p* ..... Ps 107:41
at the right hand of the *p* ... Ps 109:31
He has given to the *p* ..... Ps 112:9
He raises the *p* ..... Ps 113:7
satisfy her *p* with bread .... Ps 132:15
and justice for the *p* ..... Ps 140:12
a slack hand becomes *p* .... Prov 10:4
one who makes himself *p* .. Prov 13:7
*p* man is hated even ..... Prov 14:20
*p* reproaches his Maker .... Prov 17:5
*p* man uses entreaties ..... Prov 18:23
Better is the *p* who ..... Prov 19:1
*p* will also cry himself .... Prov 21:13
*p* have this in common ..... Prov 22:2
*p* man who oppresses ..... Prov 28:3
Better is the *p* who ..... Prov 28:6
the cause of the *p* ..... Prov 29:7
Or lest I be *p* and steal ..... Prov 30:9
to devour the *p* from ..... Prov 30:14
plead the cause of the *p* .... Prov 31:9
her hand to the *p* ..... Prov 31:20
remembered that same *p* ... Eccl 9:15
He shall judge the *p*, and ..... Is 11:4
the *p* of His people shall ..... Is 14:32
a strength to the *p* ..... Is 25:4
The *p* and needy seek ..... Is 41:17
preach good tidings to the *p* .. Is 61:1
on him who is *p* and of a ..... Is 66:2
delivered the life of the *p* ... Jer 20:13
land of Judah the *p* people .. Jer 39:10
the hand of the *p* ..... Ezek 16:49
and mistreated the *p* ..... Ezek 22:29
by showing mercy to the *p* .. Dan 4:27
for silver, and the *p* ..... Amos 2:6
you tread down the *p* ..... Amos 5:11
the alien or the *p* ..... Zech 7:10
in particular the *p* ..... Zech 11:7
"Blessed are the *p* ..... Matt 5:3
*p* have the gospel ..... Matt 11:5
have and give to the *p* .... Matt 19:21
For you have the *p* ..... Matt 26:11
one *p* widow came ..... Mark 12:42
the gospel to the *p* ..... Luke 4:18
Blessed are you *p*, ..... Luke 6:20
the *p* have the gospel ..... Luke 7:22
give a feast, invite the *p* .. Luke 14:13
half of my goods to the *p* .. Luke 19:8
contribution for the *p* ..... Rom 15:26
my goods to feed the *p* .... 1 Cor 13:3
as *p*, yet making many .... 2 Cor 6:10
your sakes He became *p* .... 2 Cor 8:9
He has given to the *p* ..... 2 Cor 9:9
should remember the *p* ..... Gal 2:10
and say to the *p* man ..... James 2:3
God not chosen the *p* ..... James 2:5
wretched, miserable, *p* ..... Rev 3:17
and great, rich and *p* ..... Rev 13:16

POORLY
we are *p* clothed, ..... 1 Cor 4:11

POPLAR
himself rods of green *p* .... Gen 30:37

POPULATED
the whole earth was *p* ..... Gen 9:19

POPULOUS
great, mighty, and *p* ..... Deut 26:5

PORCH
*p* which is called ..... Acts 3:11

PORCHES
Bethesda, having five *p* ..... John 5:2

PORCIUS FESTUS
Paul stands trial before, Acts 25:1–22

PORCUPINE
the *p* shall possess it, also .... Is 34:11

PORTION
For the LORD'S *p* ..... Deut 32:9
This is the *p* from God ..... Job 20:29
O LORD, You are the *p* ..... Ps 16:5
heart and my *p* forever ..... Ps 73:26
You are my *p* ..... Ps 119:57
*p* for her maidservants .... Prov 31:15
I will divide Him a *p* ..... Is 53:12
rejoice in their *p* ..... Is 61:7
The *P* of Jacob is not ..... Jer 10:16
they have trodden My *p* .... Jer 12:10
"The LORD is my *p* ..... Lam 3:24
*p* of the king's delicacies ..... Dan 1:8
and appoint him his *p* .... Matt 24:51
to give them their *p* ..... Luke 12:42
give me the *p* ..... Luke 15:12
part nor *p* in this matter .... Acts 8:21

PORTRAYED
Christ was clearly *p* ..... Gal 3:1

POSITION
If a man desires the *p* ..... 1 Tim 3:1

POSSESS
descendants shall *p* ..... Gen 22:17
which you are going to *p* .. Deut 28:21
land which you go to *p* ... Deut 28:63
*p* the land which ..... Josh 1:11
told them to go in to *p* the .. Neh 9:15
fathers to go in and *p* ..... Neh 9:23
may dwell there and *p* it .... Ps 69:35
tithes of all that I *p* ..... Luke 18:12
By your patience *p* ..... Luke 21:19
as though they did not *p* .. 1 Cor 7:30
*p* his own vessel ..... 1 Thess 4:4

POSSESSED
much land yet to be *p* ..... Josh 13:1
"The LORD *p* me at ..... Prov 8:22
of the things he *p* ..... Acts 4:32
that a certain slave girl *p* .. Acts 16:16

POSSESSING
*p* knowledge and quick to ... Dan 1:4
and yet *p* all things ..... 2 Cor 6:10

POSSESSION
as an everlasting *p* ..... Gen 17:8
ends of the earth for Your *p* ... Ps 2:8
the rest of their *p* ..... Ps 17:14
they did not gain *p* ..... Ps 44:3
is man's precious *p* ..... Prov 12:27
Sapphira his wife, sold a *p* .. Acts 5:1
to give it to him for a *p* ..... Acts 7:5
of the purchased *p* ..... Eph 1:14
and an enduring *p* ..... Heb 10:34

POSSESSIONS
is full of Your *p* ..... Ps 104:24
kinds of precious *p* ..... Prov 1:13
the LORD with your *p* ..... Prov 3:9
Yes, I had greater *p* ..... Eccl 2:7
for he had great *p* ..... Mark 10:22
and there wasted his *p* ... Luke 15:13
and sold their *p* ..... Acts 2:45

POSSESSOR
*P* of heaven and earth ..... Gen 14:19

POSSESSORS
all who were *p* of lands .... Acts 4:34

POSSIBLE
God all things are *p* ..... Matt 19:26
O My Father, if it is *p* ..... Matt 26:39
all things are *p* to him ..... Mark 9:23
God all things are *p* ..... Mark 10:27
men are *p* with God ..... Luke 18:27
If it is *p*, as much as ..... Rom 12:18
bear you witness that, if *p* ... Gal 4:15
*p* that the blood ..... Heb 10:4

POSTERITY
to preserve a *p* ..... Gen 45:7
*p* shall serve Him ..... Ps 22:30
*p* who approve their ..... Ps 49:13
the *p* of the righteous ..... Prov 11:21

POSTPONED
it will no more be *p* ..... Ezek 12:25

POT
to Aaron, "Take a *p* ..... Ex 16:33
from a boiling *p* ..... Job 41:20
The refining *p* is for ..... Prov 17:3
*p* that had the manna ..... Heb 9:4

POTENTATE
the blessed and only *P* .... 1 Tim 6:15

POTI-PHERAH
Egyptian priest of On (Heliopolis), Gen 41:45–50
Father of Asenath, Joseph's wife, Gen 46:20

POTIPHAR
High Egyptian officer, Gen 39:1
Puts Joseph in jail, Gen 39:20

POTS
when we sat by the *p* ..... Ex 16:3
also took away the *p* ..... Jer 52:18
are regarded as clay *p* ..... Lam 4:2

POTSHERD
for himself a *p* ..... Job 2:8
is dried up like a *p* ..... Ps 22:15
Let the *p* strive with ..... Is 45:9

POTTER
Shall the *p* be esteemed as ... Is 29:16
the clay, and You our *p* ..... Is 64:8
seemed good to the *p* ..... Jer 18:4
Does not the *p* have ..... Rom 9:21

POTTER'S FIELD
Judas's money used for purchase of, Matt 27:7, 8

POUND
Mary took a *p* of very ..... John 12:3

## POUNDS
about a hundred *p* ..... John 19:39

## POUR
*p* out your heart ..... Ps 62:8
*P* out Your wrath ..... Ps 79:6
*p* My Spirit on your ..... Is 44:3
and let the skies *p* ..... Is 45:8
*P* out Your fury ..... Jer 10:25
that I will *p* out My ..... Joel 2:28
"And I will *p* ..... Zech 12:10
*p* out for you such blessing .. Mal 3:10
that I will *p* out of My ..... Acts 2:17
My maidservants I will *p* ... Acts 2:18
angels, "Go and *p* ..... Rev 16:1

## POURED
And now my soul is *p* ..... Job 30:16
I am *p* out like water ..... Ps 22:14
grace is *p* upon Your ..... Ps 45:2
name is ointment *p* ..... Song 1:3
visited You, they *p* ..... Is 26:16
strong, because He *p* ..... Is 53:12
and My fury will be *p* ..... Jer 7:20
His fury is *p* out like ..... Nah 1:6
broke the flask and *p* ..... Mark 14:3
of God has been *p* ..... Rom 5:5
if I am being *p* ..... Phil 2:17
I am already being *p* ..... 2 Tim 4:6
whom He *p* out on us ..... Titus 3:6

## POVERTY
of the poor is their *p* ..... Prov 10:15
but it leads to *p* ..... Prov 11:24
*P* and shame will come ... Prov 13:18
leads only to *p* ..... Prov 14:23
lest you come to *p* ..... Prov 20:13
give me neither *p* ..... Prov 30:8
*p* put in all the ..... Luke 21:4
and their deep *p* ..... 2 Cor 8:2
*p* might become rich ..... 2 Cor 8:9
tribulation, and *p* ..... Rev 2:9

## POWER
that I may show My *p* ..... Ex 9:16
become glorious in *p* ..... Ex 15:6
for God has *p* to help ..... 2 Chr 25:8
him who is without *p* ..... Job 26:2
*p* who can understand ..... Job 26:14
*p* belongs to God ..... Ps 62:11
*p* Your enemies shall ..... Ps 66:3
gives strength and *p* ..... Ps 68:35
when it is in the *p* of your .. Prov 3:27
in the *p* of the tongue ..... Prov 18:21
a king is, there is *p* ..... Eccl 8:4
No one has *p* over the ..... Eccl 8:8
the strength of His *p* ..... Is 40:26
bodies the fire had no *p* .... Dan 3:27
truly I am full of *p* ..... Mic 3:8
anger and great in *p* ..... Nah 1:3
'Not by might nor by *p* ..... Zech 4:6
the kingdom and the *p* ..... Matt 6:13
the Son of Man has *p* ..... Matt 9:6
who had given such *p* ..... Matt 9:8
gave them *p* over unclean .. Matt 10:1
Scriptures nor the *p* ..... Matt 22:29
the Son of Man has *p* ..... Mark 2:10
*p* to heal sicknesses ..... Mark 3:15
that *p* had gone out ..... Mark 5:30
Scriptures nor the *p* of ... Mark 12:24
*p* of the Spirit to Galilee ... Luke 4:14
And the *p* of the Lord ..... Luke 5:17
the Son of Man has *p* ..... Luke 5:24
*p* went out from Him ..... Luke 6:19
I perceived *p* going out .... Luke 8:46
and gave them *p* ..... Luke 9:1
all the *p* of the enemy .... Luke 10:19
and the *p* of darkness .... Luke 22:53
you are endued with *p* .... Luke 24:49
I have *p* to lay it ..... John 10:18
not know that I have *p* .... John 19:10
"You could have no *p* .... John 19:11
you shall receive *p* ..... Acts 1:8
as though by our own *p* .... Acts 3:12
Stephen, full of faith and *p* .. Acts 6:8
man is the great *p* ..... Acts 8:10
"Give me this *p* ..... Acts 8:19
Holy Spirit and with *p* .... Acts 10:38
the *p* of Satan to God, ..... Acts 26:18
the Son of God with *p* ..... Rom 1:4
for it is the *p* ..... Rom 1:16
even His eternal *p* ..... Rom 1:20
My *p* in you ..... Rom 9:17
potter have *p* over the ..... Rom 9:21
the *p* of the Holy Spirit ... Rom 15:13
by the *p* of the Spirit of ... Rom 15:19
saved it is the *p* ..... 1 Cor 1:18
Greeks, Christ the *p* ..... 1 Cor 1:24
of the Spirit and of *p*, ..... 1 Cor 2:4
men but in the *p* of God .... 1 Cor 2:5
is not in word but in *p* .... 1 Cor 4:20
be brought under the *p* .... 1 Cor 6:12
and all authority and *p* ... 1 Cor 15:24
it is raised in *p* ..... 1 Cor 15:43
of the *p* may be of God ..... 2 Cor 4:7
of truth, by the *p* of God .... 2 Cor 6:7
that the *p* of Christ ..... 2 Cor 12:9
He lives by the *p* of God .. 2 Cor 13:4
greatness of His *p* ..... Eph 1:19
all principality and *p* ..... Eph 1:21
prince of the *p* of the air ..... Eph 2:2
working of His *p* ..... Eph 3:7
to the *p* that works in us .... Eph 3:20
the Lord and in the *p* ..... Eph 6:10
the *p* of His resurrection .... Phil 3:10
to His glorious *p* ..... Col 1:11
us from the *p* of darkness ... Col 1:13
of all principality and *p* ..... Col 2:10
only, but also in *p* ..... 1 Thess 1:5
the glory of His *p* ..... 2 Thess 1:9
work of faith with *p* ..... 2 Thess 1:11
of Satan, with all *p* ..... 2 Thess 2:9
of fear, but of *p* ..... 2 Tim 1:7
according to the *p* of God .. 2 Tim 1:8
godliness but denying its *p* .2 Tim 3:5
by the word of His *p* ..... Heb 1:3
*p* of death, that ..... Heb 2:14
but according to the *p* ..... Heb 7:16
since it has no *p* at all ..... Heb 9:17
are kept by the *p* of God ... 1 Pet 1:5
as His divine *p* ..... 2 Pet 1:3
made known to you the *p* .. 2 Pet 1:16
who are greater in *p* ..... 2 Pet 2:11
dominion and *p* ..... Jude 25
to him I will give *p* ..... Rev 2:26
glory and honor and *p* ..... Rev 4:11
honor and glory and *p* ..... Rev 5:13
and honor and *p* ..... Rev 7:12
and *p* belong to the Lord .... Rev 19:1
the second death has no *p* .. Rev 20:6

## POWER OF GOD
the Scriptures nor the *p* ... Matt 22:29
the right hand of the *p* .... Luke 22:69
"This man is the great *p* .... Acts 8:10
it is the *p* to salvation ..... Rom 1:16
being saved it is the *p* ..... 1 Cor 1:18
Christ the *p* and the ..... 1 Cor 1:24
word of truth, by the *p* ..... 2 Cor 6:7
yet He lives by the *p* ..... 2 Cor 13:4
gospel according to the *p* ... 2 Tim 1:8
who are kept by the *p* ..... 1 Pet 1:5

## POWERFUL
of the LORD is *p* ..... Ps 29:4
of God is living and *p* ..... Heb 4:12

## POWERS
the *p* of the heavens ..... Matt 24:29
nor principalities nor *p*, .... Rom 8:38
*p* in the heavenly places, .... Eph 3:10
principalities, against *p* ..... Eph 6:12
or principalities or *p* ..... Col 1:16
principalities and *p* ..... Col 2:15
word of God and the *p* ..... Heb 6:5
*p* having been made ..... 1 Pet 3:22

## PRACTICE
to do, that I do not *p* ..... Rom 7:15
I will not to do, that I *p* .... Rom 7:19
those who *p* such things ..... Gal 5:21
and do not *p* the truth ..... 1 John 1:6
Whoever does not *p* ..... 1 John 3:10

## PRACTICED
*p* witchcraft and ..... 2 Kin 17:17
previously *p* sorcery in ..... Acts 8:9
those who had *p* magic .... Acts 19:19
they have *p* deceit ..... Rom 3:13
which they have *p* ..... 2 Cor 12:21

## PRACTICES
wrath on him who *p* evil ... Rom 13:4
trained in covetous *p* ..... 2 Pet 2:14
*p* righteousness is born .. 1 John 2:29
whoever loves and *p* a lie .. Rev 22:15

## PRACTICING
For everyone *p* evil hates .. John 3:20
judge those *p* such things ... Rom 2:3

## PRAETORIUM
Pilate's palace in Jerusalem, Mark 15:16; John 18:28; Matt 27:27
—— Herod's palace at Caesarea, Acts 23:35

## PRAISE
Now I will *p* the LORD ..... Gen 29:35
your brothers shall *p* ..... Gen 49:8
He is my God, and I will *p* ... Ex 15:2
He is your *p* ..... Deut 10:21
which He has made, in *p* .. Deut 26:19
I will sing *p* to the ..... Judg 5:3
to *p* the LORD God of ..... 1 Chr 16:4
to triumph in Your *p* ..... 1 Chr 16:35
David, "for giving *p*." ..... 1 Chr 23:5
*p* the LORD, and ..... 1 Chr 23:30
and to *p* the LORD ..... 1 Chr 25:3
*p* Your glorious name .... 1 Chr 29:13
offered *p* by their ministry .. 2 Chr 7:6
for their duties (to *p* and .. 2 Chr 8:14
"*P* the LORD, for His ..... 2 Chr 20:21
began to sing and to *p* ... 2 Chr 20:22
the Levites to sing *p* ..... 2 Chr 29:30
to *p* in the gates of the .... 2 Chr 31:2
to *p* the LORD, according ... Ezra 3:10
above all blessing and *p* ..... Neh 9:5
singers, and songs of *p* .... Neh 12:46
I will *p* You, O LORD ..... Ps 9:1
*p* shall be of You in ..... Ps 22:25
For *p* from the upright ..... Ps 33:1
*p* shall continually be ..... Ps 34:1
of Your *p* all the day long ... Ps 35:28
the people shall *p* ..... Ps 45:17
Whoever offers *p* ..... Ps 50:23
*P* is awaiting You ..... Ps 65:1
make His *p* glorious ..... Ps 66:2
let all the peoples *p* ..... Ps 67:3
Let heaven and earth *p* ..... Ps 69:34
*p* shall be continually ..... Ps 71:6
And the heavens will *p* ..... Ps 89:5
and into His courts with *p* ... Ps 100:4
silent, O God of my *p* ..... Ps 109:1
Seven times a day I *p* ..... Ps 119:164
All Your works shall *p* ..... Ps 145:10
shall speak the *p* ..... Ps 145:21
*P* the LORD ..... Ps 148:1
*P* Him with high sounding ... Ps 150:5
that has breath *p* ..... Ps 150:6
Let another man *p* ..... Prov 27:2
let her own works *p* ..... Prov 31:31
And your gates *P* ..... Is 60:18
the garment of *p* for the ..... Is 61:3
He makes Jerusalem a *p* ..... Is 62:7
For You are my *p* ..... Jer 17:14
Me a name of joy, a *p* ..... Jer 33:9
*p* You, O God of my ..... Dan 2:23
Nebuchadnezzar, *p* and .... Dan 4:37
*p* the name of the LORD ..... Joel 2:26
give you fame and *p* ..... Zeph 3:20
You have perfected *p* ..... Matt 21:16
saw it, gave *p* to God ..... Luke 18:43
*p* God with a loud voice .. Luke 19:37

of men more than the *p* . . . John 12:43
*p* is not from men but . . . . . Rom 2:29
will have *p* from the same . . Rom 13:3
"*P* the LORD, . . . . . Rom 15:11
Then each one's *p* . . . . . 1 Cor 4:5
Now I *p* you, brethren . . . . . 1 Cor 11:2
I do not *p* you . . . . . 1 Cor 11:22
the brother whose *p* . . . . . 2 Cor 8:18
to the *p* of the glory of His . . . Eph 1:6
should be to the *p* . . . . . Eph 1:12
to the *p* of His glory . . . . . Eph 1:14
to the glory and *p* . . . . . Phil 1:11
I will sing *p* to You . . . . . Heb 2:12
the sacrifice of *p* . . . . . Heb 13:15
and for the *p* of those . . . . . 1 Pet 2:14
saying, "*P* our God . . . . . Rev 19:5

## PRAISE THE LORD

and said, "Now I will *p* . . . . Gen 29:35
to thank, and to *p* . . . . . 1 Chr 16:4
King David had made to *p* . . 2 Chr 7:6
"*P*, for His mercy . . . . . 2 Chr 20:21
with cymbals, to *p* . . . . . Ezra 3:10
Those who seek Him will *p* . . Ps 22:26
*P* with the harp . . . . . Ps 33:2
yet to be created may *p* . . . . Ps 102:18
the Lord, O my soul! *P* . . . . . Ps 104:35
*P!* Oh, give thanks . . . . . Ps 106:1
The dead do not *p* . . . . . Ps 115:17
*p*, all you Gentiles . . . . . Ps 117:1
while I live I will *p* . . . . . Ps 146:2
*P!* *P* from the heavens . . . . . Ps 148:1
that has breath *p* . . . . . Ps 150:6
*P*, call upon His name . . . . . Is 12:4
shall eat it, and *p* . . . . . Is 62:9
*P!* For He has delivered . . . . . Jer 20:13
*P*, all you Gentiles . . . . . Rom 15:11

## PRAISED

who is worthy to be *p* . . . . 2 Sam 22:4
and greatly to be *p* . . . . . 1 Chr 16:25
and *p* the LORD . . . . . 1 Chr 16:36
thousand *p* the LORD . . . . . 1 Chr 23:5
music, and *p* the LORD. . . . . 2 Chr 5:13
and *p* the LORD, saying . . . . . 2 Chr 7:3
the priests *p* the LORD . . . . 2 Chr 30:21
when they *p* the LORD . . . . . Ezra 3:11
and *p* the LORD . . . . . Neh 5:13
daily He shall be *p* . . . . . Ps 72:15
LORD's name is to be *p* . . . . . Ps 113:3
and greatly to be *p* . . . . . Ps 145:3
the LORD, she shall be *p* . . . Prov 31:30
where our fathers *p* . . . . . Is 64:11
the Most High and *p* . . . . . Dan 4:34

## PRAISES

in holiness, fearful in *p* . . . . . Ex 15:11
sang *p* with gladness, . . . . 2 Chr 29:30
enthroned in the *p* . . . . . Ps 22:3
O LORD, I will sing *p* . . . . . Ps 101:1
it is good to sing *p* . . . . . Ps 147:1
and he *p* her . . . . . Prov 31:28
shall proclaim the *p* . . . . . Is 60:6
you may proclaim the *p* . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9

## PRAISEWORTHY

if there is anything *p* . . . . . Phil 4:8

## PRAISING

they sang responsively, *p* . . Ezra 3:11
they will still be *p* . . . . . Ps 84:4
of the heavenly host *p* . . . . . Luke 2:13
*p* God for all the things . . . . Luke 2:20
in the temple *p* . . . . . Luke 24:53
*p* God and having favor . . . . Acts 2:47
leaping, and *p* God . . . . . Acts 3:8

## PRATING

*p* fool will fall . . . . . Prov 10:8
*p* against us with . . . . . 3 John 10

## PRAY

heal her, O God, I *p* . . . . . Num 12:13
of this people, I *p* . . . . . Num 14:19
*p* to the LORD that He . . . . . Num 21:7
Strengthen me, I *p*. . . . . Judg 16:28
LORD in ceasing to *p* . . . . . 1 Sam 12:23
my God, for to You I will *p* . . . . Ps 5:2
*p* to You in a time when . . . . . Ps 32:6
at noon I will *p* . . . . . Ps 55:17
I *p*, send now prosperity. . . . Ps 118:25
who hate you, and *p* . . . . . Matt 5:44
"And when you *p* . . . . . Matt 6:5
But you, when you *p* . . . . . Matt 6:6
when you *p*, do not use . . . . . Matt 6:7
manner, therefore, *p* . . . . . Matt 6:9
Therefore *p* the LORD of . . . . Matt 9:38
by Himself to *p* . . . . . Matt 14:23
hands on them and *p* . . . . . Matt 19:13
while I go and *p* over . . . . . Matt 26:36
Watch and *p* . . . . . Matt 26:41
I cannot now *p* . . . . . Matt 26:53
to the mountain to *p* . . . . . Mark 6:46
you ask when you *p* . . . . . Mark 11:24
Take heed, watch and *p* . . Mark 13:33
Sit here while I *p* . . . . . Mark 14:32
"Watch and *p*, lest you . . . Mark 14:38
out to the mountain to *p* . . . Luke 6:12
*p* for those who spitefully . . Luke 6:28
up on the mountain to *p* . . . Luke 9:28
"Lord, teach us to *p* . . . . . Luke 11:1
men always ought to *p* . . . . Luke 18:1
up to the temple to *p* . . . . . Luke 18:10
*P* that you may not . . . . . Luke 22:40
Rise and *p*, lest you . . . . . Luke 22:46
And I will *p* . . . . . John 14:16
I shall *p* the Father for . . . . John 16:26
I do not *p* for the . . . . . John 17:9
I do not *p* that You . . . . . John 17:15
"I do not *p* for . . . . . John 17:20
*p* God if perhaps the . . . . . Acts 8:22
*P* to the Lord for me, that . . Acts 8:24
up on the housetop to *p* . . . . Acts 10:9
know what we should *p* . . . . Rom 8:26
to *p* to God with her . . . . . 1 Cor 11:13
*p* that he may interpret . . . 1 Cor 14:13
For if I *p* in a tongue . . . . . 1 Cor 14:14
I will *p* with the . . . . . 1 Cor 14:15
Now I *p* to God . . . . . 2 Cor 13:7
And this also we *p* . . . . . 2 Cor 13:9
And this I *p*, that your love . . Phil 1:9
do not cease to *p* for you . . . . . Col 1:9
*p* without ceasing . . . . . 1 Thess 5:17
Brethren, *p* for us . . . . . 1 Thess 5:25
we also *p* always . . . . . 2 Thess 1:11
*p* for us, that the word . . . . 2 Thess 3:1
therefore that the men *p* . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
*P* for us, for we are . . . . . Heb 13:18
Let him *p* . . . . . James 5:13
to one another, and *p* . . . . . James 5:16
say that he should *p* . . . . . 1 John 5:16
*p* that you may prosper . . . . . 3 John 2

## PRAYED

So Abraham *p* to God . . . . . Gen 20:17
So Moses *p* for the people . Num 21:7
Manoah *p* to the LORD . . . . . Judg 13:8
For this child I *p*, and . . . . 1 Sam 1:27
Then Hezekiah *p* before . . 2 Kin 19:15
times that day, and *p* . . . . . Dan 6:10
Then Jonah *p* to the LORD . . . . Jon 2:1
So he *p* to the LORD, . . . . . Jon 4:2
into the wilderness and *p* . . Luke 5:16
Pharisee stood and *p* . . . . . Luke 18:11
*p* more earnestly . . . . . Luke 22:44
*p* earnestly that it . . . . . James 5:17

## PRAYER

God heeded the *p* . . . . . 2 Sam 21:14
in heaven their *p* . . . . . 1 Kin 8:45
*p* made in this place . . . . . 2 Chr 7:15
the thanksgiving with *p* . . . Neh 11:17
fear, and restrain *p* . . . . . Job 15:4
And my *p* is pure . . . . . Job 16:17
*p* would return to my . . . . . Ps 35:13
A *p* to the God of my . . . . . Ps 42:8
*P* also will be made . . . . . Ps 72:15
Let my *p* come before . . . . . Ps 88:2
He shall regard the *p* . . . . . Ps 102:17
but I give myself to *p* . . . . . Ps 109:4
to the LORD, but the *p* . . . . . Prov 15:8
hears the *p* of the . . . . . Prov 15:29
hear the *p* of Your servant . . Dan 9:17
while I was speaking in *p* . . . Dan 9:21
not go out except by *p* . . . . Matt 17:21
things you ask in *p* . . . . . Matt 21:22
out by nothing but *p* . . . . . Mark 9:29
a house of *p* for all . . . . . Mark 11:17
all night in *p* to God . . . . . Luke 6:12
My house is a house of *p* . Luke 19:46
with one accord in *p* and . . . Acts 1:14
the temple at the hour of *p* . . Acts 3:1
continually to *p* . . . . . Acts 6:4
your *p* has been heard . . . . Acts 10:31
where *p* was . . . . . Acts 16:13
as we went up to *p* . . . . . Acts 16:16
*p* to God for Israel is that . . Rom 10:1
steadfastly in *p* . . . . . Rom 12:12
to fasting and *p* . . . . . 1 Cor 7:5
always with all *p* . . . . . Eph 6:18
always in every *p* of mine . . . . Phil 1:4
deliverance through your *p* . Phil 1:19
but in everything by *p* . . . . . Phil 4:6
Continue earnestly in *p*, . . . . . Col 4:2
the word of God and *p* . . . . . 1 Tim 4:5
And the *p* of faith . . . . . James 5:15

## PRAYERS

though you make many *p* . . . . . Is 1:15
pretense make long *p* . . . . . Matt 23:14
fastings and *p* night and . . . Luke 2:37
pretense make long *p* . . . . . Luke 20:47
of bread, and in *p* . . . . . Acts 2:42
Your *p* and your alms . . . . . Acts 10:4
always in my *p* . . . . . Rom 1:9
me in *p* to God for me . . . . Rom 15:30
fervently for you in *p* . . . . . Col 4:12
that supplications, *p* . . . . . 1 Tim 2:1
and *p* night and day . . . . . 1 Tim 5:5
always in my *p* . . . . . Philem 4
when He had offered up *p* . . . Heb 5:7
*p* may not be hindered . . . . . 1 Pet 3:7
are open to their *p* . . . . . 1 Pet 3:12
and watchful in your *p* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:7
which are the *p* . . . . . Rev 5:8

## PRAYING

and found Daniel *p* . . . . . Dan 6:11
whenever you stand *p* . . . . Mark 11:25
Paul and Silas were *p* . . . . . Acts 16:25
*p* always with all prayer . . . . Eph 6:18
faith, *p* in the Holy Spirit, . . . . Jude 20

## PRAYS

every woman who *p* or . . . . 1 Cor 11:5
tongue, my spirit *p* . . . . . 1 Cor 14:14

## PREACH

to *p* good tidings . . . . . Is 61:1
that great city, and *p* . . . . . Jon 3:2
time Jesus began to *p* . . . . . Matt 4:17
you hear in the ear, *p* . . . . . Matt 10:27
*p* the gospel to every . . . . . Mark 16:15
*P* the gospel to the . . . . . Luke 4:18
*p* the kingdom of God . . . . . Luke 9:60
to *p* the word in Asia . . . . . Acts 16:6
ready to *p* the gospel . . . . . Rom 1:15
word of faith which we *p*) . . Rom 10:8
And how shall they *p* . . . . . Rom 10:15
it my aim to *p* the gospel . . Rom 15:20
*p* Christ crucified . . . . . 1 Cor 1:23
is me if I do not *p* . . . . . 1 Cor 9:16
I or they, so we *p* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:11
For we do not *p* . . . . . 2 Cor 4:5
*p* any other gospel to you . . . . Gal 1:8
that I might *p* Him among . . . Gal 1:16
gospel which I *p* . . . . . Gal 2:2
*p* Christ even from . . . . . Phil 1:15
The former *p* Christ from . . . Phil 1:16
*P* the word . . . . . 2 Tim 4:2

## PREACH THE GOSPEL

into all the world and *p* . . Mark 16:15
He has anointed Me to *p* . . . Luke 4:18

Lord had called us to *p* .... Acts 16:10
I am ready to *p* .... Rom 1:15
the feet of those who *p* .... Rom 10:15
made it my aim to *p* .... Rom 15:20
to baptize, but to *p* .... 1 Cor 1:17
who *p* should live from .... 1 Cor 9:14
to *p* in the regions .... 2 Cor 10:16

PREACHED
have the gospel *p* to them .. Matt 11:5
*p* that people .... Mark 6:12
*p* to all the nations .... Mark 13:10
wherever this gospel is *p* .. Mark 14:9
out and *p* everywhere .... Mark 16:20
have the gospel *p* to them .. Luke 7:22
of sins should be *p* .... Luke 24:47
*p* in Jesus the resurrection ... Acts 4:2
*p* Christ to them .... Acts 8:5
*p* the word of the Lord, .... Acts 8:25
baptism which John *p* .... Acts 10:37
through this Man is *p* .... Acts 13:38
of God was *p* by Paul .... Acts 17:13
he *p* to them Jesus .... Acts 17:18
lest, when I have *p* .... 1 Cor 9:27
whom we have not *p* .... 2 Cor 11:4
than what we have *p* .... Gal 1:8
in truth, Christ is *p* .... Phil 1:18
was *p* to every creature .... Col 1:23
might be *p* fully through .. 2 Tim 4:17
the gospel was *p* .... Heb 4:2
also He went and *p* .... 1 Pet 3:19

PREACHER
The words of the *P* .... Eccl 1:1
they hear without a *p* .... Rom 10:14
I was appointed a *p* .... 1 Tim 2:7
I was appointed a *p* .... 2 Tim 1:11
of eight people, a *p* .... 2 Pet 2:5

PREACHES
the Jesus whom Paul *p* .... Acts 19:13
*p* another Jesus whom .... 2 Cor 11:4
*p* any other gospel .... Gal 1:9
*p* the faith which he .... Gal 1:23

PREACHING
at the *p* of Jonah .... Matt 12:41
*p* a baptism of repentance .. Mark 1:4
every city and village, *p* .... Luke 8:1
*p* the gospel and healing .... Luke 9:6
*p* Jesus as the .... Acts 5:42
went everywhere *p* .... Acts 8:4
to my gospel and the *p* .... Rom 16:25
*p* were not with .... 1 Cor 2:4
not risen, then our *p* .... 1 Cor 15:14
His word through *p* .... Titus 1:3

PRECEDE
*p* those who are asleep .. 1 Thess 4:15

PRECEDING
*p* them to judgment, .... 1 Tim 5:24

PRECEPT
*p* must be upon *p* .... Is 28:10
*P* upon *p*, *p* upon *p* .... Is 28:13
walked by human *p* .... Hos 5:11
heart he wrote you this *p* .. Mark 10:5
*p* to all the people .... Heb 9:19

PRECEPTS
and commanded them *p* .... Neh 9:14
all His *p* are sure .... Ps 111:7
us to keep Your *p* .... Ps 119:4
Behold, I long for Your *p* ... Ps 119:40
will meditate on Your *p* .... Ps 119:78
because I keep Your *p* .... Ps 119:100
how I love Your *p* .... Ps 119:159
and kept all his *p* .... Jer 35:18
by departing from Your *p* .... Dan 9:5

PRECIOUS
gave *p* things to her .... Gen 24:53
because my life was *p* ... 1 Sam 26:21
with *p* stones .... 2 Sam 12:30
*P* in the sight of the .... Ps 116:15
How *p* also are Your .... Ps 139:17
She is more *p* than .... Prov 3:15
rooms are filled with all *p* .. Prov 24:4
a *p* cornerstone, a sure .... Is 28:16
Since you were *p* .... Is 43:4
*p* things shall not .... Is 44:9
if you take out the *p* .... Jer 15:19
The *p* sons of Zion .... Lam 4:2
*p* stones, wood, hay .... 1 Cor 3:12
farmer waits for the *p* .... James 5:7
more *p* than gold .... 1 Pet 1:7
but with the *p* blood of .... 1 Pet 1:19
but chosen by God and *p* ... 1 Pet 2:4
chief cornerstone, elect, *p* ... 1 Pet 2:6
who believe, He is *p* .... 1 Pet 2:7
*p* in the sight of .... 1 Pet 3:4
like *p* faith with us by the ... 2 Pet 1:1
and *p* promises, .... 2 Pet 1:4

PREDESTINED
He foreknew, He also *p* .... Rom 8:29
having *p* us to .... Eph 1:5
inheritance, being *p* .... Eph 1:11

PREEMINENCE
He may have the *p* .... Col 1:18
loves to have the *p* .... 3 John 9

PREFERENCE
in honor giving *p* .... Rom 12:10

PREFERRED
comes after me is *p* .... John 1:15

PREGNANCY
no birth, no *p*, and no .... Hos 9:11

PREGNANT
woe to those who are *p* ... Matt 24:19
pains upon a *p* woman ... 1 Thess 5:3

PREJUDICE
these things without *p* .... 1 Tim 5:21

PREMEDITATE
*p* what you will .... Mark 13:11

PREPARATION
Now it was the *P* .... John 19:14
your feet with the *p* .... Eph 6:15

PREPARATIONS
*p* of the heart belong .... Prov 16:1

PREPARE
*P* provisions for .... Josh 1:11
'Let us now *p* to build .... Josh 22:26
*p* your hearts for the .... 1 Sam 7:3
*p* it for myself and my ... 1 Kin 17:12
which I will *p* for them .... Esth 5:8
*p* a table before me in .... Ps 23:5
*p* mercy and truth .... Ps 61:7
*P* your outside work, .... Prov 24:27
yet they *p* their food in .... Prov 30:25
*P* the way of the LORD .... Is 40:3
*P* the way for the .... Is 62:10
*p* the ambushes .... Jer 51:12
*P* the way of the LORD, .... Matt 3:3
do You want us to *p* .... Matt 26:17
*P* the way of the LORD .... Mark 1:3
to *p* for Him .... Luke 9:52
will, and did not *p* .... Luke 12:47
*p* the Passover for us .... Luke 22:8
*p* a place for you .... John 14:2

PREPARED
place which I have *p* .... Ex 23:20
You *p* room for it .... Ps 80:9
When He *p* the heavens .... Prov 8:27
for the LORD has *p* .... Zeph 1:7
for whom it is *p* .... Matt 20:23
fire *p* for the devil and .... Matt 25:41
which You have *p* .... Luke 2:31
mercy, which He had *p* .... Rom 9:23
things which God has *p* .... 1 Cor 2:9
Now He who has *p* .... 2 Cor 5:5
*p* beforehand that we .... Eph 2:10
*p* for every good work .... 2 Tim 2:21
God, for He has *p* .... Heb 11:16
*p* as a bride adorned for .... Rev 21:2

PRESENCE
themselves from the *p* .... Gen 3:8
went out from the *p* .... Gen 4:16
the *p* of my mistress Sarai .. Gen 16:8
we die in your *p* .... Gen 47:15
*P* will go with you .... Ex 33:14
and honor the *p* .... Lev 19:32
afraid in any man's *p* .... Deut 1:17
am terrified at His *p* .... Job 23:15
*p* is fullness of joy .... Ps 16:11
shall dwell in Your *p* .... Ps 140:13
not tremble at My *p* .... Jer 5:22
shall shake at My *p* .... Ezek 38:20
fled from the *p* of the LORD .. Jon 1:10
Be silent in the *p* .... Zeph 1:7
stands in the *p* of God .... Luke 1:19
and drank in Your *p* .... Luke 13:26
in the *p* of the people .... Luke 20:26
full of joy in Your *p* .... Acts 2:28
to God in the *p* of them ... Acts 27:35
the *p* of Him whom he .... Rom 4:17
should glory in His *p* .... 1 Cor 1:29
in the *p* of Christ .... 2 Cor 2:10
who in *p* am lowly .... 2 Cor 10:1
but his bodily *p* .... 2 Cor 10:10
obeyed, not as in my *p* .... Phil 2:12
*p* of many witnesses .... 1 Tim 6:12
the *P* behind the veil .... Heb 6:19
appear in the *p* of God .... Heb 9:24

PRESENT
a very *p* help in trouble .... Ps 46:1
we are all *p* before .... Acts 10:33
not *p* your members .... Rom 6:13
for to will is *p* with me .... Rom 7:18
evil is *p* with me .... Rom 7:21
*p* time are not worthy to ... Rom 8:18
nor things *p* nor things to .. Rom 8:38
*p* your bodies a living .... Rom 12:1
or death, or things *p* .... 1 Cor 3:22
absent in body but *p* .... 1 Cor 5:3
because of the *p* distress .. 1 Cor 7:26
*p* the gospel of Christ .... 1 Cor 9:18
to be *p* with the Lord .... 2 Cor 5:8
may *p* you as a chaste .... 2 Cor 11:2
not only when I am *p* .... Gal 4:18
that He might *p* .... Eph 5:27
to *p* you holy, .... Col 1:22
to *p* yourself .... 2 Tim 2:15
and godly in the *p* age, .... Titus 2:12
established in the *p* truth .. 2 Pet 1:12
*p* you faultless .... Jude 24

PRESENTED
*p* them to Pharaoh .... Gen 47:2
*p* themselves before God ... Josh 24:1
treasures, they *p* .... Matt 2:11
And He *p* him to his .... Luke 7:15
to whom He also *p* Himself .. Acts 1:3
they also *p* Paul to him .... Acts 23:33
For just as you *p* .... Rom 6:19

PRESENTING
*p* my supplication before ... Dan 9:20

PRESENTS
kings will bring *p* .... Ps 68:29

PRESERVE
before you to *p* life .... Gen 45:5
You shall *p* me from .... Ps 32:7
O LORD, You *p* man and .... Ps 36:6
He shall *p* your soul .... Ps 121:7
The LORD shall *p*. .... Ps 121:8
discretion will *p* you .... Prov 2:11
lips of the wise will *p* .... Prov 14:3
the LORD *p* knowledge .... Prov 22:12
children, I will *p* .... Jer 49:11
pardon those whom I *p* .... Jer 50:20
loses his life will *p* .... Luke 17:33
every evil work and *p* .... 2 Tim 4:18

PRESERVED
and my life is *p* .... Gen 32:30
*p* us in all the way that .... Josh 24:17

the LORD *p* David ..... 2 Sam 8:6
Your care has *p* my spirit .. Job 10:12
soul, and body be *p* ..... 1 Thess 5:23

PRESERVES
For the LORD *p* the ..... Ps 31:23
*p* the souls of His ..... Ps 97:10
The LORD *p* the simple ..... Ps 116:6
*p* the way of His saints ..... Prov 2:8
who guards his mouth *p* ... Prov 13:3
he who keeps his way *p* .. Prov 16:17

PRESS
but I *p* on, that I may lay ... Phil 3:12
I *p* toward the goal ..... Phil 3:14

PRESSED
*p* her virgin bosom ..... Ezek 23:8
*p* about Him to touch ..... Mark 3:10
the multitude *p* about Him .. Luke 5:1
*p* down, shaken together, .. Luke 6:38
We are hard *p* on every .... 2 Cor 4:8
For I am hard *p* ..... Phil 1:23

PRESUMPTUOUS
servant also from *p* ..... Ps 19:13
They are *p*, self-willed ..... 2 Pet 2:10

PRETENDED
them, *p* madness ..... 1 Sam 21:13

PRETENSE
whole heart, but in *p* ..... Jer 3:10
*p* make long prayers ..... Matt 23:14

PREVAIL
He did not *p* against him .. Gen 32:25
no man shall *p* ..... 1 Sam 2:9
do not let man *p* ..... 2 Chr 14:11
our tongue we will *p* ..... Ps 12:4
He shall *p* against His ..... Is 42:13
but they shall not *p* ..... Jer 1:19
but he will not *p* ..... Dan 11:12
of Hades shall not *p* ..... Matt 16:18
but they did not *p*, ..... Rev 12:8

PREVAILED
The waters *p* and greatly ... Gen 7:18
hand, that Israel *p* ..... Ex 17:11
Judah *p* over his brothers .. 1 Chr 5:2
with the Angel and *p* ..... Hos 12:4
grew mightily and *p* ..... Acts 19:20
has *p* to open the scroll and .. Rev 5:5

PREVIOUSLY
who *p* practiced sorcery in .. Acts 8:9

PREY
the mountains of *p* ..... Ps 76:4
has not given us as *p* ..... Ps 124:6
Shall the *p* be taken ..... Is 49:24
evil makes himself a *p* ..... Is 59:15
shall no longer be a *p* .... Ezek 34:22
when he has no *p* ..... Amos 3:4

PRICE
be weighed for its *p* ..... Job 28:15
a fool the purchase *p* ..... Prov 17:16
one pearl of great *p* ..... Matt 13:46
back part of the *p* ..... Acts 5:3
you were bought at a *p* .... 1 Cor 6:20
You were bought at a *p* ... 1 Cor 7:23

PRIDE
*p* come against me ..... Ps 36:11
*p* serves as their necklace .... Ps 73:6
*p* and arrogance and ..... Prov 8:13
By *p* comes nothing ..... Prov 13:10
*P* goes before ..... Prov 16:18
*p* will bring him low ..... Prov 29:23
and her daughter had *p* ... Ezek 16:49
*p* He is able to put down .... Dan 4:37
was hardened in *p* ..... Dan 5:20
has sworn by the *p* ..... Amos 8:7
For the *p* of the ..... Zech 11:3
evil eye, blasphemy, *p* ..... Mark 7:22
*p* he fall into the ..... 1 Tim 3:6
eyes, and the *p* of life .... 1 John 2:16

PRIEST
*See* HIGH PRIEST
he was the *p* of God ..... Gen 14:18
That son who becomes *p* .... Ex 29:30
The sons of Aaron the *p* ..... Lev 1:7
the *p* shall burn all on the .... Lev 1:9
*p* shall lay them in order .... Lev 1:12
*p* shall make atonement .... Lev 19:22
for the *p* is holy to his God .. Lev 21:7
Eleazar the *p* spoke ..... Num 26:3
and Eleazar the *p* ..... Num 26:63
Eleazar the *p*, Joshua ..... Josh 19:51
when Phinehas the *p* ..... Josh 22:30
The *p* stood at the ..... Judg 18:17
Eli the *p* was sitting ..... 1 Sam 1:9
Myself a faithful *p* ..... 1 Sam 2:35
Eli, the LORD'S *p* in ..... 1 Sam 14:3
Saul talked to the *p* ..... 1 Sam 14:19
to Ahimelech the *p* ..... 1 Sam 21:2
*p* gave him holy bread .... 1 Sam 21:6
Urijah the *p* built an ..... 2 Kin 16:11
Jehoiada the *p* brought .. 2 Chr 23:14
the *p* found the Book .... 2 Chr 34:14
gave Ezra the *p* ..... Ezra 7:11
*p* could consult ..... Neh 7:65
*p* forever according ..... Ps 110:4
the *p* and the prophet ..... Is 28:7
So He shall be a *p* ..... Zech 6:13
of a *p* should keep ..... Mal 2:7
show yourself to the *p* ..... Matt 8:4
to Caiaphas the high *p* .... Matt 26:57
And the high *p* arose ..... Matt 26:62
away to the high *p* ..... Mark 14:53
well as Annas the high *p* .... Acts 4:6
and faithful High *P* ..... Heb 2:17
High *P* of our confession, .... Heb 3:1
we have a great High *P* ..... Heb 4:14
we do not have a High *P* .... Heb 4:15
*p* forever according ..... Heb 5:6
We have such a High *P*, ..... Heb 8:1
high *p* went alone ..... Heb 9:7
Christ came as High *P* ..... Heb 9:11

PRIEST'S
the high *p* servant ..... John 18:10

PRIESTHOOD
be an everlasting *p* ..... Ex 40:15
have defiled the *p* ..... Neh 13:29
*p* being changed ..... Heb 7:12
has an unchangeable *p* ..... Heb 7:24
house, a holy *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:5
generation, a royal *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:9

PRIESTS
to Me a kingdom of *p* ..... Ex 19:6
may minister to Me as *p* .... Ex 28:41
and the *p*, Aaron's sons, ..... Lev 1:5
"Command the *p* ..... Josh 4:16
and let seven *p* bear seven .. Josh 6:6
the *p* blew the trumpets .... Josh 6:20
had killed the LORD'S *p* .. 1 Sam 22:21
removed the idolatrous *p* .. 2 Kin 23:5
Jahaziel the *p* ..... 1 Chr 16:6
and Benjamin, and the *p* .... Ezra 1:5
yet told the Jews, the *p* ..... Neh 2:16
Their *p* fell by the sword, .... Ps 78:64
Aaron were among His *p* ..... Ps 99:6
Let Your *p* be clothed with .. Ps 132:9
her *p* with salvation ..... Ps 132:16
named the *p* of the LORD ..... Is 61:6
which the *p* ministered ..... Jer 52:18
and the iniquities of her *p* .. Lam 4:13
*p* have violated My law ... Ezek 22:26
the *p* shall throw salt on .. Ezek 43:24
"Hear this, O *p*! ..... Hos 5:1
the *p* mourn, who minister ... Joel 1:9
her *p* teach for pay ..... Mic 3:11
*p* in the temple profane .... Matt 12:5
But when the chief *p* ..... Matt 21:15
went to the chief *p* ..... Matt 26:14
of silver to the chief *p* and .. Matt 27:3
the chief *p* stirred up ..... Mark 15:11
Caiaphas being high *p* ..... Luke 3:2
show yourselves to the *p* . Luke 17:14
Jesus said to the chief *p* .. Luke 22:52
Pilate said to the chief *p* ... Luke 23:4
But the chief *p* plotted .... John 12:10
become *p* without an oath .. Heb 7:21
need daily, as those high *p* .. Heb 7:27
high *p* men who have ..... Heb 7:28
since there are *p* who offer ... Heb 8:4
made us kings and *p* ..... Rev 1:6
but they shall be *p* ..... Rev 20:6

PRIESTS'
where the *p* feet stood firm .. Josh 4:3
and the soles of the *p* feet .. Josh 4:18

PRINCE
"Who made you a *p* ..... Ex 2:14
is the house of the *p* ..... Job 21:28
is the downfall of a *p* ..... Prov 14:28
Everlasting Father, *P* ..... Is 9:6
against the *P* of princes ..... Dan 8:25
until Messiah the *P* ..... Dan 9:25
with the *p* of Persia ..... Dan 10:20
except Michael your *p* ..... Dan 10:21
days without king or *p* ..... Hos 3:4
*p* asks for gifts ..... Mic 7:3
and killed the *P* ..... Acts 3:15
His right hand to be *P* ..... Acts 5:31
the *p* of the power ..... Eph 2:2

PRINCES
He is not partial to *p* ..... Job 34:19
to bind his *p* at his ..... Ps 105:22
He may seat him with *p* ..... Ps 113:8
to put confidence in *p* ..... Ps 118:9
*P* also sit and speak ..... Ps 119:23
*p* and all judges of ..... Ps 148:11
good, nor to strike *p* ..... Prov 17:26
is a child, and your *p* ..... Eccl 10:16
of nobles, and your *p* ..... Eccl 10:17
children to be their *p* ..... Is 3:4
*p* will rule with ..... Is 32:1
He brings the *p* ..... Is 40:23

PRINCIPAL
Wisdom is the *p* ..... Prov 4:7

PRINCIPALITIES
nor *p* nor powers ..... Rom 8:38
and blood, but against *p* .... Eph 6:12
dominions or *p* or powers ... Col 1:16
disarmed *p* and powers, ..... Col 2:15

PRINCIPALITY
far above all *p* ..... Eph 1:21
is the head of all *p* ..... Col 2:10

PRINCIPLES
from the basic *p* ..... Col 2:20
again the first *p* ..... Heb 5:12

PRINT
hands the *p* of the nails ... John 20:25

PRISCILLA (or Prisca)
Wife of Aquila, Acts 18:1–3
With Aquila, instructs Apollos, Acts 18:26
Mentioned by Paul, Rom 16:3; 1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19

PRISON
and put him into the *p* ..... Gen 39:20
Bring my soul out of *p* ..... Ps 142:7
in darkness from the *p* ..... Is 42:7
the opening of the *p* ..... Is 61:1
should put him in *p* ..... Jer 29:26
John had been put in *p* ..... Matt 4:12
John had heard in *p* ..... Matt 11:2
had John beheaded in *p* ... Matt 14:10
I was in *p* and you ..... Matt 25:36
we see You sick, or in *p* .. Matt 25:39
or naked or sick or in *p* ... Matt 25:44
after John was put in *p* .... Mark 1:14
put them in the common *p* .. Acts 5:18
Lord opened the *p* doors ... Acts 5:19
did not find them in the *p* .. Acts 5:22
was therefore kept in *p* ..... Acts 12:5
of the *p* were shaken ..... Acts 16:26
seeing the *p* doors open ... Acts 16:27

So the keeper of the *p* .... Acts 16:36
to the spirits in *p* ..... 1 Pet 3:19
a *p* for every foul spirit, ..... Rev 18:2
will be released from his *p* .. Rev 20:7

## PRISONER
the groaning of the *p* ..... Ps 79:11
*p* called Barabbas ..... Matt 27:16
releasing one *p* to them ... Mark 15:6
reason I, Paul, the *p* ..... Eph 3:1
the *p* of the Lord, beseech ... Eph 4:1
Lord, nor of me His *p* ..... 2 Tim 1:8
Paul, a *p* of Christ Jesus, .... Philem 1

## PRISONERS
*p* rest together ..... Job 3:18
does not despise His *p* ..... Ps 69:33
gives freedom to the *p* ..... Ps 146:7
the stronghold, you *p* ..... Zech 9:12
the *p* were listening to .... Acts 16:25
and my fellow *p* ..... Rom 16:7
Remember the *p* as if ..... Heb 13:3

## PRISONS
the synagogues and *p* .... Luke 21:12
*p* more frequently ..... 2 Cor 11:23

## PRIVATE
is of any *p* interpretation .. 2 Pet 1:20

## PRIVATELY
disciples came to Jesus *p* .. Matt 17:19
Andrew asked Him *p* ..... Mark 13:3
aside *p* into a deserted ..... Luke 9:10

## PRIZE
life shall be as a *p* ..... Jer 21:9
but one receives the *p* ..... 1 Cor 9:24
the goal for the *p* ..... Phil 3:14

## PROCEED
For they *p* from evil ..... Jer 9:3
heart *p* evil thoughts ..... Matt 15:19
*p* evil thoughts, adulteries . Mark 7:21
not permitting us to *p* ..... Acts 27:7
*p* out of your mouth, ..... Eph 4:29
of the same mouth *p* ..... James 3:10

## PROCEEDED
for I *p* forth ..... John 8:42
*p* from the mouth of Him .. Rev 19:21

## PROCEEDINGS
he adjourned the *p* ..... Acts 24:22

## PROCEEDS
by every word that *p* ..... Deut 8:3
by every word that *p* ..... Matt 4:4
Spirit of truth who *p* ..... John 15:26
back part of the *p* ..... Acts 5:2

## PROCESS
in the *p* of time ..... 1 Sam 1:20

## PROCESSION
They have seen Your *p* ..... Ps 68:24

## PROCHORUS
One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:5

## PROCLAIM
you, and I will *p* ..... Ex 33:19
*p* the name of the LORD .... Deut 32:3
*p* it not in the ..... 2 Sam 1:20
and they shall *p* ..... Is 60:6
to *p* liberty to the captives, .... Is 61:1
to *p* the acceptable year of .... Is 61:2
began to *p* it freely ..... Mark 1:45
knowing, Him I *p* ..... Acts 17:23
drink this cup, you *p* ..... 1 Cor 11:26
that you may *p* the praises .. 1 Pet 2:9

## PROCLAIMED
*p* the good news ..... Ps 40:9
company of those who *p* .... Ps 68:11
*p* a fast, and put on ..... Jon 3:5
he went his way and *p* ..... Luke 8:39
inner rooms will be *p* ..... Luke 12:3

## PROCLAIMER
"He seems to be a *p* ..... Acts 17:18

## PROCLAIMS
good news, who *p* ..... Is 52:7

## PROCONSUL
seeking to turn the *p* ..... Acts 13:8
When Gallio was *p* ..... Acts 18:12

## PRODIGAL
with *p* living ..... Luke 15:13

## PRODUCE
land shall yield its *p* ..... Lev 26:4
all kinds of *p* ..... Ps 144:13
*p* the righteousness of .... James 1:20

## PRODUCED
*p* in me all manner of evil ... Rom 7:8
What diligence it *p* in ..... 2 Cor 7:11

## PRODUCES
forcing of wrath *p* strife ... Prov 30:33
indeed bears fruit and *p* .. Matt 13:23
if it dies, it *p* much grain .. John 12:24
tribulation *p* perseverance .. Rom 5:3
sorrow *p* repentance ..... 2 Cor 7:10
of your faith *p* patience .... James 1:3

## PRODUCING
*p* death in me through ..... Rom 7:13

## PROFANE
and offered *p* fire ..... Lev 10:1
and priest are *p* ..... Jer 23:11
"But you *p* it ..... Mal 1:12
tried to *p* the temple ..... Acts 24:6
But reject *p* and old ..... 1 Tim 4:7
*p* person like Esau ..... Heb 12:16

## PROFANED
*p* his crown by casting ..... Ps 89:39
and *p* My Sabbaths ..... Ezek 22:8
*p* the LORD's holy ..... Mal 2:11

## PROFANENESS
of Jerusalem *p* has ..... Jer 23:15

## PROFANING
*p* the covenant of the ..... Mal 2:10

## PROFESS
They *p* to know God ..... Titus 1:16

## PROFESSING
*P* to be wise ..... Rom 1:22
is proper for women *p* .... 1 Tim 2:10

## PROFIT
*p* is there in my blood ..... Ps 30:9
*p* has a man from all ..... Eccl 1:3
There was no *p* under ..... Eccl 2:11
for they will not *p* ..... Is 57:12
words that cannot *p* ..... Jer 7:8
*p* which you have made .. Ezek 22:13
*p* is it that we have ..... Mal 3:14
For what *p* is it to ..... Matt 16:26
For what will it *p* ..... Mark 8:36
For what *p* is it to ..... Luke 9:25
her masters much *p* ..... Acts 16:16
hope of *p* was gone ..... Acts 16:19
brought no small *p* ..... Acts 19:24
what is the *p* of ..... Rom 3:1
not seeking my own *p* .... 1 Cor 10:33
Christ will *p* you ..... Gal 5:2
about words to no *p* ..... 2 Tim 2:14
them, but He for our *p* .... Heb 12:10
What does it *p* ..... James 2:14
and sell, and make a *p* .... James 4:13

## PROFITABLE
"Can a man be *p* ..... Job 22:2
It is doubtless not *p* ..... 2 Cor 12:1
godliness is *p* for all ..... 1 Tim 4:8
of God, and is *p* ..... 2 Tim 3:16
things are good and *p* ..... Titus 3:8
to you, but now is *p* ..... Philem 11

## PROFITS
*p* a man nothing that ..... Job 34:9
from her *p* she plants a ... Prov 31:16
the flesh *p* nothing ..... John 6:63
have not love, it *p* ..... 1 Cor 13:3
exercise *p* a little ..... 1 Tim 4:8

## PROFOUND
with things too *p* ..... Ps 131:1

## PROGRESS
your *p* may be evident .... 1 Tim 4:15

## PROLONG
you will not *p* your ..... Deut 4:26
*p* Your anger to all ..... Ps 85:5
nor will he *p* his days ..... Eccl 8:13

## PROLONGED
and his days are *p* ..... Eccl 8:12

## PROLONGS
The fear of the LORD *p* .... Prov 10:27

## PROMISE
of all His good *p* ..... 1 Kin 8:56
Has His *p* failed ..... Ps 77:8
remembered His holy *p* .... Ps 105:42
Behold, I send the *P* ..... Luke 24:49
but to wait for the *P* ..... Acts 1:4
*p* of the Holy Spirit, He ..... Acts 2:33
For the *p* is to you ..... Acts 2:39
*p* drew near which God .... Acts 7:17
for the hope of the *p* ..... Acts 26:6
is made void and the *p* ..... Rom 4:14
*p* might be sure ..... Rom 4:16
*p* of God through unbelief .. Rom 4:20
For this is the word of *p* .... Rom 9:9
make the *p* of no effect ..... Gal 3:17
it is no longer of *p* ..... Gal 3:18
heirs according to the *p* ..... Gal 3:29
Isaac was, are children of *p* . Gal 4:28
first commandment with *p* ... Eph 6:2
having *p* of the life that .... 1 Tim 4:8
Therefore, since a *p* ..... Heb 4:1
endured, he obtained the *p* .. Heb 6:15
to the heirs of *p* ..... Heb 6:17
did not receive the *p* ..... Heb 11:39
they *p* them liberty ..... 2 Pet 2:19
not slack concerning His *p* .. 2 Pet 3:9
*p* that He has promised ... 1 John 2:25

## PROMISED
bless you as He has *p* ..... Deut 1:11
that what He had *p* ..... Rom 4:21
Him faithful who had *p* .... Heb 11:11

## PROMISES
For all the *p* of God ..... 2 Cor 1:20
his Seed were the *p* ..... Gal 3:16
patience inherit the *p* ..... Heb 6:12
having received the *p* ..... Heb 11:13
great and precious *p* ..... 2 Pet 1:4

## PROMOTE
Exalt her, and she will *p* .... Prov 4:8

## PROMOTED
Then the king *p* Daniel ..... Dan 2:48
Then the king *p* Shadrach, .. Dan 3:30

## PROMOTES
tongue of the wise *p* ..... Prov 12:18

## PROMPTLY
him disciplines him *p* ..... Prov 13:24

## PRONOUNCE
for he could not *p* it right .. Judg 12:6
*P* them guilty, O God ..... Ps 5:10

## PROOF
which is to them a *p* ..... Phil 1:28

## PROOFS
by many infallible *p* ..... Acts 1:3

## PROPER
you, but for what is *p* ..... 1 Cor 7:35
Is it *p* for a woman to .... 1 Cor 11:13
but, which is *p* ..... 1 Tim 2:10
are *p* for sound doctrine .... Titus 2:1

## PROPERLY
Let us walk *p* ..... Rom 13:13
that you may walk *p* .... 1 Thess 4:12

## PROPHECIES
Do not despise *p* ..... 1 Thess 5:20

PROPHECY
if p, let us prophesy in ..... Rom 12:6
miracles, to another p .... 1 Cor 12:10
I have the gift of p ..... 1 Cor 13:2
p with the laying on of .... 1 Tim 4:14
for p never came by ..... 2 Pet 1:21
is the spirit of p ..... Rev 19:10
of the book of this p ..... Rev 22:19

PROPHESIED
upon them, that they p .... Num 11:25
to them, yet they p ..... Jer 23:21
Lord, have we not p ..... Matt 7:22
prophets and the law p ... Matt 11:13
virgin daughters who p ..... Acts 21:9
even more that you p ..... 1 Cor 14:5

PROPHESIES
for the prophet who p ..... Jer 28:9
woman who prays or p .... 1 Cor 11:5
p edifies the church ..... 1 Cor 14:4

PROPHESY
prophets, "Do not p ..... Is 30:10
The prophets p falsely ..... Jer 5:31
your daughters shall p ..... Joel 2:28
Who can but p ..... Amos 3:8
saying, "P to us ..... Matt 26:68
and to say to Him, "P!" .. Mark 14:65
your daughters shall p ..... Acts 2:17
if prophecy, let us p ..... Rom 12:6
know in part and we p .... 1 Cor 13:9
that you may p ..... 1 Cor 14:1
For you can all p one .... 1 Cor 14:31
desire earnestly to p ..... 1 Cor 14:39

PROPHESYING
he had finished p ..... 1 Sam 10:13
Every man praying or p, .. 1 Cor 11:4
p is not for unbelievers ... 1 Cor 14:22

PROPHET
shall be your p ..... Ex 7:1
raise up for you a P ..... Deut 18:15
arisen in Israel a p ..... Deut 34:10
"I alone am left a p ..... 1 Kin 18:22
is no longer any p ..... Ps 74:9
I ordained you a p ..... Jer 1:5
p is induced to speak ..... Ezek 14:9
The p is a fool ..... Hos 9:7
nor was I a son of a p ..... Amos 7:14
send you Elijah the p ..... Mal 4:5
p shall receive a ..... Matt 10:41
the sign of the p Jonah .... Matt 12:39
p is not without honor .... Matt 13:57
by Daniel the p ..... Mark 13:14
no p is accepted in his ..... Luke 4:24
is not a greater p ..... Luke 7:28
it cannot be that a p ..... Luke 13:33
Nazareth, who was a P ... Luke 24:19
"Are you the P ..... John 1:21
"This is truly the P ..... John 6:14
for no p has arisen out of .. John 7:52
p named Agabus ..... Acts 21:10
with him the false p ..... Rev 19:20

PROPHET'S
shall receive a p reward .. Matt 10:41

PROPHETESS
Then Miriam the p, ..... Ex 15:20
Now Deborah, a p, ..... Judg 4:4
there was one, Anna, a p .. Luke 2:36

PROPHETIC
by the p Scriptures ..... Rom 16:26
p word confirmed ..... 2 Pet 1:19

PROPHETS
*See* FALSE PROPHETS; LAW AND THE PROPHETS
Lord's people were p ..... Num 11:29
Saul also among the p ... 1 Sam 10:12
the mouth of all his p .... 1 Kin 22:22
Where now are your p ..... Jer 37:19
prophesy against the p ..... Ezek 13:2
Her p are insolent ..... Zeph 3:4
the Law or the P ..... Matt 5:17
is the Law and the P ..... Matt 7:12
or one of the p ..... Matt 16:14
the tombs of the p ..... Matt 23:29
indeed, I send you p ..... Matt 23:34
one who kills the p ..... Matt 23:37
Then many false p ..... Matt 24:11
have Moses and the p .... Luke 16:29
You are sons of the p ..... Acts 3:25
p did your fathers not ..... Acts 7:52
To Him all the p ..... Acts 10:43
do you believe the p ..... Acts 26:27
before through His p ..... Rom 1:2
by the Law and the P ..... Rom 3:21
have killed Your p ..... Rom 11:3
p are subject to the ..... 1 Cor 14:32
to be apostles, some p ..... Eph 4:11
brethren, take the p ..... James 5:10
this salvation the p ..... 1 Pet 1:10
were also false p ..... 2 Pet 2:1
because many false p ..... 1 John 4:1
blood of saints and p ..... Rev 16:6
found the blood of p ..... Rev 18:24
of your brethren the p ..... Rev 22:9

PROPITIATION
set forth as a p ..... Rom 3:25
to God, to make p ..... Heb 2:17
He Himself is the p ..... 1 John 2:2
His Son to be the p ..... 1 John 4:10

PROPORTION
let us prophesy in p ..... Rom 12:6

PROPOSED
And they p two ..... Acts 1:23

PROPRIETY
modest apparel, with p ..... 1 Tim 2:9

PROSECUTOR
answer me, that my P ..... Job 31:35

PROSELYTE
and sea to win one p ..... Matt 23:15
Nicolas, a p from Antioch, ... Acts 6:5

PROSELYTES
Rome, both Jews and p ..... Acts 2:10

PROSPER
made all he did to p ..... Gen 39:3
you shall not p ..... Deut 28:29
Lord, God made him p .... 2 Chr 26:5
they p who love you ..... Ps 122:6
his sins will not p ..... Prov 28:13
of the Lord shall p ..... Is 53:10
against you shall p ..... Is 54:17
please, and it shall p ..... Is 55:11
of the wicked p ..... Jer 12:1
King shall reign and p ..... Jer 23:5
storing up as he may p .... 1 Cor 16:2
I pray that you may p ..... 3 John 2

PROSPERED
since the Lord has p ..... Gen 24:56
he p wherever he went .... 2 Kin 18:7
David his father, and p .. 1 Chr 29:23
all his heart. So he p ..... 2 Chr 31:21
Hezekiah p in all his ..... 2 Chr 32:30
and they p through the ..... Ezra 6:14
in the Lord will be p..... Prov 28:25
Daniel p in the reign ..... Dan 6:28
He did all this and p ..... Dan 8:12

PROSPERING
His ways are always p ..... Ps 10:5

PROSPERITY
p all your days ..... Deut 23:6
p exceed the fame ..... 1 Kin 10:7
p the destroyer ..... Job 15:21
spend their days in p ..... Job 36:11
Now in my p I said ..... Ps 30:6
has pleasure in the p ..... Ps 35:27
When I saw the p ..... Ps 73:3
I pray, send now p ..... Ps 118:25
the day of p be joyful ..... Eccl 7:14
that we have our p ..... Acts 19:25

PROSPEROUS
had made his journey p ... Gen 24:21
will make your way p ..... Josh 1:8

PROSPERS
he turns, he p ..... Prov 17:8
just as your soul p ..... 3 John 2

PROSTRATE
of the proud lie p ..... Job 9:13

PROTECTED
holy man, and he p him ... Mark 6:20

PROUD
p waves must stop ..... Job 38:11
tongue that speaks p ..... Ps 12:3
and fully repays the p ..... Ps 31:23
does not respect the p ..... Ps 40:4
a haughty look and a p ..... Ps 101:5
p He knows from afar ..... Ps 138:6
the house of the p ..... Prov 15:25
Everyone p in heart ..... Prov 16:5
p heart stirs up ..... Prov 28:25
is better than the p ..... Eccl 7:8
by wine, he is a p ..... Hab 2:5
He has scattered the p ..... Luke 1:51
boasters, p ..... 2 Tim 3:2
"God resists the p, but ..... James 4:6
"God resists the p ..... 1 Pet 5:5

PROVE
p yourself a man ..... 1 Kin 2:2
does your arguing p ..... Job 6:25
mind, that you may p ..... Rom 12:2

PROVERB
an astonishment, a p ..... Deut 28:37
incline my ear to a p ..... Ps 49:4
that hang limp is a p ..... Prov 26:7
of a drunkard is a p ..... Prov 26:9
one shall take up a p ..... Mic 2:4
to the true p ..... 2 Pet 2:22

PROVERBS
spoke three thousand p .... 1 Kin 4:32
The p of Solomon the ..... Prov 1:1
are p of Solomon ..... Prov 25:1
in order many p ..... Eccl 12:9

PROVIDE
"My son, God will p ..... Gen 22:8
Can He p meat for His ..... Ps 78:20
lambs will p your ..... Prov 27:26
prosperity that I p ..... Jer 33:9
P neither gold nor ..... Matt 10:9
if anyone does not p ..... 1 Tim 5:8

PROVIDED
I have p Myself a king .... 1 Sam 16:1
p for her from the king's .... Esth 2:9
p from Your godness ..... Ps 68:10
atonement is p for iniquity . Prov 16:6
these hands have p ..... Acts 20:34
p something better ..... Heb 11:40

PROVIDES
p food for the raven ..... Job 38:41
p her supplies in the ..... Prov 6:8
p food for her household .. Prov 31:15

PROVIDING
p honorable things, ..... 2 Cor 8:21

PROVISION
bread of their p was dry ..... Josh 9:5
Now Solomon's p ..... 1 Kin 4:22
abundantly bless her p ..... Ps 132:15
p of the king's delicacies ..... Dan 1:5
no p for the flesh ..... Rom 13:14

PROVOKE
do not p Him ..... Ex 23:21
p God are secure ..... Job 12:6
Do they p Me to ..... Jer 7:19
p them to jealousy ..... Rom 11:11
you, fathers, do not p ..... Eph 6:4
do not p your children, lest .. Col 3:21

PROVOKED
How often they p ..... Ps 78:40

*p* the Most High ..... Ps 78:56
Thus they *p* Him to ..... Ps 106:29
his spirit was *p* ..... Acts 17:16
seek its own, is not *p* ..... 1 Cor 13:5

PROVOKING
*p* one another, envying one .. Gal 5:26

PROWLER
poverty come like a *p* ..... Prov 24:34

PRUDENCE
son, endowed with *p* ..... 2 Chr 2:12
To give *p* to the ..... Prov 1:4
wisdom, dwell with *p* ..... Prov 8:12
us in all wisdom and *p* ..... Eph 1:8

PRUDENT
*p* man covers shame ..... Prov 12:16
A *p* man conceals ..... Prov 12:23
The wisdom of the *p* ..... Prov 14:8
*p* considers well ..... Prov 14:15
receives correction is *p* .... Prov 15:5
heart will be called *p* ..... Prov 16:21
*p* acquires knowledge ..... Prov 18:15
*p* wife is from the ..... Prov 19:14
*p* man foresees evil ..... Prov 22:3
perished from the *p* ..... Jer 49:7
Therefore the *p* ..... Amos 5:13
from the wise and *p* ..... Matt 11:25

PRUDENTLY
Servant shall deal *p* ..... Is 52:13

PRUNES
that bears fruit He *p* ..... John 15:2

PSALM
and the sound of a *p* ..... Ps 98:5
in the second *P* ..... Acts 13:33
each of you has a *p* ..... 1 Cor 14:26

PSALMIST
And the sweet *p* ..... 2 Sam 23:1

PSALMS
Sing to Him, sing *p* ..... 1 Chr 16:9
to one another in *p* ..... Eph 5:19
one another in *p* ..... Col 3:16
Let him sing *p* ..... James 5:13

PSALTERY
harp, lyre, and *p* ..... Dan 3:10

PTOLEMAIS
Seaport city south of Tyre; Paul lands at, Acts 21:7

PUBLIC
to make her a *p* example ... Matt 1:19

PUBLISHED
to be proclaimed and *p* ..... Jon 3:7

PUBLIUS
Roman official; entertains Paul, Acts 28:7, 8

PUFFED
Now some are *p* up ..... 1 Cor 4:18
itself, is not *p* ..... 1 Cor 13:4
a novice, lest being *p* ..... 1 Tim 3:6

PUFFS
Knowledge *p* up ..... 1 Cor 8:1

PUL
King of Assyria; same as Tiglath-Pileser, 2 Kin 15:19
—— Country and people in Africa, Is 66:19

PULL
*P* me out of the net ..... Ps 31:4
I will *p* down my barns ... Luke 12:18

PULLING
for *p* down strongholds .... 2 Cor 10:4

PUNISH
take that man and *p* ..... Deut 22:18
*p* the righteous is ..... Prov 17:26
"I will *p* the world ..... Is 13:11
Shall I not *p* them for ..... Jer 5:9
*p* all who oppress them ..... Jer 30:20
*p* your iniquity ..... Lam 4:22
So I will *p* them for ..... Hos 4:9

PUNISHED
You our God have *p* ..... Ezra 9:13
because He has not *p* ..... Job 35:15
*p* them often in every ..... Acts 26:11
These shall be *p* ..... 2 Thess 1:9

PUNISHES
will you say when He *p* ..... Jer 13:21

PUNISHMENT
*p* is greater than I ..... Gen 4:13
you do in the day of *p* ..... Is 10:3
*p* they shall be cast ..... Jer 8:12
*p* they shall perish ..... Jer 10:15
a man for the *p* ..... Lam 3:39
The *p* of the iniquity ..... Lam 4:6
days of *p* have come ..... Hos 9:7
not turn away its *p* ..... Amos 1:3
into everlasting *p* ..... Matt 25:46
*p* which was inflicted ..... 2 Cor 2:6
Of how much worse *p* ..... Heb 10:29
sent by him for the *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:14
the unjust under *p* ..... 2 Pet 2:9

PUNON
Israelite camp, Num 33:42, 43

PURCHASED
(Now this man *p* a field .... Acts 1:18
of God could be *p* ..... Acts 8:20
of the *p* possession ..... Eph 1:14

PURE
a mercy seat of *p* gold ..... Ex 25:17
Can a man be more *p* ..... Job 4:17
if you were *p* and ..... Job 8:6
'My doctrine is *p* ..... Job 11:4
that he could be *p* ..... Job 15:14
the heavens are not *p* ..... Job 15:15
the stars are not *p* ..... Job 25:5
of the LORD are *p* ..... Ps 12:6
will show Yourself *p* ..... Ps 18:26
To such as are *p* ..... Ps 73:1
of the *p* are pleasant ..... Prov 15:26
ways of a man are *p* ..... Prov 16:2
my heart clean, I am *p* ..... Prov 20:9
but as for the *p* ..... Prov 21:8
a generation that is *p* ..... Prov 30:12
Shall I count *p* ..... Mic 6:11
Blessed are the *p* in heart ... Matt 5:8
things indeed are *p* ..... Rom 14:20
whatever things are *p* ..... Phil 4:8
with a *p* conscience ..... 1 Tim 3:9
keep yourself *p* ..... 1 Tim 5:22
serve with a *p* conscience .. 2 Tim 1:3
*p* all things are *p* ..... Titus 1:15
bodies washed with *p* ..... Heb 10:22
*P* and undefiled religion .. James 1:27
above is first *p* ..... James 3:17
babes, desire the *p* ..... 1 Pet 2:2
just as He is *p* ..... 1 John 3:3

PURER
*p* eyes than to behold ..... Hab 1:13

PURGE
*P* me with hyssop ..... Ps 51:7
*p* them as gold and ..... Mal 3:3

PURGED
away, and your sin *p* ..... Is 6:7
He had by Himself *p* ..... Heb 1:3

PURIFICATION
for the water of *p* ..... Num 19:9
with the water of *p* ..... Num 31:23

PURIFIED
earth, *p* seven times ..... Ps 12:6
all things are *p* ..... Heb 9:22
Since you have *p* ..... 1 Pet 1:22

PURIFIES
hope in Him *p* himself ..... 1 John 3:3

PURIFY
*p* the sons of Levi ..... Mal 3:3
and *p* your hearts ..... James 4:8

PURIFYING
thus *p* all foods ..... Mark 7:19
*p* their hearts by ..... Acts 15:9
sanctifies for the *p* ..... Heb 9:13

PURIM
called these days *P* ..... Esth 9:26

PURITY
be delivered by the *p* ..... Job 22:30
He who loves *p* of ..... Prov 22:11
by *p*, by knowledge ..... 2 Cor 6:6
spirit, in faith, in *p* ..... 1 Tim 4:12

PURPLE
who was clothed in *p* ..... Luke 16:19
they put on Him a *p* ..... John 19:2
She was a seller of *p* ..... Acts 16:14

PURPOSE
and fulfill all your *p* ..... Ps 20:4
A time for every *p* ..... Eccl 3:1
*p* that is purposed ..... Is 14:26
But for this *p* I came ..... John 12:27
by the determined *p* ..... Acts 2:23
them all that with *p* ..... Acts 11:23
called according to His *p* ... Rom 8:28
to the eternal *p* ..... Eph 3:11
sent to you for this very *p* .. Eph 6:22
Now the *p* of the ..... 1 Tim 1:5
manner of life, *p* ..... 2 Tim 3:10
For this *p* the Son of God .. 1 John 3:8
to fulfill His *p* ..... Rev 17:17

PURPOSED
For the LORD had *p* ..... 2 Sam 17:14
LORD of hosts has *p*. ..... Is 23:9
But Daniel *p* in his ..... Dan 1:8
Paul *p* in the Spirit ..... Acts 19:21
pleasure which He *p* ..... Eph 1:9

PURPOSELY
the bundles fall *p* for her .. Ruth 2:16

PURPOSES
each one give as he *p* ..... 2 Cor 9:7

PURSE
let us all have one *p* ..... Prov 1:14

PURSES
*p* his lips and brings ..... Prov 16:30

PURSUE
And will You *p* dry ..... Job 13:25
*p* my honor as the wind .... Job 30:15
The sword shall *p* ..... Jer 48:2
but their hearts *p* ..... Ezek 33:31
Let us know, let us *p* ..... Hos 6:3
*p* righteousness ..... Rom 9:30
*P* love, and desire ..... 1 Cor 14:1
*p* what is good ..... 1 Thess 5:15
*p* righteousness ..... 1 Tim 6:11
*p* righteousness, faith ..... 2 Tim 2:22
*P* peace with all people .... Heb 12:14
him seek peace and *p* ..... 1 Pet 3:11

PURSUES
Evil *p* sinners ..... Prov 13:21
flee when no one *p* ..... Prov 28:1

PURSUING
but Israel, *p* the law ..... Rom 9:31

PUT
Also He has *p* eternity ..... Eccl 3:11
pride He is able to *p* down .. Dan 4:37
what you will *p* on ..... Matt 6:25
*p* my hand into His ..... John 20:25
But *p* on the Lord ..... Rom 13:14

PUT OFF
I will *p* my sad face ..... Job 9:27
You have *p* my sackcloth .... Ps 30:11
you *p*, concerning your ..... Eph 4:22
you yourselves are to *p* all .... Col 3:8
shortly I must *p* my tent ... 2 Pet 1:14

PUT ON
I *p* righteousness ..... Job 29:14

awake, *p* strength, O arm ..... Is 51:9
For He *p* righteousness ..... Is 59:17
body, what you will *p* ..... Matt 6:25
they *p* Him a purple robe .. John 19:2
*p* the armor of light ..... Rom 13:12
*p* the Lord Jesus Christ ... Rom 13:14
must *p* incorruption ..... 1 Cor 15:53
into Christ have *p* Christ .... Gal 3:27
you *p* the new man ..... Eph 4:24
*P* the whole armor of God .. Eph 6:11
having *p* the breastplate .... Eph 6:14
have *p* the new man ..... Col 3:10
*p* tender mercies ..... Col 3:12
all these things *p* love ..... Col 3:14
I will *p* you no other ..... Rev 2:24

PUTEOLI
Seaport of Italy, Acts 28:13

PUTREFYING
bruises and *p* sores ..... Is 1:6

QUAIL
and it brought *q* ..... Num 11:31
and He brought *q* ..... Ps 105:40

QUAKED
the whole mountain *q* ..... Ex 19:18
and the earth *q* ..... Matt 27:51

QUAKES
The earth *q* before ..... Joel 2:10

QUALIFIED
the Father who has *q* ..... Col 1:12

QUARREL
see how he seeks a *q* ..... 2 Kin 5:7
any fool can start a *q* ..... Prov 20:3
He will not *q* nor cry ..... Matt 12:19
of the Lord must not *q* .... 2 Tim 2:24

QUARRELSOME
but gentle, not *q* ..... 1 Tim 3:3

QUARTER
in the Second *Q* ..... 2 Kin 22:14
from the Second *Q* ..... Zeph 1:10

QUARTZ
be made of coral or *q* ..... Job 28:18

QUEEN
Q Vashti also made a ..... Esth 1:9
stands the *q* in gold ..... Ps 45:9
burn incense to the *q* ..... Jer 44:17
The *q* of the South ..... Matt 12:42
under Candace the *q* ..... Acts 8:27
heart, 'I sit as *q* ..... Rev 18:7

QUEENS
There are sixty *q* ..... Song 6:8
*q* your nursing mothers ..... Is 49:23

QUENCH
Many waters cannot *q* ..... Song 8:7
so that no one can *q* ..... Jer 4:4
flax He will not *q* ..... Matt 12:20
*q* all the fiery ..... Eph 6:16
Do not *q* the Spirit ..... 1 Thess 5:19

QUENCHED
LORD, the fire was *q* ..... Num 11:2
they were *q* like a ..... Ps 118:12
their fire is not *q* ..... Is 66:24
that shall never be *q* ..... Mark 9:43
and the fire is not *q* ..... Mark 9:44
*q* the violence of fire ..... Heb 11:34

QUESTIONS
test him with hard *q* ..... 1 Kin 10:1
and asking them *q* ..... Luke 2:46
market, asking no *q* ..... 1 Cor 10:25

QUICK-TEMPERED
*q* man acts foolishly ..... Prov 14:17
not self-willed, not *q* ..... Titus 1:7

QUICKLY
have turned aside *q* ..... Ex 32:8
with your adversary *q* ..... Matt 5:25
"What you do, do *q* ..... John 13:27
Behold, I am coming *q* ..... Rev 3:11
"Surely I am coming *q* ..... Rev 22:20

QUIET
lain still and been *q* ..... Job 3:13
'Take heed, and be *q* ..... Is 7:4
earth is at rest and *q* ..... Is 14:7
gladness, He will *q* ..... Zeph 3:17
warned him to be *q* ..... Mark 10:48
aspire to lead a *q* ..... 1 Thess 4:11
we may lead a *q* and ..... 1 Tim 2:2
a gentle and *q* spirit ..... 1 Pet 3:4

QUIETED
calmed and *q* my soul ..... Ps 131:2
the city clerk had *q* ..... Acts 19:35

QUIETNESS
will give peace and *q* ..... 1 Chr 22:9
When He gives *q* ..... Job 34:29
a handful with *q* ..... Eccl 4:6
in *q* and confidence ..... Is 30:15
of righteousness, *q* ..... Is 32:17
that they work in *q* ..... 2 Thess 3:12

QUIETS
*q* the earth by the ..... Job 37:17

QUIVER
*q* rattles against him ..... Job 39:23
the man who has his *q* ..... Ps 127:5
*q* He has hidden Me ..... Is 49:2
Their *q* is like an ..... Jer 5:16

RAAMSES
Treasure city built by Hebrew slaves, Ex 1:11

RABBAH
Capital of Ammon, Amos 1:14
Besieged by Joab; defeated and enslaved by David, 2 Sam 12:26–31
Destruction of, foretold, Jer 49:2, 3

RABBI
be called by men, '*R* ..... Matt 23:7
do not be called '*R* ..... Matt 23:8

RABBONI
Mary addresses Christ as, John 20:16

RABMAG
Title applied to Babylonian prince, Jer 39:3, 13

RABSARIS
Title applied to:
Assyrian officials sent by Sennacherib, 2 Kin 18:17
Babylonian prince, Jer 39:3, 13

RABSHAKEH
Sent by king of Assyria to threaten Hezekiah, 2 Kin 18:17–37; Is 36:2–22
The Lord sends rumor to take him away, 2 Kin 19:6–8; Is 37:6–8

RACA
to his brother, '*R* ..... Matt 5:22

RACE
man to run its *r* ..... Ps 19:5
*r* is not to the swift ..... Eccl 9:11
who run in a *r* all run ..... 1 Cor 9:24
I have finished the *r* ..... 2 Tim 4:7
with endurance the *r* ..... Heb 12:1

RACHEL
Laban's younger daughter; Jacob's favorite wife, Gen 29:28–30
Supports her husband's position, Gen 31:14–16
Mother of Joseph and Benjamin, Gen 30:22–25
Prophecy concerning: quoted, Jer 31:15; Matt 2:18

RADIANT
to Him and were *r* ..... Ps 34:5

RAGE
Disperse the *r* of your ..... Job 40:11
Why do the nations *r* ..... Ps 2:1
'Why did the nations *r* ..... Acts 4:25

RAGES
he *r* against all wise ..... Prov 18:1

RAGS
clothe a man with *r* ..... Prov 23:21
are like filthy *r* ..... Is 64:6

RAHAB
Prostitute in Jericho; helps Joshua's spies, Josh 2:1–21
Spared in battle, Josh 6:17–25
Mentioned in the N.T., Matt 1:5; Heb 11:31; James 2:25
—— Used figuratively of Egypt, Ps 87:4

RAIN
had not caused it to *r* ..... Gen 2:5
And the *r* was on the ..... Gen 7:12
I will *r* bread from heaven ... Ex 16:4
early *r* and the latter *r* .... Deut 11:14
my teaching drop as the *r* .. Deut 32:2
be dew nor *r* these years .. 1 Kin 17:1
sound of abundance of *r* .. 1 Kin 18:41
He gives *r* on the ..... Job 5:10
to the gentle *r* ..... Job 37:6
sent a plentiful *r* ..... Ps 68:9
clouds, who prepares *r* ..... Ps 147:8
snow in summer and *r* ..... Prov 26:1
*r* which leaves no food ..... Prov 28:3
not return after the *r* ..... Eccl 12:2
the *r* is over and gone ..... Song 2:11
our God, who gives *r* ..... Jer 5:24
I will *r* down on him ..... Ezek 38:22
given you the former *r* ..... Joel 2:23
there will be no *r* ..... Zech 14:17
the good, and sends *r* ..... Matt 5:45
and the *r* descended ..... Matt 7:25
He did good, gave us *r* .... Acts 14:17
*r* that often comes ..... Heb 6:7
the early and latter *r* ..... James 5:7
that it would not *r* ..... James 5:17
and the heaven gave *r* .... James 5:18

RAINBOW
I set My *r* in the ..... Gen 9:13
the appearance of a *r* ..... Ezek 1:28
and there was a *r* ..... Rev 4:3

RAINED
had *r* down manna on ..... Ps 78:24
*r* fire and brimstone ..... Luke 17:29

RAINS
*r* righteousness ..... Hos 10:12

RAISE
shall *r* up the tabernacle .... Ex 26:30
that I will *r* to David a ..... Jer 23:5
third day He will *r* ..... Hos 6:2
that God is able to *r* ..... Matt 3:9
in three days I will *r* ..... John 2:19
and I will *r* him up at ..... John 6:40
Lord and will also *r* ..... 1 Cor 6:14
will also *r* us up with ..... 2 Cor 4:14
and the Lord will *r* ..... James 5:15

RAISED
this purpose I have *r* ..... Ex 9:16
the LORD *r* up judges ..... Judg 2:16
LORD has *r* up prophets ..... Jer 29:15
be killed, and be *r* ..... Matt 16:21
whom God *r* up ..... Acts 2:24
just as Christ was *r* ..... Rom 6:4
Spirit of Him who *r* ..... Rom 8:11
And God both *r* up the .... 1 Cor 6:14
"How are the dead *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:35
and the dead will be *r* .... 1 Cor 15:52
and *r* us up together ..... Eph 2:6
then you were *r* ..... Col 3:1

RAISED FROM THE DEAD
beheaded; he has been *r* ... Mark 6:16

whom He had *r* ..... John 12:1
disciples after He was *r* ... John 21:14
Prince of life, whom God *r* . Acts 3:15
Christ was *r* by the glory .... Rom 6:4
been *r*, dies no more ..... Rom 6:9
that He has been *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:12
heaven, whom He *r* ..... 1 Thess 1:10
*r* according to my gospel ... 2 Tim 2:8

RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD
out of his tomb and *r* ..... John 12:17
But God *r* ..... Acts 13:30
your heart that God has *r* .. Rom 10:9
God the Father who *r* ..... Gal 1:1
in Christ when He *r* ..... Eph 1:20
the working of God, who *r* .. Col 2:12
believe in God, who *r* ..... 1 Pet 1:21

RAISES
*r* the poor out of the ..... Ps 113:7
*r* those who are bowed ..... Ps 146:8
For as the Father *r* ..... John 5:21
but in God who *r* ..... 2 Cor 1:9

RAM
*r* which had two horns ..... Dan 8:3

RAMAH
Fortress built, 1 Kin 15:17–22
Samuel's headquarters, 1 Sam 7:15, 17
David flees to, 1 Sam 19:18–23

RAMOTH GILEAD
City of refuge east of Jordan, Deut 4:43; Josh 20:8; 1 Chr 6:80
Site of Ahab's fatal conflict with Syrians, 1 Kin 22:1–39

RAMPART
and it stood by the *r* ..... 2 Sam 20:15
whose *r* was like the sea, .... Nah 3:8
and set myself on the *r* ..... Hab 2:1

RAMS
the sweet aroma of *r* ..... Ps 66:15
*r* of Nebaioth shall ..... Is 60:7

RAN
they both *r* together ..... John 20:4
You *r* well ..... Gal 5:7

RANKS
*r* out of the land of Egypt ... Ex 13:18
war, who could keep *r* ... 1 Chr 12:38
and they do not break *r* ..... Joel 2:7

RANSOM
*r* would not help you ..... Job 36:18
nor give to God a *r* ..... Ps 49:7
The *r* of a man's life ..... Prov 13:8
"I will *r* them from ..... Hos 13:14
to give His life a *r* ..... Mark 10:45
who gave Himself a *r* ..... 1 Tim 2:6

RANSOMED
and the *r* of the LORD ..... Is 35:10
redeemed Jacob, and *r* ..... Jer 31:11

RARE
of the LORD was *r* ..... 1 Sam 3:1
make a mortal more *r* ..... Is 13:12

RASH
Do not be *r* with your ..... Eccl 5:2

RASHLY
so that he spoke *r* ..... Ps 106:33
and do nothing *r* ..... Acts 19:36

RATS
tumors and five golden *r* ... 1 Sam 6:4

RAVEN
Then he sent out a *r*, ..... Gen 8:7
food for the *r* ..... Job 38:41
and black as a *r* ..... Song 5:11
and the *r* shall dwell in it .... Is 34:11

RAVENOUS
inwardly they are *r* ..... Matt 7:15

RAVENS
and to the young *r* ..... Ps 147:9
Consider the *r* ..... Luke 12:24

RAVISHED
You have *r* my heart ..... Song 4:9
*r* the women in Zion ..... Lam 5:11

RAYS
He had *r* flashing from His .. Hab 3:4

RAZOR
no *r* shall come upon his .... Num 6:5
no *r* shall come upon his ... Judg 13:5
*r* has ever come upon ..... Judg 16:17
like a sharp *r* ..... Ps 52:2
will shave with a hired *r* ..... Is 7:20

REACHED
earth, and its top *r* ..... Gen 28:12
For her sins have *r* ..... Rev 18:5

REACHING
*r* forward to those ..... Phil 3:13

READ
saying, "*R* this, please" ..... Is 29:11
if you can *r* the writing ..... Dan 5:16
"Have you never *r* ..... Matt 21:42
day, and stood up to *r* ..... Luke 4:16
hearts, known and *r* ..... 2 Cor 3:2
when Moses is *r* ..... 2 Cor 3:15
when this epistle is *r* ..... Col 4:16
*r* the scroll, or to look at ..... Rev 5:4

READER
let the *r* understand ..... Mark 13:14

READINESS
the word with all *r* ..... Acts 17:11
that as there was a *r* ..... 2 Cor 8:11

READING
*r* the prophet Isaiah ..... Acts 8:30
give attention to *r* ..... 1 Tim 4:13

READS
that he may run who *r* ..... Hab 2:2
Blessed is he who *r* ..... Rev 1:3

READY
"The LORD was *r* ..... Is 38:20
and those who were *r* ..... Matt 25:10
"Lord, I am *r* ..... Luke 22:33
and being *r* to punish ..... 2 Cor 10:6
Be *r* in season and out ..... 2 Tim 4:2
and always be *r* ..... 1 Pet 3:15

REAFFIRM
*r* your love to him ..... 2 Cor 2:8

REAP
in tears shall *r* ..... Ps 126:5
the clouds will not *r* ..... Eccl 11:4
*r* the whirlwind ..... Hos 8:7
*r* in mercy ..... Hos 10:12
You shall sow, but not *r* .... Mic 6:15
they neither sow nor *r* ..... Matt 6:26
you knew that I *r* ..... Matt 25:26
if we *r* your material ..... 1 Cor 9:11
that he will also *r* ..... Gal 6:7
due season we shall *r* ..... Gal 6:9
in Your sickle and *r* ..... Rev 14:15

REAPED
wheat but *r* thorns ..... Jer 12:13
you have *r* iniquity ..... Hos 10:13
earth, and the earth was *r* .. Rev 14:16

REAPER
*r* does not fill his ..... Ps 129:7
shall overtake the *r* ..... Amos 9:13

REAPERS
I will say to the *r* ..... Matt 13:30
*r* are the angels ..... Matt 13:39

REAPING
*r* what I did not ..... Luke 19:22

REAPS
One sows and another *r* .... John 4:37

REASON
out wisdom and the *r* ..... Eccl 7:25
Come now, and let us *r* ..... Is 1:18
faith, why do you *r* ..... Matt 16:8
words of truth and *r* ..... Acts 26:25
who asks you a *r* ..... 1 Pet 3:15

REASONED
for three Sabbaths *r* ..... Acts 17:2
*r* about righteousness ..... Acts 24:25

REBEKAH
Great-niece of Abraham, Gen 22:20–23
Becomes Isaac's wife, Gen 24:15–67
Mother of Esau and Jacob, Gen 25:21–28
Encourages Jacob to deceive Isaac, then to flee, Gen 27:1–29, 42–46

REBEL
Only do not *r* ..... Num 14:9
Will you *r* against the ..... Neh 2:19
There are those who *r* ..... Job 24:13
and they did not *r* ..... Ps 105:28
if you refuse and *r* ..... Is 1:20

REBELLED
*r* against You, cast Your .... Neh 9:26
for they have *r* against You ... Ps 5:10
and they have *r* against Me .... Is 1:2
nation that has *r* against .... Ezek 2:3
have done wickedly and *r* .... Dan 9:5
For who, having heard, *r* .... Heb 3:16

REBELLING
more against Him by *r* ..... Ps 78:17

REBELLION
*r* is as the sin ..... 1 Sam 15:23
For he adds *r* to his ..... Job 34:37
evil man seeks only *r* ..... Prov 17:11
you have taught *r* ..... Jer 28:16
hearts as in the *r* ..... Heb 3:8
and perished in the *r* ..... Jude 11

REBELLIOUS
*r* exalt themselves ..... Ps 66:7
but the *r* dwell in a ..... Ps 68:6
day long to a *r* people ..... Is 65:2
a defiant and *r* heart ..... Jer 5:23
their princes are *r* ..... Hos 9:15

REBELS
are all stubborn *r* ..... Jer 6:28

REBUILD
God, to *r* its ruins ..... Ezra 9:9
tombs, that I may *r* ..... Neh 2:5
they shall *r* the old ruins ..... Is 61:4
*r* it as in the days of ..... Amos 9:11
will *r* the tabernacle of .... Acts 15:16

REBUILDING
we are *r* the temple that .... Ezra 5:11
heard that we were *r* the ..... Neh 4:1

REBUILT
be *r* on its former site ..... Ezra 5:15
heard that I had *r* the wall ... Neh 6:1
and the ruins shall be *r* ... Ezek 36:33

REBUKE
He will surely *r* ..... Job 13:10
astonished at His *r* ..... Job 26:11
they perish at the *r* ..... Ps 80:16
At Your *r* they fled ..... Ps 104:7
And let him *r* me ..... Ps 141:5
Turn at my *r* ..... Prov 1:23
*r* a wise man ..... Prov 9:8
*R* is more effective ..... Prov 17:10
*r* is better than love ..... Prov 27:5
better to hear the *r* ..... Eccl 7:5
*r* the oppressor ..... Is 1:17
sake I have suffered *r* ..... Jer 15:15
*r* strong nations ..... Mic 4:3
sins against you, *r* ..... Luke 17:3
*r* Your disciples ..... Luke 19:39
Do not *r* an older man ..... 1 Tim 5:1
who are sinning *r* ..... 1 Tim 5:20
*r* them sharply ..... Titus 1:13
"The Lord *r* you ..... Jude 9
As many as I love, I *r* ..... Rev 3:19

REBUKED
*r* the winds and the ..... Matt 8:26
*r* their unbelief ..... Mark 16:14
when you are *r* by Him ..... Heb 12:5
but he was *r* for his ..... 2 Pet 2:16

REBUKES
with *r* You correct ..... Ps 39:11
*r* a wicked man ..... Prov 9:7
ear that hears the *r* ..... Prov 15:31
*r* a man will find more .... Prov 28:23

RECALL
*r* the former days ..... Heb 10:32

RECEDED
waters *r* continually from .... Gen 8:3
Then the sky *r* as a scroll ... Rev 6:14

RECEIVE
He shall *r* blessing ..... Ps 24:5
*r* us graciously ..... Hos 14:2
you are willing to *r* ..... Matt 11:14
believing, you will *r* ..... Matt 21:22
and His own did not *r* ..... John 1:11
"I do not *r* honor ..... John 5:41
will come again and *r* ..... John 14:3
the world cannot *r* ..... John 14:17
Ask, and you will *r* ..... John 16:24
"*R* the Holy Spirit ..... John 20:22
"Lord Jesus, *r* ..... Acts 7:59
*r* the Holy Spirit ..... Acts 19:2
*R* one who is weak ..... Rom 14:1
that each one may *r* ..... 2 Cor 5:10
*r* the grace of God in ..... 2 Cor 6:1
*r* the Spirit by the ..... Gal 3:2
*R* him therefore in the ..... Phil 2:29
suppose that he will *r* ..... James 1:7
whatever we ask we *r* .... 1 John 3:22

RECEIVED
Freely you have *r*, freely ... Matt 10:8
*r* your consolation ..... Luke 6:24
in your lifetime you *r* ..... Luke 16:25
But as many as *r* ..... John 1:12
and ankle bones *r* strength .. Acts 3:7
for God has *r* him ..... Rom 14:3
For I *r* from the Lord ..... 1 Cor 11:23
I *r* forty stripes minus .... 2 Cor 11:24
but you *r* me as an angel .... Gal 4:14
have *r* Christ Jesus ..... Col 2:6
tradition which he *r* ..... 2 Thess 3:6
*r* up in glory ..... 1 Tim 3:16
*r* the knowledge of the .... Heb 10:26
*r* strength to conceive ..... Heb 11:11
who had *r* the promises ... Heb 11:17
Women *r* their dead ..... Heb 11:35
As each one has *r* a gift, .. 1 Pet 4:10
For He *r* from God the ..... 2 Pet 1:17
*r* the mark of the beast .... Rev 19:20

RECEIVES
*r* correction is prudent ..... Prov 15:5
*r* you *r* Me ..... Matt 10:40
immediately *r* it with joy .. Matt 13:20
*r* one little child ..... Matt 18:5
and whoever *r* Me ..... Mark 9:37
For everyone who asks *r* . Luke 11:10
This man *r* sinners and .... Luke 15:2
run, but one *r* the prize .... 1 Cor 9:24
who *r* tithes, paid tithes ..... Heb 7:9
every son whom He *r* ..... Heb 12:6

RECEIVING
*r* a kingdom which ..... Heb 12:28

RECHAB
Assassin of Ishbosheth, 2 Sam 4:2, 6
—— Father of Jehonadab, founder of the Rechabites, 2 Kin 10:15–23
Related to the Kenites, 1 Chr 2:55

RECHABITES
Kenite clan fathered by Rechab, committed to nomadic life, Jer 35:1–19

RECOMPENSE
Vengeance is Mine, and *r* . Deut 32:35
He will accept no *r* ..... Prov 6:35
not say, "I will *r* ..... Prov 20:22
the LORD is the God of *r* .... Jer 51:56
days of *r* have come ..... Hos 9:7

RECOMPENSED
of my hands He has *r* .... 2 Sam 22:21
the LORD has *r* me ..... 2 Sam 22:25

RECONCILE
and that He might *r* ..... Eph 2:16
*r* all things to ..... Col 1:20

RECONCILED
First be *r* to your ..... Matt 5:24
were enemies we were *r* ... Rom 5:10
Christ's behalf, be *r* ..... 2 Cor 5:20

RECONCILIATION
now received the *r* ..... Rom 5:11
to us the word of *r* ..... 2 Cor 5:19

RECONCILING
cast away is the *r* ..... Rom 11:15
God was in Christ *r* ..... 2 Cor 5:19

RECORD
*r* My name I will come ..... Ex 20:24

RECOVER
Shall I *r* from this disease .. 2 Kin 8:8
So Jeroboam did not *r* ... 2 Chr 13:20
sick, and they will *r* ..... Mark 16:18

RED
the first came out *r* ..... Gen 25:25
though they are *r* ..... Is 1:18
Why is Your apparel *r* ..... Is 63:2
for the sky is *r* ..... Matt 16:2
fiery *r* dragon having ..... Rev 12:3

RED SEA
Divided for Israelites, Ex 14:15–31
Boundary of Promised Land, Ex 23:31

REDEEM
man you shall surely *r* .... Num 18:15
in our power to *r* them ..... Neh 5:5
In famine He shall *r* ..... Job 5:20
*R* me from the hand of ..... Job 6:23
can by any means *r* ..... Ps 49:7
But God will *r* my soul ..... Ps 49:15
*r* their life from ..... Ps 72:14
And He shall *r* Israel ..... Ps 130:8
all that it cannot *r* ..... Is 50:2
I will *r* them from ..... Hos 13:14
was going to *r* Israel ..... Luke 24:21
*r* those who were ..... Gal 4:5
us, that He might *r* ..... Titus 2:14

REDEEMED
people whom You have *r* ... Ex 15:13
*r* them from the hand ..... Ps 106:10
Let the *r* of the LORD ..... Ps 107:2
*r* shall walk there ..... Is 35:9
sea a road for the *r* ..... Is 51:10
and you shall be *r* ..... Is 52:3
and *r* His people ..... Luke 1:68
Christ has *r* us from ..... Gal 3:13
that you were not *r* ..... 1 Pet 1:18
were slain, and have *r* ..... Rev 5:9
These were *r* from ..... Rev 14:4

REDEEMER
For I know that my *R* ..... Job 19:25
Most High God their *R* ..... Ps 78:35
for their *R* is mighty ..... Prov 23:11
the LORD and your *R* ..... Is 41:14
*R* will come to Zion ..... Is 59:20
our *R* from Everlasting ..... Is 63:16
Their *R* is strong ..... Jer 50:34

REDEEMING
*r* the time ..... Eph 5:16

REDEMPTION
For the *r* of their ..... Ps 49:8
with Him is abundant *r* ..... Ps 130:7
*r* is yours to buy it ..... Jer 32:7
those who looked for *r* .... Luke 2:38
your *r* draws near ..... Luke 21:28
grace through the *r* ..... Rom 3:24
the adoption, the *r* ..... Rom 8:23
sanctification and *r* ..... 1 Cor 1:30
In Him we have *r* ..... Eph 1:7
for the day of *r* ..... Eph 4:30
obtained eternal *r* ..... Heb 9:12

REED
*r* He will not break ..... Is 42:3
*r* shaken by the wind ..... Matt 11:7
A bruised *r* He will not .... Matt 12:20
on the head with a *r* ..... Mark 15:19
sour wine, put it on a *r* ... Mark 15:36
Then I was given a *r* like a .. Rev 11:1
the city with the *r* ..... Rev 21:16

REEDS
*r* flourish without ..... Job 8:11
the beasts of the *r* ..... Ps 68:30

REFINED
where gold is *r* ..... Job 28:1
us as silver is *r* ..... Ps 66:10
Behold, I have *r* you, but ..... Is 48:10
refine them as silver is *r* ... Zech 13:9
from Me gold *r* in the fire ... Rev 3:18

REFINER
He will sit as a *r* ..... Mal 3:3

REFINER'S
For He is like a *r* fire ..... Mal 3:2

REFORMATION
until the time of *r* ..... Heb 9:10

REFRAIN
*R* from meddling with .... 2 Chr 35:21
who have no right to *r* ..... 1 Cor 9:6
good days, let him *r* ..... 1 Pet 3:10

REFRESH
bread, that you may *r* ..... Gen 18:5
*r* my heart in the Lord ..... Philem 20

REFRESHED
of God, and may be *r* ..... Rom 15:32
*r* my spirit and yours ..... 1 Cor 16:18
his spirit has been *r* ..... 2 Cor 7:13
for he often *r* ..... 2 Tim 1:16

REFRESHES
*r* the soul of his ..... Prov 25:13

REFRESHING
*r* may come from the ..... Acts 3:19

REFUGE
six cities of *r* ..... Num 35:6
eternal God is your *r* ..... Deut 33:27
you have come for *r* ..... Ruth 2:12
but the LORD is his *r* ..... Ps 14:6
God is our *r* and ..... Ps 46:1
wings I will make my *r* ..... Ps 57:1
God is a *r* for us ..... Ps 62:8
You are my strong *r* ..... Ps 71:7
His wings you shall take *r* .... Ps 91:4
You are my *r*, my ..... Ps 142:5
the heat, for a place of *r* ..... Is 4:6
a *r* from the storm, a shade ... Is 25:4
who have fled for *r* ..... Heb 6:18

REFUSE
you *r* to let My people go .... Ex 10:4
let my head not *r* it ..... Ps 141:5
but if you *r* and rebel, you .... Is 1:20
*r* the evil and choose ..... Is 7:15
through deceit they *r* ..... Jer 9:6
who *r* to hear My words, ... Jer 13:10
hear or whether they *r* ..... Ezek 2:5
*r* the younger widows ..... 1 Tim 5:11
See that you do not *r* ..... Heb 12:25

REFUSED
They *r* to obey ..... Neh 9:17
Queen Vashti *r* to come at .. Esth 1:12
my soul *r* to be comforted .... Ps 77:2
Inasmuch as these people *r* .... Is 8:6
because they *r* to repent .... Hos 11:5
nothing is to be *r* if it is .... 1 Tim 4:4

REFUSES
My soul *r* to touch ..... Job 6:7
he who *r* correction goes .. Prov 10:17
he who *r.* let him refuse .... Ezek 3:27
And if he *r* to hear ..... Matt 18:17

REGARD
Yet *r* the prayer of Your .. 1 Kin 8:28
*r* the rich more than ..... Job 34:19
*r* iniquity in my heart ..... Ps 66:18
*r* the prayer of the ..... Ps 102:17
You do not *r* the person ... Matt 22:16
did not fear God nor *r* ..... Luke 18:2
we *r* no one according to .. 2 Cor 5:16

REGARDED
I must be *r* as holy ..... Lev 10:3
my hand and no one *r* ..... Prov 1:24
*r* the lowly state ..... Luke 1:48

REGARDS
on high, yet He *r* the lowly .. Ps 138:6
*r* a rebuke will be ..... Prov 13:18
He no longer *r* them ..... Lam 4:16

REGENERATION
to you, that in the *r* ..... Matt 19:28
the washing of *r* ..... Titus 3:5

REGISTERED
So all went to be *r* ..... Luke 2:3
firstborn who are *r* ..... Heb 12:23

REGRETTED
but afterward he *r* ..... Matt 21:29

REGULATIONS
yourselves to *r* ..... Col 2:20

REHOBOAM
Son and successor of Solomon; refuses reform, 1 Kin 11:43—12:15
Ten tribes revolt against, 1 Kin 12:16–24
Reigns over Judah 17 years, 1 Kin 14:21–31; 2 Chr 11:5–23
Apostasizes, then repents, 2 Chr 12:1–16

REHOBOTH
Name of a well dug by Isaac, Gen 26:22

REIGN
The LORD shall *r* forever .... Ex 15:18
but a king shall *r* ..... 1 Sam 12:12
hypocrite should not *r* ..... Job 34:30
so the LORD will *r* ..... Mic 4:7
And He will *r* ..... Luke 1:33
not have this man to *r* .... Luke 19:14
righteousness will *r* ..... Rom 5:17
so grace might *r* ..... Rom 5:21
do not let sin *r* ..... Rom 6:12
to *r* over the Gentiles ..... Rom 15:12
For He must *r* till He ..... 1 Cor 15:25
and we shall *r* on the ..... Rev 5:10
and He shall *r* forever ..... Rev 11:15
of Christ, and shall *r* ..... Rev 20:6

REIGNED
death *r* from Adam to ..... Rom 5:14
so that as sin *r* ..... Rom 5:21
You have *r* as kings ..... 1 Cor 4:8
And they lived and *r* ..... Rev 20:4

REIGNS
God *r* over the nations ..... Ps 47:8
The LORD *r* ..... Ps 93:1
to Zion, "Your God *r* ..... Is 52:7
Lord God Omnipotent *r* ..... Rev 19:6

REJECT
will these people *r* ..... Num 14:11
*r* all those who stray ..... Ps 119:118
"All too well you *r* ..... Mark 7:9
*R* a divisive man ..... Titus 3:10

REJECTED
*r* has become the chief ..... Ps 118:22
He is despised and *r* ..... Is 53:3
Israel has *r* the ..... Hos 8:3
*r* has become the chief .... Matt 21:42
many things and be *r* ..... Luke 17:25
This Moses whom they *r* ... Acts 7:35
to a living stone, *r* ..... 1 Pet 2:4
*r* has become the chief ..... 1 Pet 2:7

REJECTION
you shall know My *r* ..... Num 14:34

REJECTS
he who *r* Me *r* ..... Luke 10:16
*r* this does not reject ..... 1 Thess 4:8

REJOICE
*See* BE GLAD AND REJOICE
so the LORD will *r* ..... Deut 28:63
let the field *r* ..... 1 Chr 16:32
and let Your saints *r* ..... 2 Chr 6:41
*r* who put their trust ..... Ps 5:11
people, let Jacob *r* ..... Ps 14:7
*R* in the LORD ..... Ps 33:1
mutual confusion who *r* ..... Ps 35:26
The righteous shall *r* ..... Ps 58:10
of Your wings I will *r* ..... Ps 63:7
But the king shall *r* ..... Ps 63:11
Let them *r* before God ..... Ps 68:3
In Your name they *r* ..... Ps 89:16
Let the heavens *r* ..... Ps 96:11
Let the earth *r* ..... Ps 97:1
righteous see it and *r* ..... Ps 107:42
we will *r* and be glad ..... Ps 118:24
who *r* in doing evil ..... Prov 2:14
be blessed, and *r* ..... Prov 5:18
she shall *r* in time to ..... Prov 31:25
*R*, O young man ..... Eccl 11:9
We will be glad and *r* ..... Song 1:4
among men shall *r* ..... Is 29:19
I will greatly *r* ..... Is 61:10
My servants shall *r* ..... Is 65:13
your heart shall *r* ..... Is 66:14
Yes, I will *r* ..... Jer 32:41
Do not *r* over me ..... Mic 7:8
He will *r* over you ..... Zeph 3:17
do not *r* in this ..... Luke 10:20
loved Me, you would *r* .... John 14:28
but the world will *r* ..... John 16:20
and your heart will *r* ..... John 16:22
*R* with those who ..... Rom 12:15
and in this I *r* ..... Phil 1:18
faith, I am glad and *r* ..... Phil 2:17
*R* in the Lord always ..... Phil 4:4
*R* always ..... 1 Thess 5:16
yet believing, you *r* ..... 1 Pet 1:8

REJOICE IN THE LORD
*R*, O you righteous ..... Ps 33:1
*R*, you righteous ..... Ps 97:12
you shall *r*, and glory in ..... Is 41:16
I will greatly *r* ..... Is 61:10
you children of Zion and *r* .. Joel 2:23
Yet I will *r*, I will joy ..... Hab 3:18
their heart shall *r* ..... Zech 10:7
Finally, my brethren, *r* ..... Phil 3:1
*R* always. Again I will say ... Phil 4:4

REJOICED
for good as He *r* ..... Deut 30:9
for my heart *r* ..... Eccl 2:10
and my spirit has *r* ..... Luke 1:47
In that hour Jesus *r* ..... Luke 10:21
Your father Abraham *r* .... John 8:56
But I *r* in the Lord ..... Phil 4:10

REJOICES
My heart *r* in the LORD .... 1 Sam 2:1
glad, and my glory *r* ..... Ps 16:9
bridegroom *r* over the bride ... Is 62:5
*r* more over that sheep .... Matt 18:13
but *r* in the truth ..... 1 Cor 13:6

REJOICING
His works with *r* ..... Ps 107:22
The voice of *r* and ..... Ps 118:15
for they are the *r* ..... Ps 119:111
come again with *r* ..... Ps 126:6
*r* in His inhabited ..... Prov 8:31
he went on his way *r* ..... Acts 8:39
yet always *r* ..... 2 Cor 6:10
or joy, or crown of *r* ..... 1 Thess 2:19
confidence and the *r* ..... Heb 3:6

RELATIVES
*r* stand afar off ..... Ps 38:11

RELEASE
shall grant a *r* of debts ..... Deut 15:1
time in the year of *r*, at ... Deut 31:10
do you want me to *r* ..... Matt 27:17
and power to *r* You ..... John 19:10
"*R* the four angels ..... Rev 9:14

RELEASED
*r* him, and forgave him ... Matt 18:27
he *r* Barabbas to them .... Matt 27:26
she is *r* from the law of ..... Rom 7:2
Satan will be *r* from his ..... Rev 20:7

RELEASING
of strife is like *r* water .... Prov 17:14
to *r* one prisoner to them .. Mark 15:6

RELENT
sworn and will not *r* ..... Ps 110:4
and will not *r* ..... Jer 4:28
then the LORD will *r* ..... Jer 26:13
if He will turn and *r* ..... Joel 2:14
sworn and will not *r* ..... Heb 7:21

RELENTED
So the LORD *r* from the ..... Ex 32:14
the LORD looked and *r*.... 1 Chr 21:15
and God *r* from the ..... Jon 3:10

RELENTING
I am weary of *r* ..... Jer 15:6

RELIEF
saw that there was *r* ..... Ex 8:15
that I may find *r* ..... Job 32:20

RELIEVE
of my lips would *r* ..... Job 16:5
*r* those who are really ..... 1 Tim 5:16

RELIEVED
You have *r* me when I ..... Ps 4:1

RELIEVES
*r* the fatherless ..... Ps 146:9

RELIGION
about their own *r* ..... Acts 25:19
in self-imposed *r* ..... Col 2:23
heart, this one's *r* ..... James 1:26
and undefiled *r* ..... James 1:27

RELIGIOUS
things you are very *r* ..... Acts 17:22
you thinks he is *r* ..... James 1:26

RELY
name of the LORD and *r* ..... Is 50:10
You *r* on your sword ..... Ezek 33:26

REMAIN
shall let none of it *r* ..... Ex 12:10
*r* angry forever ..... Jer 3:5
and this city shall *r* ..... Jer 17:25
that if ten men *r* ..... Amos 6:9
you, that My joy may *r* ... John 15:11
your fruit should *r* ..... John 15:16
"If I will that he *r* ..... John 21:22
the greater part *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:6
Nevertheless to *r* ..... Phil 1:24
we who are alive and *r* .. 1 Thess 4:15
the things which *r* ..... Rev 3:2

REMAINDER
with the *r* of wrath ..... Ps 76:10
I am deprived of the *r* ..... Is 38:10

REMAINED
Also my wisdom *r* ..... Eccl 2:9
And Mary *r* with her ..... Luke 1:56
like a dove, and He *r* ..... John 1:32

REMAINS
"While the earth *r* ..... Gen 8:22
Therefore your sin *r* ..... John 9:41

There *r* therefore a ..... Heb 4:9
sin, for His seed *r* ..... 1 John 3:9

REMEMBER
But *r* me when it is ..... Gen 40:14
*R* the Sabbath day ..... Ex 20:8
*r* that you were a ..... Deut 15:15
*R* His marvelous works .. 1 Chr 16:12
but we will *r* the name ..... Ps 20:7
*r* the sins of my youth ..... Ps 25:7
*r* Your name in the ..... Ps 119:55
*R* now your Creator ..... Eccl 12:1
*r* your love more than ..... Song 1:4
*r* the former things ..... Is 43:18
"I *r* you, the kindness ..... Jer 2:2
and their sin I will *r* ..... Jer 31:34
*r* the covenant of ..... Amos 1:9
in wrath *r* mercy ..... Hab 3:2
or *r* the five loaves of the ... Matt 16:9
and to *r* His holy ..... Luke 1:72
*R* Lot's wife ..... Luke 17:32
*r* me when You come ..... Luke 23:42
*r* the words of the ..... Acts 20:35
that we should *r* the poor .... Gal 2:10
*R* my chains ..... Col 4:18
*R* that Jesus Christ ..... 2 Tim 2:8
deeds I will *r* no more ..... Heb 8:12
*R* those who rule ..... Heb 13:7
*R* therefore from where you .. Rev 2:5

REMEMBERED
Then God *r* Noah ..... Gen 8:1
*r* His covenant with ..... Ex 2:24
I *r* God, and was ..... Ps 77:3
*r* Your judgments ..... Ps 119:52
Who *r* us in our lowly ..... Ps 136:23
yea, we wept when we *r* ..... Ps 137:1
*r* that same poor man ..... Eccl 9:15
*r* the days of old ..... Is 63:11
And Peter *r* the word ..... Matt 26:75
*r* the word of the Lord .... Acts 11:16

REMEMBERS
*r* His covenant forever ..... Ps 105:8
My soul still *r* ..... Lam 3:20

REMEMBRANCE
in death there is no *r* ..... Ps 6:5
I call to *r* my song ..... Ps 77:6
There is no *r* of ..... Eccl 1:11
Put Me in *r* ..... Is 43:26
do this in *r* of Me ..... Luke 22:19
do this in *r* of Me ..... 1 Cor 11:24

REMIND
*r* you always of these ..... 2 Pet 1:12
But I want to *r* you ..... Jude 5

REMINDER
there is a *r* of sins ..... Heb 10:3
you always have a *r* ..... 2 Pet 1:15
pure minds by way of *r* ..... 2 Pet 3:1

REMISSION
repentance for the *r* ..... Mark 1:4
Jesus Christ for the *r* ..... Acts 2:38
where there is *r* ..... Heb 10:18

REMNANT
Jerusalem shall go a *r* .... 2 Kin 19:31
*r* of you who have ..... 2 Chr 30:6
would be no *r* or survivor .. Ezra 9:14
to us a very small *r* ..... Is 1:9
The *r* will return ..... Is 10:21
be well with your *r* ..... Jer 15:11
I will gather the *r* ..... Jer 23:3
and all the *r* of Judah ..... Jer 44:28
Yet I will leave a *r* ..... Ezek 6:8
*r* whom the LORD calls ..... Joel 2:32
I will not treat the *r* ..... Zech 8:11
time there is a *r* ..... Rom 11:5

REMORSEFUL
been condemned, was *r* .... Matt 27:3

REMOVE
I will also *r* Judah from .. 2 Kin 23:27
*R* Your plague from me ..... Ps 39:10
*R* Your gaze from me ..... Ps 39:13
*r* your foot from evil ..... Prov 4:27
*r* falsehood and lies ..... Prov 30:8
Therefore *r* sorrow ..... Eccl 11:10
*R* violence and ..... Ezek 45:9
I will *r* the iniquity of that ... Zech 3:9
let me *r* the speck that ..... Luke 6:42
*r* your lampstand ..... Rev 2:5

REMOVED
Though the earth be *r* ..... Ps 46:2
*r* our transgressions ..... Ps 103:12
will never be *r* ..... Prov 10:30
and the hills be *r* ..... Is 54:10
this mountain, 'Be *r* ..... Matt 21:21

REMOVES
*r* the mountains ..... Job 9:5

REND
So *r* your heart ..... Joel 2:13

RENDER
What shall I *r* to the ..... Ps 116:12
who will *r* to him the ..... Matt 21:41
"*R* therefore to Caesar .... Matt 22:21
*r* to each one according ..... Rom 2:6
*R* to her just as she ..... Rev 18:6

RENDERS
See that no one *r* evil ... 1 Thess 5:15

RENEW
*r* a steadfast spirit ..... Ps 51:10
*r* the face of the ..... Ps 104:30
on the LORD shall *r* ..... Is 40:31

RENEWED
that your youth is *r* ..... Ps 103:5
inward man is being *r* ..... 2 Cor 4:16
and be *r* in the spirit ..... Eph 4:23
the new man who is *r* ..... Col 3:10

RENEWING
transformed by the *r* ..... Rom 12:2
of regeneration and *r* ..... Titus 3:5

RENOUNCE
Why do the wicked *r* ..... Ps 10:13

RENOUNCED
*r* the covenant of Your ..... Ps 89:39
*r* the hidden things ..... 2 Cor 4:2

RENOUNCES
greedy and *r* the LORD ..... Ps 10:3

RENOWN
were of old, men of *r* ..... Gen 6:4

RENTED
years in his own *r* house .. Acts 28:30

REPAID
done, so God has *r* ..... Judg 1:7
And he has *r* me evil .... 1 Sam 25:21
good shall be *r* ..... Prov 13:21
Shall evil be *r* ..... Jer 18:20

REPAIR
*r* the house of your ..... 2 Chr 24:5
*r* the ruined cities ..... Is 61:4

REPAY
He will *r* him to his ..... Deut 7:10
silence, but will *r* ..... Is 65:6
He will surely *r* ..... Jer 51:56
again, I will *r* ..... Luke 10:35
because they cannot *r* .... Luke 14:14
*R* no one evil for evil ..... Rom 12:17
is Mine, I will *r* ..... Rom 12:19
*r* their parents ..... 1 Tim 5:4
I will *r* ..... Philem 19

REPAYS
and who *r* him for what .... Job 21:31
*r* the proud person ..... Ps 31:23
shall he be who *r* ..... Ps 137:8
the LORD, who fully *r* ..... Is 66:6

REPEATS
*r* a matter separates ..... Prov 17:9

REPENT
of man, that He should *r* .. Num 23:19
I abhor myself, and *r* ..... Job 42:6
*R* now everyone of his evil ... Jer 25:5
*R*, turn away from your .... Ezek 14:6
because they refused to *r* ... Hos 11:5
"*R*, for the kingdom ..... Matt 3:2
*R*, and believe in the ..... Mark 1:15
you *r* you will all ..... Luke 13:3
said to them, "*R* ..... Acts 2:38
*R* therefore and be ..... Acts 3:19
men everywhere to *r* ..... Acts 17:30
and do the first works, or .... Rev 2:5
be zealous and *r* ..... Rev 3:19

REPENTANCE
bear fruits worthy of *r*, ..... Matt 3:8
you with water unto *r* ..... Matt 3:11
a baptism of *r* for the ..... Mark 1:4
but sinners, to *r* ..... Mark 2:17
persons who need no *r* .... Luke 15:7
to the Gentiles *r* to life .... Acts 11:18
of God leads you to *r* ..... Rom 2:4
sorrow produces *r* ..... 2 Cor 7:10
will grant them *r* ..... 2 Tim 2:25
of *r* from dead works and .... Heb 6:1
renew them again to *r* ..... Heb 6:6
found no place for *r* ..... Heb 12:17
all should come to *r* ..... 2 Pet 3:9

REPENTED
No man *r* of his ..... Jer 8:6
after my turning, I *r* ..... Jer 31:19
it, because they *r* ..... Matt 12:41

REPETITIONS
*r* as the heathen do ..... Matt 6:7

REPHAIM
Valley near Jerusalem, 2 Sam 23:13, 14
Scene of Philistine defeats, 2 Sam 5:18–22

REPHIDIM
Israelite camp, Num 33:12–15
Moses strikes rock at, Ex 17:1–7
Amalek defeated at, Ex 17:8–16

REPORT
circulate a false *r* ..... Ex 23:1
For it is not a good *r* ..... 1 Sam 2:24
*r* makes the bones ..... Prov 15:30
Who has believed our *r* ..... Is 53:1
who has believed our *r* .... Rom 10:16
things are of good *r* ..... Phil 4:8

REPRIMANDED
And they *r* him sharply ..... Judg 8:1

REPROACH
has taken away my *r* ..... Gen 30:23
away the *r* of Egypt from .... Josh 5:9
and bring *r* on all Israel .. 1 Sam 11:2
we may no longer be a *r* .... Neh 2:17
*r* me as long as I live ..... Job 27:6
does he take up a *r* ..... Ps 15:3
You make us a *r* ..... Ps 44:13
sake I have borne *r* ..... Ps 69:7
*R* has broken my heart ..... Ps 69:20
Remove from me *r* and ..... Ps 119:22
nation, but sin is a *r* ..... Prov 14:34
with dishonor comes *r* ..... Prov 18:3
do not fear the *r* ..... Is 51:7
not remember the *r* ..... Is 54:4
bring an everlasting *r* ..... Jer 23:40
because I bore the *r* ..... Jer 31:19
become a desolation, a *r* .... Jer 49:13
you shall bear the *r* ..... Mic 6:16
to take away my *r* among .. Luke 1:25
these things You *r* ..... Luke 11:45
lest he fall into *r* ..... 1 Tim 3:7
esteeming the *r* ..... Heb 11:26
the camp, bearing His *r* .... Heb 13:13
and without *r* ..... James 1:5

REPROACHED
of those who *r* You fell ..... Rom 15:3
If you are *r* for the ..... 1 Pet 4:14

REPROACHES
is not an enemy who *r* ..... Ps 55:12

oppresses the poor *r* ..... Prov 14:31
curse, and Israel to *r* ..... Is 43:28
in infirmities, in *r* ..... 2 Cor 12:10

REPROACHFULLY
they strike me *r* ..... Job 16:10

REPROOF
for doctrine, for *r* ..... 2 Tim 3:16

REPROOFS
*R* of instruction are ..... Prov 6:23

REPUTATION
seven men of good *r* ..... Acts 6:3
to those who were of *r* ..... Gal 2:2
made Himself of no *r* ..... Phil 2:7

REQUEST
not withheld the *r* ..... Ps 21:2
He gave them their *r* ..... Ps 106:15
the Lord God to make *r* ..... Dan 9:3
For Jews *r* a sign ..... 1 Cor 1:22
of mine making *r* ..... Phil 1:4

REQUESTS
*r* be made known ..... Phil 4:6

REQUIRE
the LORD your God *r* ..... Deut 10:12
a foreigner you may *r* ..... Deut 15:3
"You will not *r* ..... Ps 10:13
offering You did not *r* ..... Ps 40:6
what does the LORD *r* ..... Mic 6:8

REQUIRED
of the world may be *r* ..... Luke 11:50
your soul will be *r* ..... Luke 12:20
him much will be *r* ..... Luke 12:48
Moreover it is *r* ..... 1 Cor 4:2

REQUIREMENTS
keeps the righteous *r* ..... Rom 2:26
*r* that was against us ..... Col 2:14

RESCUE
*R* me from their ..... Ps 35:17
and no one shall *r* ..... Hos 5:14

RESERVE
*r* the unjust under ..... 2 Pet 2:9

RESERVED
Have you not *r* a blessing .. Gen 27:36
I have *r* seven thousand .. 1 Kin 19:18
which I have *r* for the ..... Job 38:23
"I have *r* for Myself ..... Rom 11:4
*r* in heaven for you ..... 1 Pet 1:4
of darkness, to be *r* ..... 2 Pet 2:4
habitation, He has *r* ..... Jude 6

RESERVES
He *r* wrath for His enemies .. Nah 1:2

RESIDUE
The *r* of My people ..... Zeph 2:9

RESIST
*r* an evil person ..... Matt 5:39
not able to *r* the wisdom .... Acts 6:10
*r* the Holy Spirit ..... Acts 7:51
these also *r* the truth ..... 2 Tim 3:8
*R* the devil and he ..... James 4:7
*R* him, steadfast in the ..... 1 Pet 5:9

RESISTED
For who has *r* His will ..... Rom 9:19
Jannes and Jambres *r* ..... 2 Tim 3:8
for he has greatly *r* ..... 2 Tim 4:15
You have not yet *r* ..... Heb 12:4

RESISTS
"God *r* the proud ..... James 4:6
for "God *r* the proud ..... 1 Pet 5:5

RESOLVED
I have *r* what to do ..... Luke 16:4

RESORT
to which I may *r* ..... Ps 71:3

RESOUND
my heart shall *r* ..... Is 16:11

RESPECT
Have *r* to the covenant ..... Ps 74:20
his eyes will have *r* ..... Is 17:7
saying, 'They will *r* ..... Matt 21:37
of the law held in *r* ..... Acts 5:34
and we paid them *r* ..... Heb 12:9

RESPECTED
And the LORD *r* Abel ..... Gen 4:4
little folly to one *r* ..... Eccl 10:1

RESPONSE
in whose mouth is no *r* ..... Ps 38:14

REST
is the Sabbath of *r* ..... Ex 31:15
you shall find no *r* ..... Deut 28:65
to build a house of *r* ..... 1 Chr 28:2
I would have been at *r* ..... Job 3:13
the weary are at *r* ..... Job 3:17
My flesh also will *r* in hope ... Ps 16:9
*R* in the LORD ..... Ps 37:7
fly away and be at *r* ..... Ps 55:6
of the LORD shall *r* ..... Is 11:2
whole earth is at *r* ..... Is 14:7
"This is the *r* ..... Is 28:12
sake I will not *r* ..... Is 62:1
is the place of My *r* ..... Is 66:1
then you will find *r* ..... Jer 6:16
and I will give you *r* ..... Matt 11:28
and you will find *r* ..... Matt 11:29
you who are troubled *r* ... 2 Thess 1:7
shall not enter My *r* ..... Heb 3:11
remains therefore a *r* ..... Heb 4:9
to enter that *r* ..... Heb 4:11
And they do not *r* ..... Rev 4:8
that they should *r* ..... Rev 6:11
"that they may *r* ..... Rev 14:13
But the *r* of the dead ..... Rev 20:5

RESTED
He had done, and He *r* ..... Gen 2:2
glory of the LORD *r* ..... Ex 24:16
when the Spirit *r* ..... Num 11:25
"And God *r* on the ..... Heb 4:4

RESTING
the dove found no *r* place .... Gen 8:9
foot have a *r* place ..... Deut 28:65
do not plunder his *r* ..... Prov 24:15
*r* place shall be ..... Is 11:10
all the earth is *r* ..... Zech 1:11
still sleeping and *r* ..... Matt 26:45

RESTLESS
I am *r* in my complaint ..... Ps 55:2

RESTORATION
until the times of *r* ..... Acts 3:21

RESTORE
*R* to me the joy ..... Ps 51:12
I still must *r* ..... Ps 69:4
*r* your judges as ..... Is 1:26
*r* them to this place ..... Jer 27:22
For I will *r* health to ..... Jer 30:17
"So I will *r* to you ..... Joel 2:25
declare that I will *r* ..... Zech 9:12
and will *r* all things ..... Matt 17:11
I *r* fourfold ..... Luke 19:8
You at this time *r* ..... Acts 1:6
who are spiritual *r* ..... Gal 6:1

RESTORED
it was *r* like his other flesh .... Ex 4:7
whose son he had *r* to life .. 2 Kin 8:1
LORD *r* Job's losses when... Job 42:10
hand was *r* as whole as ..... Mark 3:5
that I may be *r* to you the .. Heb 13:19

RESTORER
may he be to you a *r* ..... Ruth 4:15

RESTORES
with joy, for He *r* ..... Job 33:26
He *r* my soul ..... Ps 23:3

RESTRAIN
now *r* Your hand ..... 2 Sam 24:16
Therefore I will not *r* ..... Job 7:11
Will You *r* Yourself ..... Is 64:12
no one can *r* His hand ..... Dan 4:35

RESTRAINED
*r* my feet from every ..... Ps 119:101
Are they *r* ..... Is 63:15

RESTRAINS
For nothing *r* the LORD .... 1 Sam 14:6
*r* his lips is wise ..... Prov 10:19
only He who now *r* ..... 2 Thess 2:7

RESTRAINT
they have cast off *r* ..... Job 30:11
they break all *r* ..... Hos 4:2

RESTS
*r* quietly in the heart ..... Prov 14:33

RESURRECTION
who say there is no *r* ..... Matt 22:23
Therefore, in the *r* ..... Matt 22:28
of the graves after His *r* ... Matt 27:53
Therefore, in the *r* ..... Mark 12:23
repaid at the *r* of the ..... Luke 14:14
being sons of the *r* ..... Luke 20:36
done good, to the *r* ..... John 5:29
to her, "I am the *r* ..... John 11:25
a witness with us of His *r* .. Acts 1:22
them Jesus and the *r* ..... Acts 17:18
heard of the *r* of the ..... Acts 17:32
that there will be a *r* ..... Acts 24:15
the likeness of His *r* ..... Rom 6:5
say that there is no *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:12
and the power of His *r* ..... Phil 3:10
that the *r* is already ..... 2 Tim 2:18
obtain a better *r* ..... Heb 11:35
the *r* of Jesus Christ ..... 1 Pet 3:21
This is the first *r* ..... Rev 20:5

RETAIN
happy are all who *r* ..... Prov 3:18
spirit to *r* the spirit ..... Eccl 8:8
*r* the sins of any ..... John 20:23
like to *r* God in their ..... Rom 1:28

RETURN
So the LORD will *r* ..... 1 Kin 2:32
and *r* to our neighbors ..... Ps 79:12
*R*, O LORD ..... Ps 90:13
none who go to her *r* ..... Prov 2:19
womb, naked shall he *r* ..... Eccl 5:15
the clouds do not *r* ..... Eccl 12:2
let him *r* to the LORD ..... Is 55:7
it shall not *r* to Me ..... Is 55:11
"If you will *r* ..... Jer 4:1
for they shall *r* ..... Jer 24:7
me, and I will *r* ..... Jer 31:18
say, 'I will go and *r* ..... Hos 2:7
help of your God, *r* ..... Hos 12:6
"*R* to Me," says the LORD ... Zech 1:3
*R* to Me, and I will *r* to ..... Mal 3:7
he says, 'I will *r* ..... Matt 12:44
if not, it will *r* to you ..... Luke 10:6
reviled, did not revile in *r* .. 1 Pet 2:23

RETURNED
and they *r* and sought ..... Ps 78:34
yet you have not *r* ..... Amos 4:6
astray, but have now *r* ..... 1 Pet 2:25

RETURNING
"I am *r* to Jerusalem ..... Zech 1:16
*r* evil for evil or ..... 1 Pet 3:9

RETURNS
spirit departs, he *r* ..... Ps 146:4
As a dog *r* to his own ..... Prov 26:11
"A dog *r* to his own ..... 2 Pet 2:22

REUBEN
Jacob's eldest son, Gen 29:31, 32
Lies with Bilhah; loses preeminence, Gen 35:22; 49:3, 4
Plots to save Joseph, Gen 37:21–30
Offers sons as pledge for Benjamin, Gen 42:37
—— Tribe of:
Numbered, Num 1:20, 21; 26:5–11
Settle east of Jordan, Num 32:1–42

Join in war against Canaanites, Josh 1:12–18
Erect memorial altar, Josh 22:10–34

## REVEAL
The heavens will *r* ..... Job 20:27
I will heal them and *r* ..... Jer 33:6
the Son wills to *r* Him .... Matt 11:27
*r* His Son in me ..... Gal 1:16
otherwise, God will *r* ..... Phil 3:15

## REVEALED
things which are *r* ..... Deut 29:29
of the LORD shall be *r* ..... Is 40:5
righteousness to be *r* ..... Is 56:1
Then the secret was *r* ..... Dan 2:19
blood has not *r* this to .... Matt 16:17
which will not be *r* ..... Mark 4:22
covered that will not be *r* .. Luke 12:2
the Son of Man is *r* ..... Luke 17:30
the wrath of God is *r* ..... Rom 1:18
glory which shall be *r* ..... Rom 8:18
But God has *r* them to ..... 1 Cor 2:10
secrets of his heart are *r* . 1 Cor 14:25
as it has now been *r* ..... Eph 3:5
but now has been *r* ..... Col 1:26
the Lord Jesus is *r* ..... 2 Thess 1:7
lawless one will be *r* ..... 2 Thess 2:8
ready to be *r* in the ..... 1 Pet 1:5
when His glory is *r* ..... 1 Pet 4:13
*r* what we shall be ..... 1 John 3:2

## REVEALER
Lord of kings, and a *r* ..... Dan 2:47

## REVEALING
waits for the *r* ..... Rom 8:19

## REVEALS
as a talebearer *r* ..... Prov 20:19
*r* deep and secret ..... Dan 2:22
*r* secrets has made ..... Dan 2:29
*r* His secret to His ..... Amos 3:7

## REVELATION
was no widespread *r* ..... 1 Sam 3:1
Where there is no *r* ..... Prov 29:18
to bring *r* to the Gentiles ... Luke 2:32
the day of wrath and *r* ..... Rom 2:5
eagerly waiting for the *r* .... 1 Cor 1:7
has a tongue, has a *r* ..... 1 Cor 14:26
it came through the *r* ..... Gal 1:12
And I went up by *r*, and ..... Gal 2:2
spirit of wisdom and *r* ..... Eph 1:17
*r* He made known to ..... Eph 3:3
and glory at the *r* ..... 1 Pet 1:7
The *R* of Jesus Christ ..... Rev 1:1

## REVELATIONS
come to visions and *r* ..... 2 Cor 12:1

## REVELRIES
drunkenness, *r* ..... Gal 5:21
lusts, drunkenness, *r* ..... 1 Pet 4:3

## REVENGE
and we will take our *r* ..... Jer 20:10

## REVENUES
than vast *r* without ..... Prov 16:8

## REVERENCE
and *r* My sanctuary ..... Lev 19:30
and to be held in *r* ..... Ps 89:7
Master, where is My *r* ..... Mal 1:6
submission with all *r* ..... 1 Tim 3:4
God acceptably with *r* ..... Heb 12:28

## REVERENT
man who is always *r* ..... Prov 28:14
their wives must be *r* ..... 1 Tim 3:11
older men be sober, *r* ..... Titus 2:2

## REVILE
are you when they *r* ..... Matt 5:11
*r* God's high priest ..... Acts 23:4
evildoers, those who *r* ..... 1 Pet 3:16

## REVILED
crucified with Him *r* ..... Mark 15:32
who, when He was *r* ..... 1 Pet 2:23

## REVILER
or an idolater, or a *r* ..... 1 Cor 5:11

## REVILERS
nor drunkards, nor *r* ..... 1 Cor 6:10

## REVILING
come envy, strife, *r* ..... 1 Tim 6:4

## REVIVAL
give us a measure of *r* ..... Ezra 9:8

## REVIVE
troubles, shall *r* ..... Ps 71:20
Will You not *r* us ..... Ps 85:6
*r* me according to Your .... Ps 119:25
*r* the spirit of the ..... Is 57:15
two days He will *r* ..... Hos 6:2
*r* Your work in the ..... Hab 3:2

## REVIVED
they shall be *r* ..... Hos 14:7
came, sin *r* and I died ..... Rom 7:9

## REVOLT
You will *r* more and ..... Is 1:5

## REVOLTED
Israel have deeply *r* ..... Is 31:6
they have *r* and ..... Jer 5:23

## REVOLTERS
*r* are deeply involved ..... Hos 5:2

## REWARD
exceedingly great *r* ..... Gen 15:1
them there is great *r* ..... Ps 19:11
*r* me evil for good ..... Ps 35:12
"Surely there is a *r* ..... Ps 58:11
look, and see the *r* ..... Ps 91:8
will a sure *r* ..... Prov 11:18
and the LORD will *r* ..... Prov 25:22
and this was my *r* ..... Eccl 2:10
behold, His *r* is with ..... Is 40:10
*r* them for their deeds ..... Hos 4:9
for great is your *r* ..... Matt 5:12
you have no *r* from ..... Matt 6:1
you, they have their *r* ..... Matt 6:2
receive a prophet's *r* ..... Matt 10:41
by no means lose his *r* .... Matt 10:42
*r* will be great ..... Luke 6:35
we receive the due *r* ..... Luke 23:41
will receive his own *r* ..... 1 Cor 3:8
cheat you of your *r* ..... Col 2:18
for he looked to the *r* ..... Heb 11:26
may receive a full *r* ..... 2 John 8
quickly, and My *r* ..... Rev 22:12

## REWARDED
Thus they have *r* ..... Ps 109:5

## REWARDER
and that He is a *r* ..... Heb 11:6

## REWARDS
Whoever *r* evil for ..... Prov 17:13
and follows after *r* ..... Is 1:23
and give your *r* ..... Dan 5:17

## REZIN
King of Damascus; joins Pekah against Ahaz, 2 Kin 15:37
Confederacy of, inspires Isaiah's great messianic prophecy, Is 7:1—9:12

## REZON
Son of Eliadah; establishes Syrian kingdom, 1 Kin 11:23–25

## RHEGIUM
City in Italy where Paul visits, Acts 28:13

## RHODA
Servant girl, Acts 12:13–16

## RHODES
Island off coast of Asia Minor which Paul passes, Acts 21:1

## RIBLAH
Headquarters of:
Pharaoh Necho, 2 Kin 23:31–35
Nebuchadnezzar, 2 Kin 25:6, 20, 21
Zedekiah blinded here, Jer 39:5–7

## RICH
Abram was very *r* ..... Gen 13:2
makes poor and makes *r* ... 1 Sam 2:7
*r* man will lie down ..... Job 27:19
the *r* among the people ..... Ps 45:12
when one becomes *r* ..... Ps 49:16
soul will be made *r* ..... Prov 11:25
who makes himself *r* ..... Prov 13:7
*r* has many friends ..... Prov 14:20
The *r* and the poor ..... Prov 22:2
*r* rules over the poor ..... Prov 22:7
*r* man is wise in his ..... Prov 28:11
do not curse the *r* ..... Eccl 10:20
it is hard for a *r* ..... Matt 19:23
to you who are *r* ..... Luke 6:24
from the *r* man's table .... Luke 16:21
for he was very *r* ..... Luke 18:23
Lord over all is *r* ..... Rom 10:12
You are already *r* ..... 1 Cor 4:8
though He was *r* ..... 2 Cor 8:9
who desire to be *r* ..... 1 Tim 6:9
but the *r* in his ..... James 1:10
So the *r* man also will .... James 1:11
of this world to be *r* ..... James 2:5
you say, 'I am *r* ..... Rev 3:17

## RICHES
Both *r* and honor come ... 1 Chr 29:12
He swallows down *r* ..... Job 20:15
he heaps up *r* ..... Ps 39:6
the abundance of his *r* ..... Ps 52:7
if *r* increase ..... Ps 62:10
*r* will be in his house ..... Ps 112:3
in her left hand *r* ..... Prov 3:16
*R* and honor are ..... Prov 8:18
*R* do not profit ..... Prov 11:4
in his *r* will fall ..... Prov 11:28
yet has great *r* ..... Prov 13:7
of the wise is their *r* ..... Prov 14:24
Houses and *r* are an ..... Prov 19:14
of the LORD are *r* ..... Prov 22:4
*r* are not forever ..... Prov 27:24
*r* kept for their owner ..... Eccl 5:13
darkness and hidden *r* ..... Is 45:3
you shall eat the *r* ..... Is 61:6
so is he who gets *r* ..... Jer 17:11
have increased your *r* ..... Ezek 28:5
for those who have *r* ..... Mark 10:23
do you despise the *r* ..... Rom 2:4
might make known the *r* ... Rom 9:23
what are the *r* ..... Eph 1:18
show the exceeding *r* ..... Eph 2:7
the unsearchable *r* ..... Eph 3:8
trust in uncertain *r* ..... 1 Tim 6:17
*r* than the treasures ..... Heb 11:26
*r* are corrupted ..... James 5:2
to receive power and *r* ..... Rev 5:12

## RICHLY
Christ dwell in you *r* ..... Col 3:16
God, who gives us *r* ..... 1 Tim 6:17

## RIDDLE
"Let me pose a *r* ..... Judg 14:12

## RIDDLES
the wise and their *r* ..... Prov 1:6

## RIDE
wind and cause me to *r* .... Job 30:22
in Your majesty *r* ..... Ps 45:4
have caused men to *r* ..... Ps 66:12

## RIDER
*r* He has thrown ..... Ex 15:1
the horse and its *r* ..... Job 39:18

## RIDES
Behold, the LORD *r* ..... Is 19:1

## RIDGES
You water its *r* ..... Ps 65:10

## RIDICULE
those who see Me *r* Me ..... Ps 22:7
Whom do you *r* ..... Is 57:4

RIDICULED
they *r* Him ..... Matt 9:24

RIGHT
*See* AT THE RIGHT HAND; HIS RIGHT HAND; MY RIGHT HAND
then I will go to the *r* ..... Gen 13:9
of all the earth do *r* ..... Gen 18:25
tip of the *r* ear of Aaron .... Ex 29:20
on the thumb of his *r* hand .. Lev 8:23
you shall do what is *r* ..... Deut 6:18
the *r* of the firstborn ..... Deut 21:17
did what was *r* in his ..... Judg 21:25
my *r* of redemption ..... Ruth 4:6
"Is your heart *r* ..... 2 Kin 10:15
them forth by the *r* ..... Ps 107:7
Lord, "Sit at My *r* ..... Ps 110:1
is a way which seems *r* ... Prov 14:12
way of a man is *r* ..... Prov 21:2
things that are *r* ..... Is 45:19
until He comes whose *r* ... Ezek 21:27
of the LORD are *r* ..... Hos 14:9
do not know to do *r* ..... Amos 3:10
If your *r* eye causes you .... Matt 5:29
slaps you on your *r* cheek .. Matt 5:39
and whatever is *r* ..... Matt 20:4
Sit at My *r* hand, till I ..... Matt 22:44
sheep on His *r* hand ..... Matt 25:33
clothed and in his *r* ..... Mark 5:15
*r* hand of the Power ..... Mark 14:62
clothed and in his *r* mind .. Luke 8:35
not judge what is *r* ..... Luke 12:57
to them He gave the *r* ..... John 1:12
standing at the *r* hand of ... Acts 7:55
your heart is not *r* ..... Acts 8:21
Do we have no *r* ..... 1 Cor 9:4
in the Lord, for this is *r* ..... Eph 6:1
sat down at the *r* hand of .. Heb 10:12
tabernacle have no *r* to .... Heb 13:10
seven stars in His *r* ..... Rev 2:1
I saw in the *r* hand of Him ... Rev 5:1
*r* hand or on their ..... Rev 13:16
the *r* to the tree of life ..... Rev 22:14

RIGHTEOUS
also destroy the *r* ..... Gen 18:23
Sodom fifty *r* within the ... Gen 18:26
has been more *r* than I .... Gen 38:26
not kill the innocent and *r* .... Ex 23:7
me die the death of the *r* .. Num 23:10
and they justify the *r* ..... Deut 25:1
"You are more *r* ..... 1 Sam 24:17
down two men more *r* ..... 1 Kin 2:32
that he could be *r* ..... Job 15:14
*r* will hold to his way ..... Job 17:9
"The *r* see it and ..... Job 22:19
knows the way of the *r* ..... Ps 1:6
LORD, will bless the *r* ..... Ps 5:12
*r* God tests the hearts ..... Ps 7:9
what can the *r* ..... Ps 11:3
The *r* cry out ..... Ps 34:17
the LORD upholds the *r* ..... Ps 37:17
*r* shows mercy and ..... Ps 37:21
I have not seen the *r* ..... Ps 37:25
the *r* will be in ..... Ps 112:6
The LORD is *r* in all ..... Ps 145:17
the LORD loves the *r* ..... Ps 146:8
will not allow the *r* ..... Prov 10:3
*r* is a well of life ..... Prov 10:11
The labor of the *r* ..... Prov 10:16
*r* will be gladness ..... Prov 10:28
*r* is delivered from ..... Prov 11:8
*r* will be delivered ..... Prov 11:21
*r* will flourish ..... Prov 11:28
*r* will be recompensed .... Prov 11:31
*r* man regards the life ..... Prov 12:10
*r* should choose his ..... Prov 12:26
*r* there is much ..... Prov 15:6
the prayer of the *r* ..... Prov 15:29
the *r* run to it and ..... Prov 18:10
*r* are bold as a lion ..... Prov 28:1
When the *r* are in ..... Prov 29:2
*r* considers the cause ..... Prov 29:7
Do not be overly *r* ..... Eccl 7:16
event happens to the *r* ..... Eccl 9:2
*r* that it shall be ..... Is 3:10
the gates, that the *r* ..... Is 26:2
with My *r* right hand ..... Is 41:10
By His knowledge My *r* ..... Is 53:11
The *r* perishes ..... Is 57:1
people shall all be *r* ..... Is 60:21
*R* are You ..... Jer 12:1
your sins by being *r* ..... Dan 4:27
they sell the *r* ..... Amos 2:6
not come to call the *r* ..... Matt 9:13
receive a *r* man's reward .. Matt 10:41
*r* men desired to see ..... Matt 13:17
*r* will shine forth as ..... Matt 13:43
the blood of *r* Abel to ..... Matt 23:35
And they were both *r* ..... Luke 1:6
that they were *r* ..... Luke 18:9
"Certainly this was a *r* ... Luke 23:47
"There is none *r* ..... Rom 3:10
*r* man will one die ..... Rom 5:7
witness that he was *r* ..... Heb 11:4
prayer of a *r* man avails .. James 5:16
If the *r* one is scarcely ..... 1 Pet 4:18
Jesus Christ the *r* ..... 1 John 2:1
just as He is *r* ..... 1 John 3:7
*r* are Your judgments ..... Rev 16:7
fine linen is the *r* ..... Rev 19:8
who is *r*, let him be *r* still .. Rev 22:11

RIGHTEOUS MAN
A little that a *r* ..... Ps 37:16
*r* walks in his integrity ..... Prov 20:7
away justice from the *r* ..... Is 5:23
if you warn the *r* ..... Ezek 3:21
when a *r* turns away ..... Ezek 18:24
And he who receives a *r* .. Matt 10:41
"Certainly this was a *r* ... Luke 23:47
For scarcely for a *r* ..... Rom 5:7
fervent prayer of a *r* ..... James 5:16
*r*, dwelling among them ..... 2 Pet 2:8

RIGHTEOUSLY
judge the people *r* ..... Ps 67:4
He who walks *r* and ..... Is 33:15
should live soberly, *r* ..... Titus 2:12
to Him who judges *r* ..... 1 Pet 2:23

RIGHTEOUSNESS
it to him for *r* ..... Gen 15:6
In *r* you shall judge your ... Lev 19:15
Because of my *r* the LORD ... Deut 9:4
every man for his *r* ..... 1 Sam 26:23
me according to my *r* .... 2 Sam 22:21
My *r* I hold fast ..... Job 27:6
I put on *r* ..... Job 29:14
I will ascribe *r* ..... Job 36:3
I call, O God of my *r* ..... Ps 4:1
righteous, He loves *r* ..... Ps 11:7
from the LORD, and *r* ..... Ps 24:5
shall speak of Your *r* ..... Ps 35:28
the good news of *r* ..... Ps 40:9
You love *r* and hate ..... Ps 45:7
heavens declare His *r* ..... Ps 50:6
sing aloud of Your *r* ..... Ps 51:14
*r* and peace have ..... Ps 85:10
*R* will go before Him ..... Ps 85:13
*r* they are exalted ..... Ps 89:16
will return to *r* ..... Ps 94:15
*r* and justice are the ..... Ps 97:2
and he who does *r* ..... Ps 106:3
*r* endures forever ..... Ps 111:3
*r* is an everlasting ..... Ps 119:142
*r* delivers from death ..... Prov 10:2
The *r* of the blameless ..... Prov 11:5
The *r* of the upright ..... Prov 11:6
*r* leads to life ..... Prov 11:19
the way of *r* is life ..... Prov 12:28
*R* guards him whose way .. Prov 13:6
*R* exalts a nation ..... Prov 14:34
found in the way of *r* ..... Prov 16:31
He who follows *r* ..... Prov 21:21
*r* lodged in it ..... Is 1:21
*r* He shall judge ..... Is 11:4
*R* shall be the belt ..... Is 11:5
he will not learn *r* ..... Is 26:10
and *r* the plummet ..... Is 28:17
*r* will be peace ..... Is 32:17
in the LORD I have *r* ..... Is 45:24
who are far from *r* ..... Is 46:12
*r* will be forever ..... Is 51:8
I will declare your *r* ..... Is 57:12
and His own *r* ..... Is 59:16
*r* as a breastplate ..... Is 59:17
be called trees of *r* ..... Is 61:3
*r* goes forth as ..... Is 62:1
The LORD Our *R* ..... Jer 23:6
to David a Branch of *r* ..... Jer 33:15
The Lord Our *R* ..... Jer 33:16
has revealed our *r* ..... Jer 51:10
The *r* of the righteous .... Ezek 18:20
O Lord, *r* belongs ..... Dan 9:7
in everlasting *r* ..... Dan 9:24
who turn many to *r* ..... Dan 12:3
for yourselves *r* ..... Hos 10:12
Seek *r*, seek humility ..... Zeph 2:3
to fulfill all *r* ..... Matt 3:15
exceeds the *r* of the ..... Matt 5:20
to you in the way of *r* ..... Matt 21:32
in holiness and *r* ..... Luke 1:75
For in it the *r* ..... Rom 1:17
even the *r* of God ..... Rom 3:22
a seal of the *r* ..... Rom 4:11
accounted to him for *r* ..... Rom 4:22
*r* will reign in life ..... Rom 5:17
might reign through *r* ..... Rom 5:21
is life because of *r* ..... Rom 8:10
who did not pursue *r* ..... Rom 9:30
pursuing the law of *r* ..... Rom 9:31
ignorant of God's *r* ..... Rom 10:3
we might become the *r* .... 2 Cor 5:21
the fruits of your *r* ..... 2 Cor 9:10
*r* comes through the ..... Gal 2:21
was accounted to him for *r* ... Gal 3:6
the breastplate of *r* ..... Eph 6:14
not having my own *r* ..... Phil 3:9
things and pursue *r* ..... 1 Tim 6:11
*r* which we have ..... Titus 3:5
*r* which is according ..... Heb 11:7
does not produce the *r* .... James 1:20
Now the fruit of *r* is ..... James 3:18
should suffer for *r* ..... 1 Pet 3:14
a preacher of *r* ..... 2 Pet 2:5
a new earth in which *r* ..... 2 Pet 3:13
who practices *r* ..... 1 John 2:29
He who practices *r* ..... 1 John 3:7
does not practice *r* ..... 1 John 3:10

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
*r* is revealed from faith ..... Rom 1:17
demonstrates the *r* ..... Rom 3:5
*r* through faith ..... Rom 3:22
not submitted to the *r* ..... Rom 10:3
we might become the *r* .... 2 Cor 5:21
does not produce the *r* .... James 1:20

RIGHTEOUSNESS'
are persecuted for *r* sake ... Matt 5:10
should suffer for *r* sake .... 1 Pet 3:14

RIGHTEOUSNESSES
all our *r* are like filthy ..... Is 64:6

RIGHTLY
wise uses knowledge *r* ..... Prov 15:2
*R* do they love you ..... Song 1:4
"You have answered *r* .... Luke 10:28
*r* dividing the word ..... 2 Tim 2:15

RIGHTS
and her marriage *r* ..... Ex 21:10

RING
his signet *r* from his hand .. Esth 3:10
a *r* of gold in a swine's .... Prov 11:22
it with his own signet *r* ..... Dan 6:17
and put a *r* on his hand ... Luke 15:22

RINGLEADER
the world, and a *r* ..... Acts 24:5

RINGS
a man with gold *r* ..... James 2:2

RIPE
figs that are first *r* ..... Jer 24:2

RISE
is vain for you to *r* ..... Ps 127:2
"Now I will *r* ..... Is 33:10
for He makes His sun *r* .... Matt 5:45
of Nineveh will *r* ..... Matt 12:41
third day He will *r* ..... Matt 20:19
false prophets will *r* ..... Matt 24:24
persuaded though one *r* .. Luke 16:31
third day He will *r* ..... Luke 18:33
had to suffer and *r* ..... Acts 17:3
be the first to *r* ..... Acts 26:23
fact the dead do not *r* .... 1 Cor 15:15
in Christ will *r* ..... 1 Thess 4:16

RISEN
of the LORD is *r*. ..... Is 60:1
women there has not *r* .... Matt 11:11
disciples that He is *r* ..... Matt 28:7
"The Lord is *r* ..... Luke 24:34
furthermore is also *r* ..... Rom 8:34
then Christ is not *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:13
if Christ is not *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:17
But now Christ is *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:20

RISES
shall I do when God *r* ..... Job 31:14
every tongue which *r* ..... Is 54:17

RISING
may know from the *r* ..... Is 45:6
questioning what the *r* .... Mark 9:10
for the fall and *r* ..... Luke 2:34

RIVER
Indeed the *r* may rage ..... Job 40:23
them drink from the *r* ..... Ps 36:8
*r* whose streams shall ..... Ps 46:4
the *r* of God is full ..... Ps 65:9
went through the *r* ..... Ps 66:6
peace to her like a *r* ..... Is 66:12
in the Jordan *R* ..... Mark 1:5
he showed me a pure *r* ..... Rev 22:1

RIVERS
He turns *r* into a ..... Ps 107:33
*R* of water run down ..... Ps 119:136
By the *r* of Babylon ..... Ps 137:1
All the *r* run into the ..... Eccl 1:7
us a place of broad *r* ..... Is 33:21
the wilderness and *r* ..... Is 43:19
the sea, I make the *r* ..... Is 50:2
his heart will flow *r* ..... John 7:38

RIZPAH
Saul's concubine taken by Abner, 2 Sam 3:6–8
Sons of, killed, 2 Sam 21:8, 9
Grief-stricken, cares for corpses, 2 Sam 21:10–14

ROAD
I will even make a *r* ..... Is 43:19
depths of the sea a *r* ..... Is 51:10
seen the Lord on the *r* ..... Acts 9:27

ROAR
Let the sea *r* ..... 1 Chr 16:32
though its waters *r* ..... Ps 46:3
The young lions *r* ..... Ps 104:21
'The LORD will *r* ..... Jer 25:30
He will *r* like a lion ..... Hos 11:10
The LORD also will *r* ..... Joel 3:16
Will a lion *r* in the ..... Amos 3:4

ROARING
wrath is like the *r* ..... Prov 19:12
Like a *r* lion and a ..... Prov 28:15
and the waves *r* ..... Luke 21:25
walks about like a *r* ..... 1 Pet 5:8

ROARS
their voice *r* like the ..... Jer 6:23
"The LORD *r* from ..... Amos 1:2
as when a lion *r* ..... Rev 10:3

ROB
*r* the poor because he ..... Prov 22:22
*r* the needy of justice ..... Is 10:2
"Will a man *r* God ..... Mal 3:8
do you *r* temples ..... Rom 2:22

ROBBED
*r* their treasuries ..... Is 10:13
But this is a people *r* ..... Is 42:22
Yet you have *r* Me ..... Mal 3:8
*r* other churches ..... 2 Cor 11:8

ROBBER
a son who is a *r* ..... Ezek 18:10
is a thief and a *r* ..... John 10:1
Barabbas was a *r* ..... John 18:40

ROBBERS
and Israel to the *r* ..... Is 42:24
also crucified two *r* ..... Mark 15:27
Me are thieves and *r* ..... John 10:8
here who are neither *r* .... Acts 19:37
waters, in perils of *r* ..... 2 Cor 11:26

ROBBERY
nor vainly hope in *r* ..... Ps 62:10
I hate *r* for burnt ..... Is 61:8
did not consider it *r* ..... Phil 2:6

ROBE
*r* of the ephod, the ephod .... Ex 29:5
off a corner of Saul's *r* .... 1 Sam 24:4
her *r* of many colors .... 2 Sam 13:19
with a *r* of fine linen, .... 1 Chr 15:27
let a royal *r* be brought ..... Esth 6:8
justice was like a *r* ..... Job 29:14
instead of a rich *r* ..... Is 3:24
covered me with the *r* ..... Is 61:10
His *r* became white and .... Luke 9:29
'Bring out the best *r* ..... Luke 15:22
on Him a purple *r* ..... John 19:2
Then a white *r* was ..... Rev 6:11
with a *r* dipped in blood, ... Rev 19:13

ROBES
to the King in *r* ..... Ps 45:14
have stained all My *r* ..... Is 63:3
clothe you with rich *r* ..... Zech 3:4
go around in long *r* ..... Luke 20:46
clothed with white *r* ..... Rev 7:9

ROCK
you shall strike the *r* ..... Ex 17:6
put you in the cleft of the *r* .. Ex 33:22
and struck the *r* ..... Num 20:11
*R* who begot you ..... Deut 32:18
For their *r* is not ..... Deut 32:31
and fire rose out of the *r* ... Judg 6:21
nor is there any *r* ..... 1 Sam 2:2
"The LORD is my *r* ..... 2 Sam 22:2
And who is a *r* ..... 2 Sam 22:32
Blessed be my *R* ..... 2 Sam 22:47
away, and as a *r* ..... Job 14:18
set me high upon a *r* ..... Ps 27:5
For You are my *r* ..... Ps 31:3
*r* that is higher than ..... Ps 61:2
and my God the *r* ..... Ps 94:22
who turned the *r* ..... Ps 114:8
been mindful of the *R* ..... Is 17:10
shadow of a great *r* ..... Is 32:2
look to the *r* from which ..... Is 51:1
that breaks the *r* in pieces .. Jer 23:29
dwell in the clefts of the *r* .... Obad 3
his house on the *r* ..... Matt 7:24
*r* I will build My ..... Matt 16:18
Some fell on *r* ..... Luke 8:6
stumbling stone and *r* ..... Rom 9:33
*R* that followed them ..... 1 Cor 10:4
and a *r* of offense ..... 1 Pet 2:8

ROCKS
and the *r* were split ..... Matt 27:51
to the mountains and *r* ..... Rev 6:16

ROD
And Moses took the *r* ..... Ex 4:20
man threw down his *r* ..... Ex 7:12
passes under the *r* ..... Lev 27:32
the rock twice with his *r* .. Num 20:11
chasten him with the *r* .... 2 Sam 7:14
break them with a *r* of iron .... Ps 2:9
Your *r* and Your staff ..... Ps 23:4
The *r* and rebuke give .... Prov 29:15
shall come forth a *R* ..... Is 11:1
you pass under the *r* ..... Ezek 20:37
measuring *r* six cubits ..... Ezek 40:5
I come to you with a *r* ..... 1 Cor 4:21
Aaron's *r* that budded, ..... Heb 9:4
rule them with a *r* ..... Rev 2:27
rule them with a *r* of iron .. Rev 19:15

ROLL
ruinous storm they *r* ..... Job 30:14
*r* away the stone ..... Mark 16:3

ROLLED
the heavens shall be *r* ..... Is 34:4
the stone had been *r* ..... Mark 16:4

ROMAN
Tell me, are you a *R* ..... Acts 22:27
learned that he was a *R* ... Acts 23:27

ROME
Jews expelled from, Acts 18:2
Paul:
writes to Christians of, Rom 1:7
desires to go to, Acts 19:21
comes to, Acts 28:14
imprisoned in, Acts 28:16

ROOF
the *r* he saw a woman .... 2 Sam 11:2
stuck the the *r* of their ..... Job 29:10
cling to the *r* of my mouth ... Ps 137:6
uncovered the *r* where He .. Mark 2:4

ROOM
*See* UPPER ROOM
You prepared *r* for it ..... Ps 80:9
until no more *r* ..... Zech 10:10
you a large upper *r* ..... Mark 14:15
no *r* for them in the ..... Luke 2:7
still there is *r* ..... Luke 14:22
into the upper *r* ..... Acts 1:13

ROOMS
make *r* in the ark ..... Gen 6:14
He is in the inner *r* ..... Matt 24:26

ROOSTER
him, "Before the *r* ..... Matt 26:75

ROOT
*r* bearing bitterness ..... Deut 29:18
the foolish taking *r* ..... Job 5:3
*r* may grow old in the ..... Job 14:8
day there shall be a *R* ..... Is 11:10
shall again take *r* ..... Is 37:31
because they had no *r* ..... Matt 13:6
and if the *r* is holy ..... Rom 11:16
of money is a *r* ..... 1 Tim 6:10
lest any *r* of ..... Heb 12:15
I am the *R* and the ..... Rev 22:16

ROOTED
that you, being *r* ..... Eph 3:17
*r* and built up in Him ..... Col 2:7

ROOTS
because its *r* reached ..... Ezek 31:7
and lengthen his *r* ..... Hos 14:5
dried up from the *r* ..... Mark 11:20
pulled up by the *r* ..... Jude 12

ROSE
I am the *r* of Sharon ..... Song 2:1
and blossom as the *r* ..... Is 35:1
end Christ died and *r* ..... Rom 14:9
buried, and that He *r* ..... 1 Cor 15:4
that Jesus died and *r* .... 1 Thess 4:14

ROTTENNESS
is like *r* in his bones ..... Prov 12:4

ROUGH
and the *r* places smooth ..... Is 40:4
and the *r* ways smooth ..... Luke 3:5

ROUGHLY
answered the people *r* . . . . 1 Kin 12:13

ROYAL
dwell in the *r* city with . . . 1 Sam 27:5
son was over the *r* house . . 2 Kin 15:5
and a *r* house for himself . . . 2 Chr 2:1
destroyed all the *r* heirs . . 2 Chr 22:10
so he set the *r* crown . . . . . Esth 2:17
a *r* diadem in the hand of . . . . . Is 62:3
to establish a *r* statute and . . . Dan 6:7
the *r* law according to the . . James 2:8
*r* priesthood, a holy nation . . 1 Pet 2:9

RUBBISH
things, and count them as *r* . . Phil 3:8

RUBIES
of wisdom is above *r* . . . . . Job 28:18
more precious than *r* . . . . . Prov 3:15
is better than *r* . . . . . Prov 8:11
worth is far above *r* . . . . . Prov 31:10
your pinnacles of *r* . . . . . Is 54:12
ruddy in body than *r* . . . . . Lam 4:7

RUDDY
Now he was *r* . . . . . 1 Sam 16:12
beloved is white and *r* . . . . . Song 5:10

RUIN
*r* those two can bring . . . . . Prov 24:22
flattering mouth works *r* . . Prov 26:28
have made a city a *r* . . . . . Is 25:2
I will *r* the pride of Judah . . . . Jer 13:9
will not be your *r* . . . . . Ezek 18:30
And the *r* of that . . . . . Luke 6:49
to no profit, to the *r* . . . . . 2 Tim 2:14

RUINED
shall be utterly *r* . . . . . Is 60:12
the mighty trees are *r* . . . . . Zech 11:2
wineskins will be *r* . . . . . Luke 5:37

RUINS
rebuild the old *r* . . . . . Is 61:4
of My house that is in *r*. . . . . Hag 1:9
I will rebuild its *r*, and I . . . Acts 15:16

RULE
greater light to *r* the day . . . . Gen 1:16
and he shall *r* . . . . . Gen 3:16
*r* the raging of the . . . . . Ps 89:9
*R* in the midst of Your . . . . . Ps 110:2
A wise servant will *r* . . . . . Prov 17:2
Whoever has no *r* over . . . . Prov 25:28
Yet he will *r* over all . . . . . Eccl 2:19
sit and *r* on His throne . . . . . Zech 6:13
puts an end to all *r* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:24
us walk by the same *r* . . . . . Phil 3:16
let the peace of God *r* . . . . . Col 3:15
Let the elders who *r* . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
Remember those who *r* . . . . . Heb 13:7
He shall *r* them with a rod . . Rev 2:27
He Himself will *r* them . . . . . Rev 19:15

RULER
the sheep, to be *r* . . . . . 2 Sam 7:8
down to eat with a *r* . . . . . Prov 23:1
bear is a wicked *r* . . . . . Prov 28:15
*r* pays attention . . . . . Prov 29:12
to Me the One to be *r* . . . . . Mic 5:2
by Beelzebub, the *r* . . . . . Matt 12:24
I will make you *r* . . . . . Matt 25:21
the *r* of this world . . . . . John 12:31
because the *r* of this . . . . . John 16:11
'Who made you a *r* . . . . . Acts 7:27
speak evil of a *r* . . . . . Acts 23:5

RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE
He said to the *r* . . . . . Mark 5:36
Jairus, and he was a *r* . . . . . Luke 8:41
*r* answered with . . . . . Luke 13:14
*r*, believed on the Lord . . . . . Acts 18:8
took Sosthenes, the *r* . . . . . Acts 18:17

RULERS
and the *r* take counsel . . . . . Ps 2:2
*r* decree justice . . . . . Prov 8:15
"You know that the *r* . . . . . Matt 20:25
Have any of the *r* . . . . . John 7:48
*r* are not a terror . . . . . Rom 13:3
which none of the *r* . . . . . 1 Cor 2:8
powers, against the *r* . . . . . Eph 6:12
to be subject to *r* . . . . . Titus 3:1

RULES
'He who *r* over men . . . . . 2 Sam 23:3
them know that God *r* . . . . . Ps 59:13
He *r* by His power . . . . . Ps 66:7
*r* his spirit than he . . . . . Prov 16:32
that the Most High *r* . . . . . Dan 4:17
that the Most High *r* . . . . . Dan 4:32
*r* his own house well . . . . . 1 Tim 3:4
according to the *r* . . . . . 2 Tim 2:5

RULING
*r* their children . . . . . 1 Tim 3:12

RUMOR
*r* will be upon *r* . . . . . Ezek 7:26

RUMORS
hear of wars and *r* . . . . . Matt 24:6
you hear of wars and *r* . . . . Mark 13:7

RUN
I will *r* the course of . . . . . Ps 119:32
*r* and not be weary . . . . . Is 40:31
many shall *r* to and . . . . . Dan 12:4
Therefore I *r* thus . . . . . 1 Cor 9:26
I might *r*, or had *r* . . . . . Gal 2:2
that I have not *r* . . . . . Phil 2:16
us, and let us *r* . . . . . Heb 12:1
that you do not *r* . . . . . 1 Pet 4:4

RUNNER
are swifter than a *r* . . . . . Job 9:25
*r* will run to meet . . . . . Jer 51:31

RUNS
word *r* very swiftly . . . . . Ps 147:15
nor of him who *r* . . . . . Rom 9:16

RUSH
The nations will *r* . . . . . Is 17:13

RUSHING
like the *r* of the seas . . . . . Is 17:12
as of a *r* mighty wind, and . . . Acts 2:2

RUST
*r* destroy and where . . . . . Matt 6:19

RUTH
Moabitess, Ruth 1:4
Follows Naomi, Ruth 1:6–18
Marries Boaz, Ruth 4:9–13
Ancestress of Christ, Ruth 4:13, 21, 22

SABAOTH
*S* had left us a . . . . . Rom 9:29
ears of the Lord of *S* . . . . . James 5:4

SABBATH
'Tomorrow is a *S* . . . . . Ex 16:23
"Remember the *S* . . . . . Ex 20:8
You shall keep the *S* . . . . . Ex 31:14
a *S* of rest to the LORD . . . . . Ex 35:2
day is a *S* of solemn rest . . . . Lev 23:3
shall keep a *s* to the LORD . . . Lev 25:2
Observe the *S* day, to . . . . . Deut 5:12
bear no burden on the *S* . . . . Jer 17:21
the grainfields on the *S* . . . . Matt 12:1
*S* was made for man . . . . . Mark 2:27
is also Lord of the *S* . . . . . Mark 2:28
"Is it lawful on the *S* to do . . Mark 3:4
Is it lawful on the *S* to do . . . Luke 6:9
It is the *S*; it is not lawful . . John 5:10
not only broke the *S* . . . . . John 5:18
circumcise a man on the *S* . John 7:22
the synagogues every *S* . . . Acts 15:21

SABBATHS
*S* you shall keep . . . . . Ex 31:13
You shall keep My *S* . . . . . Lev 26:2
The New Moons, the *S* . . . . . Is 1:13
also gave them My *S* . . . . . Ezek 20:12
for three *S* reasoned with . . . Acts 17:2
festival or a new moon or *s* . . Col 2:16

SACKCLOTH
I have sewn *s* over my . . . . . Job 16:15
You have put off my *s* . . . . . Ps 30:11
and remove the *s* . . . . . Is 20:2
with fasting, *s*, and ashes . . . . Dan 9:3
a fast, and put on *s* . . . . . Jon 3:5
repented long ago in *s* . . . . Matt 11:21

SACRED
have a *s* assembly . . . . . Num 29:35
iniquity and the *s* . . . . . Is 1:13
call a *s* assembly . . . . . Joel 1:14

SACRIFICE
I *s* to the LORD all males . . . . Ex 13:15
is a burnt *s* of the herd . . . . . Lev 1:3
is a *s* of peace offering . . . . . Lev 3:1
the law of the *s* of peace . . . . Lev 7:11
a *s* of a peace offering to . . . Num 6:17
you shall *s* the Passover . . . . Deut 16:2
*s* to the LORD of hosts . . . . . 1 Sam 1:3
do you kick at My *s* . . . . . 1 Sam 2:29
to *s* to the LORD your . . . . 1 Sam 15:15
*S* and offering You did . . . . . Ps 40:6
offer to You the *s* . . . . . Ps 116:17
to the LORD than *s* . . . . . Prov 21:3
The *s* of the wicked is . . . . Prov 21:27
than to give the *s* of fools . . . . Eccl 5:1
in that day, and will make *s* . . Is 19:21
For the LORD has a *s* . . . . . Is 34:6
who will bring the *s* . . . . . Jer 33:11
I desire mercy and not *s* . . . . . Hos 6:6
of My offerings they *s* . . . . . Hos 8:13
But I will *s* to You . . . . . Jon 2:9
LORD has prepared a *s* . . . . . Zeph 1:7
offer the blind as a *s* . . . . . Mal 1:8
desire mercy and not *s* . . . . . Matt 9:13
'I desire mercy and not *s* . . . Matt 12:7
*s* will be seasoned . . . . . Mark 9:49
your bodies a living *s* . . . . . Rom 12:1
an offering and a *s* . . . . . Eph 5:2
aroma, an acceptable *s* . . . . . Phil 4:18
put away sin by the *s* . . . . . Heb 9:26
He had offered one *s* . . . . . Heb 10:12
no longer remains a *s* . . . . . Heb 10:26
God a more excellent *s* . . . . . Heb 11:4
offer the *s* of praise . . . . . Heb 13:15

SACRIFICED
*s* their sons and their . . . . . Ps 106:37
They *s* to the Baals . . . . . Hos 11:2
our Passover, was *s* for us . . 1 Cor 5:7
to eat things *s* . . . . . Rev 2:14

SACRIFICES
He who *s* to any god . . . . . Ex 22:20
burnt offerings, your *s* . . . . . Deut 12:6
The *s* of God are a . . . . . Ps 51:17
the *s* of thanksgiving . . . . . Ps 107:22
multitude of your *s* . . . . . Is 1:11
Bring no more futile *s* . . . . . Is 1:13
he who *s* a lamb . . . . . Is 66:3
acceptable, nor your *s* . . . . . Jer 6:20
bringing *s* of praise to the . . Jer 17:26
by him the daily *s* . . . . . Dan 8:11
burnt offerings and *s* . . . . . Mark 12:33
priests, to offer up *s* . . . . . Heb 7:27
with better *s* than these . . . . . Heb 9:23
*s* for sin you had no . . . . . Heb 10:6
*s* God is well pleased . . . . . Heb 13:16
offer up spiritual *s* . . . . . 1 Pet 2:5

SAD
"Why is your face *s* . . . . . Neh 2:2
*s* countenance the . . . . . Eccl 7:3
whom I have not made *s* . . Ezek 13:22
as you walk and are *s* . . . . Luke 24:17

SADDUCEES
Rejected by John, Matt 3:7
Test Jesus, Matt 16:1–12

Silenced by Jesus, Matt 22:23–34
Disturbed by teaching of resurrection, Acts 4:1, 2
Oppose apostles, Acts 5:17–40

SAFE
and I shall be *s* ..... Ps 119:117
in the LORD shall be *s* ..... Prov 29:25
he has received him *s* .... Luke 15:27

SAFELY
And He led them on *s* ..... Ps 78:53
make them lie down *s* ..... Hos 2:18

SAFETY
sons are far from *s* ..... Job 5:4
take your rest in *s* ..... Job 11:18
will set him in the *s* ..... Ps 12:5
the needy will lie down in *s* .. Is 14:30
say, "Peace and *s* ..... 1 Thess 5:3

SAFETY'S
by you for *s* sake ..... Prov 3:29

SAINTS
*See* ALL THE SAINTS
ten thousands of *s* ..... Deut 33:2
the feet of His *s* ..... 1 Sam 2:9
puts no trust in His *s* ..... Job 15:15
*s* who are on the earth ..... Ps 16:3
does not forsake His *s* ..... Ps 37:28
"Gather My *s* ..... Ps 50:5
the souls of His *s* ..... Ps 97:10
is the death of His *s* ..... Ps 116:15
the way of His *s* ..... Prov 2:8
war against the *s* ..... Dan 7:21
shall persecute the *s* ..... Dan 7:25
Jesus, called to be *s* ..... 1 Cor 1:2
the least of all the *s* ..... Eph 3:8
Christ with all His *s* ..... 1 Thess 3:13
be glorified in His *s* ..... 2 Thess 1:10
all delivered to the *s* ..... Jude 3
ways, O King of the *s* ..... Rev 15:3
shed the blood of *s* ..... Rev 16:6
the camp of the *s* ..... Rev 20:9

SAKE
My servant Abraham's *s* ... Gen 26:24
has blessed me for your *s* .. Gen 30:27
the Egyptians for Israel's *s* ... Ex 18:8
for His great name's *s* ... 1 Sam 12:22
kindness for Jonathan's *s* .. 2 Sam 9:1
for the *s* of your father ... 1 Kin 11:12
the *s* of Your great name .. 2 Chr 6:32
save me for Your mercies' *s* ... Ps 6:4
For His name's *s* ..... Ps 23:3
Your name's *s*, O LORD ..... Ps 25:11
for Your name's *s* ..... Ps 31:3
sins, for Your name's *s* ..... Ps 79:9
for His name's *s* ..... Ps 106:8
me for Your name's *s* ..... Ps 109:21
LORD, for Your name's *s*.... Ps 143:11
for Your *s* I have ..... Jer 15:15
for righteousness' *s* ..... Matt 5:10
you falsely for My *s* ..... Matt 5:11
and kings for My *s* ..... Matt 10:18
by all for My name's *s* .... Matt 10:22
life for My *s* will find it ... Matt 10:39
life for My *s* will find it ... Matt 16:25
kingdom of heaven's *s* .... Matt 19:12
lands, for My name's *s* .... Matt 19:29
nations for My name's *s* .... Matt 24:9
elect's *s* those days will ... Matt 24:22
loses his life for My *s* ..... Mark 8:35
rulers and kings for My *s* .. Mark 13:9
men for My name's *s* ..... Mark 13:13
but for the elect's *s* ..... Mark 13:20
life for My *s* will save it .... Luke 9:24
*s* of the kingdom of ..... Luke 18:29
rulers for My name's *s* .... Luke 21:12
by all for My name's *s* .... Luke 21:17
my life for Your *s* ..... John 13:37
down your life for My *s* ... John 13:38
to you for My name's *s* ... John 15:21
suffer for My name's *s* ..... Acts 9:16
are fools for Christ's *s* ..... 1 Cor 4:10
I do for the gospel's *s* ..... 1 Cor 9:23
*s* of him who had done .... 2 Cor 7:12
for your stomach's *s* ..... 1 Tim 5:23
suffer for righteousness' *s* .. 1 Pet 3:14
for His name's *s* ..... 1 John 2:12
labored for My name's *s* ..... Rev 2:3

SAKES
for their *s* I sanctify ..... John 17:19
your *s* He became poor ..... 2 Cor 8:9

SALAMIS
Paul preaches here, Acts 13:4, 5

SALEM
Jerusalem's original name, Gen 14:18
Used poetically, Ps 76:2

SALIM
Place near Aenon, John 3:23

SALOME
One of the ministering women, Mark 15:40, 41
Visits empty tomb, Mark 16:1
—— Herodias' daughter (not named in the Bible), Matt 14:6–11

SALT
she became a pillar of *s* ... Gen 19:26
shall season with *s* ..... Lev 2:13
covenant of *s* forever ..... Num 18:19
city and sowed it with *s* .... Judg 9:45
*s* nor wrapped in ..... Ezek 16:4
"You are the *s* ..... Matt 5:13
*s* loses its flavor ..... Mark 9:50
with grace, seasoned with *s* .. Col 4:6

SALT SEA
O.T. name for the Dead Sea, Gen 14:3; Num 34:3, 12

SALVATION
still, and see the *s* ..... Ex 14:13
the Rock of my *s* ..... 2 Sam 22:47
For this is all my *s* ..... 2 Sam 23:5
the good news of His *s* ... 1 Chr 16:23
*S* belongs to the LORD ..... Ps 3:8
I will rejoice in Your *s* ..... Ps 9:14
shield and the horn of my *s* .. Ps 18:2
We will rejoice in your *s* ..... Ps 20:5
You are the God of my *s* ..... Ps 25:5
is my light and my *s* ..... Ps 27:1
to me the joy of Your *s* ..... Ps 51:12
From Him comes my *s* ..... Ps 62:1
on earth, Your *s* ..... Ps 67:2
God is the God of *s* ..... Ps 68:20
and Your *s* all the day ..... Ps 71:15
Restore us, O God of our *s* ... Ps 85:4
Surely His *s* is near ..... Ps 85:9
and He has become my *s* ... Ps 118:14
*S* is far from the ..... Ps 119:155
LORD, I hope for Your *s* ... Ps 119:166
forgotten the God of your *s* .. Is 17:10
God will appoint *s* ..... Is 26:1
with an everlasting *s* ..... Is 45:17
for My *s* is about to ..... Is 56:1
call your walls *S* ..... Is 60:18
*s* as a lamp that burns ..... Is 62:1
LORD our God is the *s* ..... Jer 3:23
joy in the God of my *s* ..... Hab 3:18
is just and having *s* ..... Zech 9:9
raised up a horn of *s* ..... Luke 1:69
eyes have seen Your *s* ..... Luke 2:30
to him, "Today *s* ..... Luke 19:9
what we worship, for *s* .... John 4:22
Nor is there *s* in any ..... Acts 4:12
you should be for *s* ..... Acts 13:47
the power of God to *s* ..... Rom 1:16
is made unto *s* ..... Rom 10:10
*s* has come to the ..... Rom 11:11
*s* is nearer than ..... Rom 13:11
now is the day of *s* ..... 2 Cor 6:2
And take the helmet of *s* .... Eph 6:17
work out your own *s* ..... Phil 2:12
wrath, but to obtain *s* ..... 1 Thess 5:9
chose you for *s* ..... 2 Thess 2:13
also may obtain the *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:10
of God that brings *s* ..... Titus 2:11
neglect so great a *s* ..... Heb 2:3
*s* perfect through ..... Heb 2:10
*s* the prophets have ..... 1 Pet 1:10
"*S* belongs to our God ..... Rev 7:10
*S* and glory and honor ..... Rev 19:1

SAMARIA
Capital of Israel, 1 Kin 16:24–29
Besieged by Ben-Hadad, 1 Kin 20:1–21
Besieged again; miraculously delivered, 2 Kin 6:24—7:20
Inhabitants deported by Assyria; repopulated with foreigners, 2 Kin 17:5, 6, 24–41
—— District of Palestine in Christ's time, Luke 17:11–19
Disciples forbidden to preach in, Matt 10:5
Gospel preached there after the ascension, Acts 1:8; 9:31; 15:3

SAMARITAN
But a certain *S* ..... Luke 10:33
a drink from me, a *S* ..... John 4:9

SAMARITANS
People of mixed heredity, 2 Kin 17:24–41
Christ preaches to, John 4:5–42
Story of "the good Samaritan," Luke 10:30–37
Converts among, Acts 8:5–25

SAMOS
Paul visits, Acts 20:15

SAMSON
Birth predicted and accomplished, Judg 13:2–25
Marries Philistine; avenges betrayal, Judg 14
Defeats Philistines singlehandedly, Judg 15
Betrayed by Delilah; loses strength, Judg 16:4–22
Destroys many in his death, Judg 16:23–31

SAMUEL
Born in answer to prayer; dedicated to God, 1 Sam 1:1–28
Receives revelation; recognized as prophet, 1 Sam 3:1–21
Judges Israel, 1 Sam 7:15–17
Warns Israel against a king, 1 Sam 8:10–18
Anoints Saul, 1 Sam 9:15—10:1
Rebukes Saul, 1 Sam 15:10–35
Anoints David, 1 Sam 16:1–13
Death of, 1 Sam 25:1

SANBALLAT
Influential Samaritan; attempts to thwart Nehemiah's plans, Neh 2:10; 4:7, 8; 6:1–14

SANCTIFICATION
righteousness and *s* ..... 1 Cor 1:30
will of God, your *s* ..... 1 Thess 4:3
salvation through *s* ..... 2 Thess 2:13

SANCTIFIED
*s* it, because in it He rested .. Gen 2:3
*s* the people, and they ..... Ex 19:14
I *s* to Myself all the ..... Num 3:13
*s* this house, that My ..... 2 Chr 7:16
I have commanded My *s* ..... Is 13:3
you were born I *s* ..... Jer 1:5
Him whom the Father *s* ... John 10:36
they also may be *s* ..... John 17:19
might be acceptable, *s* .... Rom 15:16
to those who are *s* ..... 1 Cor 1:2
washed, but you were *s* .... 1 Cor 6:11
husband is *s* by the ..... 1 Cor 7:14
for it is *s* by the ..... 1 Tim 4:5
those who are being *s* ..... Heb 2:11

will we have been *s* .....Heb 10:10
who are called, *s* .....Jude 1

## SANCTIFIES
or the temple that *s* .....Matt 23:17
For both He who *s* .....Heb 2:11

## SANCTIFY
"*S* yourselves .....Josh 3:5
would send and *s* them .....Job 1:5
*s* My great name .....Ezek 36:23
that I, the LORD, *s* .....Ezek 37:28
Myself and *s* Myself .....Ezek 38:23
*S* them by Your .....John 17:17
for their sakes I *s* .....John 17:19
that He might *s* .....Eph 5:26
*s* you completely .....1 Thess 5:23

## SANCTUARY
let them make Me a *s* .....Ex 25:8
I went into the *s* .....Ps 73:17
set fire to Your *s* .....Ps 74:7
O God, is in the *s* .....Ps 77:13
He will be as a *s* .....Is 8:14
He has abandoned His *s* .....Lam 2:7
I shall be a little *s* .....Ezek 11:16
to shine on Your *s* .....Dan 9:17
and the earthly *s* .....Heb 9:1
is brought into the *s* .....Heb 13:11

## SAND
descendants as the *s* .....Gen 32:12
be heavier than the *s* .....Job 6:3
in number than the *s* .....Ps 139:18
O Israel, be as the *s* .....Is 10:22
innumerable as the *s* .....Heb 11:12

## SANDAL
remove his *s* from his .....Deut 25:9
So he took off his *s* .....Ruth 4:8
*s* strap I am not worthy .....Mark 1:7

## SANDALS
Take your *s* off your feet .....Ex 3:5
beautiful are your feet in *s* ..Song 7:1
whose *s* I am not worthy ...Matt 3:11
bag, knapsack, nor *s* .....Luke 10:4
tie on your *s* .....Acts 12:8

## SANG
*s* this song to the LORD .....Ex 15:1
worshiped, the singers *s* .2 Chr 29:28
The singers *s* loudly .....Neh 12:42
morning stars *s* together ....Job 38:7
They *s* His praise .....Ps 106:12
they *s* a new song, saying ....Rev 5:9
*s* as it were a new song .....Rev 14:3

## SAPPHIRA
Wife of Ananias; struck dead for lying, Acts 5:1–11

## SAPPHIRE
shall be a turquoise, a *s* .....Ex 28:18
was jasper, the second *s* ...Rev 21:19

## SAPPHIRES
are the source of *s* .....Job 28:6

## SARAH (or Sarai)
Barren wife of Abram, Gen 11:29–31
Represented as Abram's sister, Gen 12:10–20
Gives Abram her maid, Gen 16:1–3
Receives promise of a son, Gen 17:15–21
Gives birth to Isaac, Gen 21:1–8

## SARDIS
Site of one of the seven churches, Rev 1:11

## SARDONYX
the fifth *s*, the sixth .....Rev 21:20

## SASH
tunic, a turban, and a *s* .....Ex 28:4
get yourself a linen *s* .....Jer 13:1

## SASHES
girded them with *s* .....Lev 8:13
*s* for the merchants .....Prov 31:24

## SAT
of Babylon, there we *s* .....Ps 137:1
I *s* down in his shade .....Song 2:3
*s* alone because of .....Jer 15:17
people who *s* in darkness ..Matt 4:16
Now Peter *s* outside in ....Matt 26:69
into heaven, and *s* .....Mark 16:19
*s* down again, He said ....John 13:12
*s* down at the right hand .....Heb 1:3
And He who *s* there was .....Rev 4:3
Him who *s* on the horse ....Rev 19:19

## SATAN
*See* DEVIL
*S* stood up against .....1 Chr 21:1
before the LORD, and *S* .....Job 1:6
And the LORD said to *S* .....Zech 3:2
"Away with you, *S* .....Matt 4:10
"Get behind Me, *S* .....Matt 16:23
forty days, tempted by *S* ..Mark 1:13
"How can *S* cast out .....Mark 3:23
to them, "I saw *S* .....Luke 10:18
Then *S* entered Judas .....Luke 22:3
*S* has asked for you .....Luke 22:31
*S* filled your heart .....Acts 5:3
*S* under your feet shortly ..Rom 16:20
such a one to *S* .....1 Cor 5:5
For *S* himself .....2 Cor 11:14
messenger of *S* to buffet ...2 Cor 12:7
to the working of *S* .....2 Thess 2:9
whom I delivered to *S* ....1 Tim 1:20
are a synagogue of *S* .....Rev 2:9
you, where *S* dwells .....Rev 2:13
known the depths of *S* .....Rev 2:24
called the Devil and *S* .....Rev 12:9
years have expired, *S* .....Rev 20:7

## SATIATED
*s* the weary soul .....Jer 31:25
It shall be *s* and made .....Jer 46:10

## SATISFIED
I shall be *s* when I .....Ps 17:15
his land will be *s* .....Prov 12:11
a good man will be *s* .....Prov 14:14
*s* soul loathes the .....Prov 27:7
that are never *s* .....Prov 30:15
silver will not be *s* .....Eccl 5:10
left hand and not be *s* .....Is 9:20
of His soul, and be *s* .....Is 53:11
My people shall be *s* .....Jer 31:14
still were not *s* .....Ezek 16:28
but they were not *s* .....Amos 4:8
and cannot be *s* .....Hab 2:5

## SATISFIES
*s* your mouth with good .....Ps 103:5
*s* the longing soul .....Ps 107:9

## SATISFY
*s* us early with Your .....Ps 90:14
long life I will *s* .....Ps 91:16
*s* her poor with bread .....Ps 132:15
for what does not *s* .....Is 55:2

## SATISFYING
eats to the *s* of his .....Prov 13:25

## SAUL
Becomes first king of Israel, 1 Sam 9—11
Sacrifices unlawfully, 1 Sam 13:1–14
Wars with Philistines, 1 Sam 13:15—14:52
Disregards the Lord's command; rejected by God, 1 Sam 15
Suffers from distressing spirits, 1 Sam 16:14–23
Becomes jealous of David; attempts to kill him, 1 Sam 18:5—19:22
Pursues David; twice spared by him, 1 Sam 22—24; 26
Consults medium, 1 Sam 28:7–25
Defeated, commits suicide; buried, 1 Sam 31

——— of Tarsus, apostle to the Gentiles: *see* PAUL

## SAVE
will *s* Israel by my hand ...Judg 6:37
the LORD does not *s* .....1 Sam 17:47
there was none to *s* .....2 Sam 22:42
*s* the humble person .....Job 22:29
Oh, *s* me for Your .....Ps 6:4
*s* me from all those who .....Ps 7:1
*S* Your people, and bless .....Ps 28:9
send from heaven and *s* .....Ps 57:3
Your ear to me, and *s* me .....Ps 71:2
*s* the children of the .....Ps 72:4
*s* the souls of the .....Ps 72:13
*s* me, and I will keep .....Ps 119:146
LORD, and He will *s* .....Prov 20:22
He will come and *s* .....Is 35:4
LORD was ready to *s* .....Is 38:20
*s* your children .....Is 49:25
that it cannot *s* .....Is 59:1
mighty to *s* .....Is 63:1
one who cannot *s* .....Jer 14:9
*s* you and deliver you .....Jer 15:20
*s* me, and I shall be .....Jer 17:14
O LORD, *s* Your people .....Jer 31:7
other, That he may *s* .....Hos 13:10
Assyria shall not *s* .....Hos 14:3
the Mighty One, will *s* .....Zeph 3:17
JESUS, for He will *s* .....Matt 1:21
Him, saying, "Lord, *s* us ....Matt 8:25
*s* his life will lose it .....Matt 16:25
*s* that which was .....Matt 18:11
three days, *s* Yourself .....Matt 27:40
*s* life or to kill .....Mark 3:4
to *s* his life will lose it .....Mark 8:35
*s* Yourself, and come .....Mark 15:30
to *s* life or to destroy .....Luke 6:9
life for My sake will *s* it ...Luke 9:24
seeks to *s* his life .....Luke 17:33
let Him *s* Himself if .....Luke 23:35
You are the Christ, *s* .....Luke 23:39
'Father, *s* Me from .....John 12:27
but to *s* the world .....John 12:47
and *s* some of them .....Rom 11:14
to *s* those who believe .....1 Cor 1:21
by all means *s* some .....1 Cor 9:22
the world to *s* sinners .....1 Tim 1:15
doing this you will *s* .....1 Tim 4:16
able to *s* Him from death ....Heb 5:7
able to *s* your souls .....James 1:21
Can faith *s* him .....James 2:14
who is able to *s* .....James 4:12
will *s* a soul from death ..James 5:20

## SAVED
*See* WILL BE SAVED
the LORD *s* Israel that day ...Ex 14:30
you will be *s* from your ....Num 10:9
like you, a people *s* .....Deut 33:29
But You have *s* us from .....Ps 44:7
blamelessly will be *s* .....Prov 28:18
Look to Me, and be *s* .....Is 45:22
and we are not *s* .....Jer 8:20
"Who then can be *s* .....Matt 19:25
to the end shall be *s* .....Matt 24:13
"He *s* others .....Matt 27:42
"Who then can be *s* .....Mark 10:26
to the end shall be *s* .....Mark 13:13
no flesh would be *s* .....Mark 13:20
"He *s* others .....Mark 15:31
and is baptized will be *s* ..Mark 16:16
That we should be *s* .....Luke 1:71
"Your faith has *s* .....Luke 7:50
through Him might be *s* ....John 3:17
enters by Me, he will be *s* ..John 10:9
of the LORD shall be *s* .....Acts 2:21
them, saying, "Be *s* .....Acts 2:40
of Moses, you cannot be *s* ..Acts 15:1
what must I do to be *s* ....Acts 16:30
For we were *s* in this .....Rom 8:24
is that they may be *s* .....Rom 10:1
all Israel will be *s* .....Rom 11:26

his spirit may be *s* ..... 1 Cor 5:5
that they may be *s* ..... 1 Cor 10:33
which also you are *s* ..... 1 Cor 15:2
those who are being *s* ..... 2 Cor 2:15
grace you have been *s* ..... Eph 2:8
that they might be *s* ..... 2 Thess 2:10
all men to be *s* ..... 1 Tim 2:4
she will be *s* in ..... 1 Tim 2:15
to His mercy He *s* ..... Titus 3:5
eight souls, were *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:20
of those who are *s* ..... Rev 21:24

SAVES
*s* the needy from the ..... Job 5:15
*s* such as have a ..... Ps 34:18
antitype which now *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:21

SAVIOR
forgot God their *S* ..... Ps 106:21
He will send them a *S* ..... Is 19:20
of Israel, your *S* ..... Is 43:3
Me, a just God and a *S* ..... Is 45:21
I, the LORD, am your *S* ..... Is 60:16
So He became their *S* ..... Is 63:8
his *S* in time of trouble ..... Jer 14:8
for there is no *s* ..... Hos 13:4
rejoiced in God my *S* ..... Luke 1:47
the city of David a *S* ..... Luke 2:11
the Christ, the *S* ..... John 4:42
to be Prince and *S* ..... Acts 5:31
up for Israel a *S* ..... Acts 13:23
and He is the *S* ..... Eph 5:23
of God our *S* and the ..... 1 Tim 1:1
God, who is the *S* ..... 1 Tim 4:10
of our *S* Jesus Christ ..... 2 Tim 1:10
God and *S* Jesus Christ ..... Titus 2:13
God our *S* toward man ..... Titus 3:4
Son as *S* of the world ..... 1 John 4:14
to God our *S*, who alone is ..... Jude 25

SAVIORS
*s* shall come to Mount ..... Obad 21

SAVOR
days, and I do not *s* ..... Amos 5:21

SAWN
stoned, they were *s* ..... Heb 11:37

SAY
But I *s* to you that ..... Matt 5:22
"But who do you *s* ..... Matt 16:15
*s* that we have no sin ..... 1 John 1:8

SAYING
disclose my dark *s* ..... Ps 49:4
cannot accept this *s* ..... Matt 19:11
"This is a hard *s* ..... John 6:60
This is a faithful *s* ..... 1 Tim 1:15

SAYINGS
I will utter dark *s* ..... Ps 78:2
whoever hears these *s* ..... Matt 7:24

SCALES
You shall have honest *s* ..... Lev 19:36
be weighed on honest *s* ..... Job 31:6
deceitful *s* are in his ..... Hos 12:7
his eyes something like *s* ..... Acts 9:18
on it had a pair of *s* ..... Rev 6:5

SCARLET
midwife took a *s* thread ..... Gen 38:28
*s* thread, fine linen ..... Ex 25:4
*s* cord in the window ..... Josh 2:18
is clothed with *s* ..... Prov 31:21
are like a strand of *s* ..... Song 4:3
your sins are like *s* ..... Is 1:18
and put a *s* robe on Him ..... Matt 27:28
*s* beast which was full ..... Rev 17:3

SCATTER
I will *s* you among the ..... Lev 26:33
*S* the peoples who ..... Ps 68:30
*s* the sheep of My ..... Jer 23:1
I will *s* to all winds ..... Jer 49:32
*s* seed on the ground ..... Mark 4:26

SCATTERED
lest we be *s* abroad ..... Gen 11:4
let His enemies be *s* ..... Ps 68:1
of iniquity shall be *s* ..... Ps 92:9
"You have *s* My flock ..... Jer 23:2
*s* Israel will gather ..... Jer 31:10
"Israel is like *s* sheep ..... Jer 50:17
they were weary and *s* ..... Matt 9:36
where I have not *s* seed ..... Matt 25:26
of the flock will be *s* ..... Matt 26:31
the sheep will be *s* ..... Mark 14:27
that you will be *s* ..... John 16:32
tribes which are *s* abroad ..... James 1:1

SCATTERS
*s* the frost like ashes ..... Ps 147:16
There is one who *s* ..... Prov 11:24
throne of judgment *s* ..... Prov 20:8
not gather with Me *s* ..... Matt 12:30

SCEPTER
*s* shall not depart ..... Gen 49:10
*S* shall rise out of ..... Num 24:17
holds out the golden *s* ..... Esth 4:11
a *s* of righteousness ..... Ps 45:6
a *s* of righteousness ..... Heb 1:8

SCHEME
perfected a shrewd *s* ..... Ps 64:6

SCHEMER
will be called a *s* ..... Prov 24:8

SCHEMES
who brings wicked *s* ..... Ps 37:7
sought out many *s* ..... Eccl 7:29

SCHISM
there should be no *s* ..... 1 Cor 12:25

SCHOOL
daily in the *s* of ..... Acts 19:9

SCOFF
They *s* and speak ..... Ps 73:8
They *s* at kings ..... Hab 1:10

SCOFFER
"He who corrects a *s* ..... Prov 9:7
*s* does not listen ..... Prov 13:1
*s* seeks wisdom and ..... Prov 14:6
*s* is an abomination ..... Prov 24:9

SCOFFERS
*S* ensnare a city ..... Prov 29:8
*s* will come in the ..... 2 Pet 3:3

SCORCHED
sun was up they were *s* ..... Matt 13:6
And men were *s* with ..... Rev 16:9

SCORN
My friends *s* me ..... Job 16:20
to our neighbors, a *s* ..... Ps 44:13
laughed you to *s* ..... Is 37:22

SCORNED
consider, for I am *s* ..... Lam 1:11
and princes are *s* ..... Hab 1:10

SCORNFUL
nor sits in the seat of the *s* ..... Ps 1:1
the *s* one is consumed ..... Is 29:20

SCORNS
He *s* the scornful ..... Prov 3:34
*s* obedience to his ..... Prov 30:17

SCORPION
will he offer him a *s* ..... Luke 11:12

SCORPIONS
and you dwell among *s* ..... Ezek 2:6
on serpents and *s* ..... Luke 10:19
They had tails like *s* ..... Rev 9:10

SCOURGE
from the *s* of the tongue ..... Job 5:21
hosts will stir up a *s* ..... Is 10:26
up to councils and *s* ..... Matt 10:17
will mock Him, and *s* ..... Mark 10:34
*s* a man who is a Roman ..... Acts 22:25

SCOURGES
will chastise you with *s* ..... 1 Kin 12:11
*s* every son whom ..... Heb 12:6

SCRIBE
a skilled *s* in the Law ..... Ezra 7:6
"Where is the *s* ..... Is 33:18
the false pen of the *s* ..... Jer 8:8
gave it to Baruch the *s* ..... Jer 36:32
a certain *s* came and said ..... Matt 8:19
*s* said to Him, "Well ..... Mark 12:32
Where is the *s*? ..... 1 Cor 1:20

SCRIBES
and not as the *s* ..... Matt 7:29
"Beware of the *s* ..... Mark 12:38
*s* sought how they might ..... Mark 14:1

SCRIBES AND PHARISEES
righteousness of the *s* ..... Matt 5:20
*s* answered, saying ..... Matt 12:38
*s* who were from ..... Matt 15:1
But woe to you, *s* ..... Matt 23:13
the *s* saw him eating ..... Mark 2:16
*s* watched Him closely ..... Luke 6:7
Woe to you, *s* ..... Luke 11:44
*s* brought to him a woman ..... John 8:3

SCRIPTURE
what is noted in the *S* ..... Dan 10:21
*S* was fulfilled which ..... Mark 15:28
"Today this *S* ..... Luke 4:21
*S* cannot be broken ..... John 10:35
that the *S* might be ..... John 19:24
place in the *S* which he ..... Acts 8:32
For what does the *S* ..... Rom 4:3
*S* has confined all ..... Gal 3:22
All *S* is given by ..... 2 Tim 3:16
that the *S* says in vain ..... James 4:5
that no prophecy of *S* ..... 2 Pet 1:20

SCRIPTURES
not knowing the *S* ..... Matt 22:29
*S* must be fulfilled ..... Mark 14:49
and mighty in the *S* ..... Acts 18:24
have known the Holy *S* ..... 2 Tim 3:15
also the rest of the *S* ..... 2 Pet 3:16

SCROLL
in the *s* of the book ..... Ps 40:7
and note it on a *s* ..... Is 30:8
Baruch wrote on a *s* ..... Jer 36:4
the king had burned the *s* ..... Jer 36:27
eat this *s*, and go ..... Ezek 3:1
saw there a flying *s* ..... Zech 5:1
on the throne a *s* ..... Rev 5:1
was able to open the *s* ..... Rev 5:3
the sky receded as a *s* ..... Rev 6:14

SEA
drowned in the Red *S* ..... Ex 15:4
this great and wide *s* ..... Ps 104:25
who go down to the *s* ..... Ps 107:23
to the *s* its limit ..... Prov 8:29
rebuke I dry up the *s* ..... Is 50:2
the waters cover the *s* ..... Hab 2:14
and the *s* obey Him ..... Matt 8:27
Him walking on the *s* ..... Matt 14:26
throne there was a *s* ..... Rev 4:6
standing on the *s* ..... Rev 15:2
there was no more *s* ..... Rev 21:1

SEAL
Set me as a *s* upon ..... Song 8:6
the *s* of perfection ..... Ezek 28:12
therefore *s* up the vision ..... Dan 8:26
has set His *s* on Him ..... John 6:27
of circumcision, a *s* ..... Rom 4:11
the *s* of my apostleship ..... 1 Cor 9:2
stands, having this *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:19
He opened the second *s* ..... Rev 6:3
He opened the seventh *s* ..... Rev 8:1
Do not *s* the words of the ..... Rev 22:10

SEALED
My transgression is *s* ..... Job 14:17
*s* till the time of the end ..... Dan 12:9
who also has *s* us and ..... 2 Cor 1:22
by whom you were *s* ..... Eph 4:30
of those who were *s* ..... Rev 7:4

SEALS
sealed with seven *s* ..... Rev 5:1

SEAM
tunic was without *s* ..... John 19:23

SÉANCE
"Please conduct a *s* ..... 1 Sam 28:8

SEARCH
"Can you *s* out the ..... Job 11:7
would not God *s* ..... Ps 44:21
glory of kings is to *s* ..... Prov 25:2
found it by secret *s* ..... Jer 2:34
I, the LORD, *s* the ..... Jer 17:10
*s* the Scriptures ..... John 5:39
*S* and look, for no ..... John 7:52

SEARCHED
O LORD, You have *s* ..... Ps 139:1
*s* the Scriptures ..... Acts 17:11
and *s* carefully ..... 1 Pet 1:10

SEARCHES
for the LORD *s* all ..... 1 Chr 28:9
*s* the hearts knows ..... Rom 8:27
For the Spirit *s* ..... 1 Cor 2:10
that I am He who *s* ..... Rev 2:23

SEASON
I will give you rain in its *s* ..Lev 26:4
bring forth its fruit in its *s* ..... Ps 1:3
their food in due *s* ..... Ps 104:27
a word spoken in due *s* ... Prov 15:23
To everything there is a *s* .... Eccl 3:1
word in *s* to him who is ..... Is 50:4
give them food in due *s* ... Matt 24:45
flavor, how will you *s* it ... Mark 9:50
for in due *s* we shall reap .... Gal 6:9
Be ready in *s* and out ..... 2 Tim 4:2

SEASONED
how shall it be *s* ..... Matt 5:13
"For everyone will be *s* .... Mark 9:49

SEASONS
let them be for signs and *s* ..Gen 1:14
appointed the moon for *s* ... Ps 104:19
the times and the *s* ..... Dan 2:21
for you to know times or *s* ... Acts 1:7
days and months and *s* ..... Gal 4:10
the times and the *s* ..... 1 Thess 5:1

SEAT
*See* MERCY SEAT
shall make a mercy *s* ..... Ex 25:17
I might come to His *s* ..... Job 23:3
that He may *s* him with ..... Ps 113:8
sit in Moses' *s* ..... Matt 23:2
before the judgment *s* ..... 2 Cor 5:10
the mercy *s* ..... Heb 9:5

SEATED
the Ancient of Days was *s* ... Dan 7:9
*s* Him at His right hand ..... Eph 1:20
who is *s* at the right hand .... Heb 8:1

SEATS
at feasts, the best *s* ..... Matt 23:6
you love the best *s* ..... Luke 11:43

SECOND
morning were the *s* day ..... Gen 1:8
And the *s* is like it ..... Matt 22:39
Can he enter a *s* time into ... John 3:4
the *s* Man is the Lord .... 1 Cor 15:47
and behind the *s* veil, the .... Heb 9:3
He will appear a *s* time ..... Heb 9:28
the *s* living creature like a .... Rev 4:7
Then the *s* angel sounded .... Rev 8:8

SECOND DEATH
not be hurt by the *s* ..... Rev 2:11
Over such the *s* has no ..... Rev 20:6
of fire. This is the *s* ..... Rev 20:14
brimstone, which is the *s* .... Rev 21:8

SECRET
*s* things belong ..... Deut 29:29
The *s* of the LORD is ..... Ps 25:14
in the *s* place of His ..... Ps 27:5
when I was made in *s* ..... Ps 139:15
do not disclose the *s* ..... Prov 25:9
I have not spoken in *s* ..... Is 45:19
Father who is in the *s* ..... Matt 6:6
*s* from the foundation of .. Matt 13:35
For nothing is *s* that will ... Luke 8:17
in *s* I have said nothing ... John 18:20
*s* since the world began ... Rom 16:25
are done by them in *s* ..... Eph 5:12

SECRETLY
"Now a word was *s* ..... Job 4:12
He lies in wait *s* ..... Ps 10:9
minded to put her away *s* .. Matt 1:19
a disciple of Jesus, but *s* .. John 19:38

SECRETS
would show you the *s* ..... Job 11:6
For He knows the *s* ..... Ps 44:21
A talebearer reveals *s* ..... Prov 11:13
heaven who reveals *s* ..... Dan 2:28
God will judge the *s* ..... Rom 2:16
And thus the *s* of his ..... 1 Cor 14:25

SECT
him (which is the *s* ..... Acts 5:17
to the strictest *s* ..... Acts 26:5

SECURE
while the camp felt *s* ..... Judg 8:11
dwell safely, and will be *s* .. Prov 1:33
him as a peg in a *s* place ..... Is 22:23
made *s* until the third ..... Matt 27:64

SECURELY
pleasures, who dwell *s* ..... Is 47:8
nation that dwells *s* ..... Jer 49:31

SECURES
he *s* it for himself among .... Is 44:14

SECURITY
gives them *s*, and they ..... Job 24:23

SEDUCED
flattering lips she *s* ..... Prov 7:21
because they have *s* ..... Ezek 13:10

SEE
for no man shall *s* ..... Ex 33:20
the LORD does not *s* ..... 1 Sam 16:7
in my flesh I shall *s* ..... Job 19:26
*s* the works of God ..... Ps 66:5
lest they *s* with their ..... Is 6:10
for sin, He shall *s* ..... Is 53:10
for they shall *s* God ..... Matt 5:8
seeing they do not *s* ..... Matt 13:13
*s* greater things than ..... John 1:50
rejoiced to *s* My day ..... John 8:56
we wish to *s* Jesus ..... John 12:21
and the world will *s* ..... John 14:19
Him, for we shall *s* ..... 1 John 3:2
They shall *s* His face ..... Rev 22:4

SEED
*s* shall be called ..... Gen 21:12
*s* shall be its stump ..... Is 6:13
He shall see His *s* ..... Is 53:10
you a noble vine, a *s* ..... Jer 2:21
*s* is the word of God ..... Luke 8:11
had left us a *s* ..... Rom 9:29
to each *s* its own body .... 1 Cor 15:38
*S* were the promises ..... Gal 3:16
you are Abraham's *s* ..... Gal 3:29
of corruptible *s* ..... 1 Pet 1:23
not sin, for His *s* ..... 1 John 3:9

SEED OF DAVID
Christ comes from the *s* .... John 7:42
who was born of the *s* ..... Rom 1:3
Jesus Christ, of the *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:8

SEEDS
the good *s* are the ..... Matt 13:38
not say, "And to *s* ..... Gal 3:16

SEEK
will find Him if you *s* ..... Deut 4:29
pray and *s* My face ..... 2 Chr 7:14
your heart to *s* God ..... 2 Chr 19:3
*s* your God as you do ..... Ezra 4:2
may God above not *s* ..... Job 3:4
countenance does not *s* ..... Ps 10:4
LORD, that will I *s* ..... Ps 27:4
You said, "*S* My face ..... Ps 27:8
early will I *s* You ..... Ps 63:1
*s* me diligently will ..... Prov 8:17
*s* one's own glory ..... Prov 25:27
*s* justice, rebuke ..... Is 1:17
Should they *s* the dead ..... Is 8:19
the Gentiles shall *s* ..... Is 11:10
Jacob, '*S* Me in vain ..... Is 45:19
Yet they *s* Me daily ..... Is 58:2
*s* great things for ..... Jer 45:5
*s* what was lost ..... Ezek 34:16
"*S* Me and live ..... Amos 5:4
and people should *s* ..... Mal 2:7
things the Gentiles *s* ..... Matt 6:32
*s*, and you will find ..... Matt 7:7
of Man has come to *s* ..... Luke 19:10
because I do not *s* ..... John 5:30
You will *s* Me and ..... John 7:34
in doing good *s* ..... Rom 2:7
Because they did not *s* ..... Rom 9:32
Let no one *s* his own ..... 1 Cor 10:24
for I do not *s* yours ..... 2 Cor 12:14
For all *s* their own ..... Phil 2:21
*s* those things which ..... Col 3:1
*s* the one to come ..... Heb 13:14

SEEK THE LORD
from there you will *s* ..... Deut 4:29
of those rejoice who *s* .... 1 Chr 16:10
heart and your soul to *s* .. 1 Chr 22:19
set their heart to *s* ..... 2 Chr 11:16
disease he did not *s* ..... 2 Chr 16:12
set himself to *s* ..... 2 Chr 20:3
of the land in order to *s* .... Ezra 6:21
who *s* shall not lack ..... Ps 34:10
*S* and His strength ..... Ps 105:4
those who *s* understand .... Prov 28:5
righteousness, you who *s* ..... Is 51:1
*S* while He may be found ..... Is 55:6
Israel shall return and *s* ..... Hos 3:5
*S* and live, lest He ..... Amos 5:6
*S*, all you meek ..... Zeph 2:3
nations shall come to *s* .... Zech 8:22
rest of mankind may *s* .... Acts 15:17
so that they should *s* ..... Acts 17:27

SEEKING
run to and fro, *s* ..... Amos 8:12
and he came *s* fruit ..... Luke 13:6
for the Father is *s* ..... John 4:23
like a roaring lion, *s* ..... 1 Pet 5:8

SEEKS
Zion; no one *s* her ..... Jer 30:17
receives, and he who *s* ..... Matt 7:8
There is none who *s* ..... Rom 3:11

SEEMS
There is a way which *s* ... Prov 14:12
have, even what he *s* ..... Luke 8:18
If anyone among you *s* .... 1 Cor 3:18

SEEN
*s* God face to face ..... Gen 32:30
All this I have *s* ..... Eccl 8:9
*s* the one I love ..... Song 3:3
Who has *s* such things ..... Is 66:8
*s* strange things today ..... Luke 5:26
No one has *s* God at ..... John 1:18
time, nor *s* His form ..... John 5:37
I speak what I have *s* ..... John 8:38
*s* Me has *s* the ..... John 14:9
things which we have *s* .... Acts 4:20
*s* Jesus Christ our ..... 1 Cor 9:1
things which are not *s* ..... 2 Cor 4:18
whom no man has *s* ..... 1 Tim 6:16
heard, which we have *s* .... 1 John 1:1

SEES
here seen Him who *s* ..... Gen 16:13
*s* all the sons of men ..... Ps 33:13
*s* his brother in need ..... 1 John 3:17
*s* his brother sinning ..... 1 John 5:16

SEIR
Home of Esau, Gen 32:3
Hortes of, dispossessed by Esau's descendants, Deut 2:12
Desolation of, Ezek 35:15

SEIZE
s the city, for the LORD ..... Josh 8:7
Will not pangs s you, like ... Jer 13:21
also houses, and s them ..... Mic 2:2
s his inheritance ..... Matt 21:38
you did not s Me ..... Matt 26:55
further to s Peter also ..... Acts 12:3

SEIZED
pangs have s you like a ..... Mic 4:9
For it had often s him ..... Luke 8:29
profit was gone, they s .... Acts 16:19
Jews s me in the temple ... Acts 26:21

SELF-CONFIDENT
a fool rages and is s ..... Prov 14:16

SELF-CONTROL
about righteousness, s .... Acts 24:25
because of your lack of s ... 1 Cor 7:5
they cannot exercise s ..... 1 Cor 7:9
gentleness, s ..... Gal 5:23
love, and holiness, with s . 1 Tim 2:15
slanderers, without s ..... 2 Tim 3:3
to knowledge s ..... 2 Pet 1:6

SELF-CONTROLLED
just, holy, s ..... Titus 1:8

SELF-SEEKING
envy and s exist ..... James 3:16

SELFISH
s ambitions, backbitings .. 2 Cor 12:20
s ambitions, dissensions ..... Gal 5:20
preach Christ from s ..... Phil 1:16
s ambition or conceit ..... Phil 2:3

SELL
said, "S me your ..... Gen 25:31
s Your people for ..... Ps 44:12
s the righteous ..... Amos 2:6
s whatever you have ..... Mark 10:21
no sword, let him s ..... Luke 22:36
no one may buy or s ..... Rev 13:17

SEND
He shall s from heaven ..... Ps 57:3
"Whom shall I s ..... Is 6:8
s them a Savior ..... Is 19:20
"Behold, I s you out ..... Matt 10:16
The Son of Man will s .... Matt 13:41
S the multitudes away .... Matt 14:15
He will s His angels ..... Matt 24:31
"S us to the swine, that .... Mark 5:12
s them out two by two ..... Mark 6:7
S them away, that they .... Mark 6:36
I s you out as lambs ..... Luke 10:3
I will s them prophets .... Luke 11:49
s Lazarus that he ..... Luke 16:24
s the Promise of My ..... Luke 24:49
God did not s His Son ..... John 3:17
whom the Father will s ... John 14:26
has sent Me, I also s ..... John 20:21

SENDING
I am s you to Jesse ..... 1 Sam 16:1
God did by s His own Son .. Rom 8:3

SENDS
s rain on the just and ..... Matt 5:45
till He s forth justice to ... Matt 12:20

SENNACHERIB
Assyrian king (705–681 B.C.); son and successor of Sargon II, 2 Kin 18:13
Death of, by assassination, 2 Kin 19:36, 37

SENSELESS
Understand, you s ..... Ps 94:8

SENSES
of use have their s ..... Heb 5:14

SENSIBLY
who can answer s ..... Prov 26:16

SENSUAL
but is earthly, s ..... James 3:15
These are s persons ..... Jude 19

SENT
s out the dove ..... Gen 8:12
'I AM has s me to you ..... Ex 3:14
s to spy out the land ..... Num 13:16
LORD s me to anoint you .. 1 Sam 15:1
and His Spirit have s ..... Is 48:16
s these prophets ..... Jer 23:21
s this commandment ..... Mal 2:4
receives Him who s Me ... Matt 10:40
not Me but Him who s .... Mark 9:37
he s a servant to the ..... Mark 12:2
He has s Me to heal the .... Luke 4:18
Baptist has s us to You .... Luke 7:20
receives Him who s Me .... Luke 9:48
rejects Him who s Me .... Luke 10:16
a man s from God ..... John 1:6
the will of Him who s Me .. John 6:38
Father who s Me bears .... John 8:18
is he who is s greater ..... John 13:16
You s Me into the world .. John 17:18
As the Father has s ..... John 20:21
unless they are s ..... Rom 10:15
Spirit s from heaven ..... 1 Pet 1:12
s His Son to be the ..... 1 John 4:10
s His angel to show His ..... Rev 22:6

SEPARATE
he shall s himself ..... Num 6:3
s yourselves from the ..... Ezra 10:11
let not man s ..... Matt 19:6
Who shall s us from ..... Rom 8:35
harmless, undefiled, s ..... Heb 7:26

SEPARATED
but the poor is s ..... Prov 19:4
"The LORD has utterly s ..... Is 56:3
to be an apostle, s ..... Rom 1:1
it pleased God, who s ..... Gal 1:15

SEPARATES
who repeats a matter s ..... Prov 17:9

SEPARATION
the middle wall of s ..... Eph 2:14

SERAPHIM
Above it stood s ..... Is 6:2

SERGIUS PAULUS
Roman proconsul of Cyprus, converted by Paul, Acts 13:7–12

SERIOUS
therefore be s and ..... 1 Pet 4:7

SERPENT
s was more cunning ..... Gen 3:1
"The s deceived me ..... Gen 3:13
"Make a fiery s ..... Num 21:8
like the poison of a s ..... Ps 58:4
s you shall trample ..... Ps 91:13
their tongues like a s ..... Ps 140:3
air, the way of a s ..... Prov 30:19
s may bite when it is ..... Eccl 10:11
be a fiery flying s ..... Is 14:29
and wounded the s ..... Is 51:9
will he give him a s ..... Matt 7:10
Moses lifted up the s ..... John 3:14
was cast out, that s ..... Rev 12:9

SERPENTS
is the poison of s ..... Deut 32:33
be wise as s ..... Matt 10:16
to trample on s ..... Luke 10:19

SERVANT
a s of servants he ..... Gen 9:25
take a gift from your s .... 2 Kin 5:15
the s of the man of God .... 2 Kin 8:4
s who earnestly ..... Job 7:2
bountifully with Your s .... Ps 119:17
and the fool will be s ..... Prov 11:29
s will rule over a son ..... Prov 17:2
A s will not be ..... Prov 29:19
Who is blind but My s ..... Is 42:19
"Is Israel a s ..... Jer 2:14
and a s his master ..... Mal 1:6
nor a s above his master .. Matt 10:24
My S whom I have ..... Matt 12:18
you, let him be your s ..... Matt 20:26
good and faithful s ..... Matt 25:21
'You wicked and lazy s ... Matt 25:26
the unprofitable s ..... Matt 25:30
be last of all and s of all ... Mark 9:35
you shall be your s ..... Mark 10:43
a s to the vinedressers .... Mark 12:2
to my s, 'Do this,' ..... Luke 7:8
that s who knew his ..... Luke 12:47
I am, there My s will be .. John 12:26
s does not know what ..... John 15:15
'A s is not greater than ... John 15:20
struck the high priest's s .. John 18:10
against Your holy S ..... Acts 4:27
Christ has become a s ..... Rom 15:8

SERVANTS
puts no trust in His s ..... Job 4:18
for all your s ..... Ps 119:91
on the ground like s ..... Eccl 10:7
shall call you the s ..... Is 61:6
S rule over us ..... Lam 5:8
Again he sent other s ..... Matt 21:36
the king said to the s ..... Matt 22:13
s whom the master ..... Luke 12:37
are unprofitable s ..... Luke 17:10
longer do I call you s ..... John 15:15
My s would fight, so ..... John 18:36
so consider us, as s ..... 1 Cor 4:1

SERVE
people go, that they may s .... Ex 8:1
s you until the Year of ..... Lev 25:40
LORD your God and s ..... Deut 6:13
S the LORD ..... Josh 24:14
land, so you shall s aliens .... Jer 5:19
s Him with one accord ..... Zeph 3:9
You cannot s God and ..... Matt 6:24
to be served, but to s ..... Matt 20:28
to be served, but to s ..... Mark 10:45
the mind I myself s ..... Rom 7:25
but through love s ..... Gal 5:13
s the living God ..... Heb 9:14
s Him day and night in ..... Rev 7:15

SERVE THE LORD
men go, that they may s ..... Ex 10:7
go, s as you have said ..... Ex 12:31
So you shall s ..... Ex 23:25
to s your God with all ..... Deut 10:12
Because you did not s ..... Deut 28:47
and my house, we will s ... Josh 24:15
s with all your heart ..... 1 Sam 12:20
commanded Judah to s .. 2 Chr 33:16
S with fear, and rejoice ..... Ps 2:11
S with gladness ..... Ps 100:2
the kingdoms, to s ..... Ps 102:22
But they shall s their God .... Jer 30:9
s without distraction ..... 1 Cor 7:35
inheritance, for you s ..... Col 3:24

SERVED
did not come to be s ..... Matt 20:28
did not come to be s ..... Mark 10:45
s the creature rather than .. Rom 1:25

SERVES
If anyone s Me ..... John 12:26

SERVICE
do you mean by this s ..... Ex 12:26
that he offers God s ..... John 16:2
is your reasonable s ..... Rom 12:1
with goodwill doing s ..... Eph 6:7
your works, love, s ..... Rev 2:19

SERVING
years I have been s ..... Luke 15:29
s the Lord with all ..... Acts 20:19

fervent in spirit, *s* ..... Rom 12:11
you, *s* as overseers ..... 1 Pet 5:2

SET
"See, I have *s* ..... Deut 30:15
*s* the LORD always ..... Ps 16:8
I will *s* him on high ..... Ps 91:14
*s* aside the grace ..... Gal 2:21

SET APART
will *s* the land of Goshen ..... Ex 8:22
*s* to the Lord all that ..... Ex 13:12
she shall be *s* seven days .. Lev 15:19
Then Moses *s* three cities .. Deut 4:41
as a dog laps, you shall *s* .... Judg 7:5
It was *s* for you ..... 1 Sam 9:24
Aaron was *s*, he and his .. 1 Chr 23:13
the Lord has *s* for Himself ..... Ps 4:3
*s* a district for the Lord .... Ezek 45:1

SETH
Third son of Adam, Gen 4:25
In Christ's ancestry, Luke 3:38

SETTLE
Therefore *s* it in ..... Luke 21:14

SETTLED
and my speech *s* ..... Job 29:22
O LORD, Your word is *s* .... Ps 119:89
the mountains were *s* ..... Prov 8:25
*s* accounts with them ..... Matt 25:19

SEVEN
Then *s* priests bearing ..... Josh 6:13
he had *s* hundred wives ... 1 Kin 11:3
the child sneezed *s* times .. 2 Kin 4:35
Joash was *s* years old ..... 2 Chr 24:1
*S* times a day I praise ..... Ps 119:164
may fall *s* times and rise .. Prov 24:16
there are *s* abominations .. Prov 26:25
in that day *s* women shall ..... Is 4:1
Passover, a feast of *s* ..... Ezek 45:21
*s* times more than it was .... Dan 3:19
let *s* times pass over him ... Dan 4:16
there shall be *s* weeks and .. Dan 9:25
He took the *s* loaves ..... Matt 15:36
forgive him? Up to *s* ..... Matt 18:21
wife of the *s* will she be ... Matt 22:28
had come *s* demons ..... Luke 8:2
*s* other spirits more ..... Luke 11:26
*s* times in a day ..... Luke 17:4
out from among you *s* ..... Acts 6:3
*s* churches which are ..... Rev 1:4
I saw *s* golden lampstands .. Rev 1:12
The mystery of the *s* stars .. Rev 1:20
He who holds the *s* stars ..... Rev 2:1
has the *s* Spirits of God ..... Rev 3:1
*S* lamps of fire were ..... Rev 4:5
sealed with *s* seals ..... Rev 5:1
saw the *s* angels who stand .. Rev 8:2
*s* thunders uttered their ..... Rev 10:3
earthquake *s* thousand ..... Rev 11:13
red dragon having *s* heads .. Rev 12:3
of the sea, having *s* heads ... Rev 13:1
*s* angels having the *s* last ... Rev 15:1
who had the *s* bowls ..... Rev 17:1
*s* last plagues came to me ... Rev 21:9

SEVENFOLD
light of the sun will be *s* ..... Is 30:26

SEVENTH
the *s* day God ended His ..... Gen 2:2
ark rested in the *s* month .... Gen 8:4
on the *s* day there shall ..... Ex 12:16
gather it, but on the *s* day ... Ex 16:26
When He opened the *s* seal .. Rev 8:1
the sounding of the *s* angel .. Rev 10:7
Then the *s* angel sounded .. Rev 11:15
the *s* angel poured out ..... Rev 16:17
*s* chrysolite, the eighth ..... Rev 21:20

SEVENTY
*S* weeks are ..... Dan 9:24
up to *s* times seven ..... Matt 18:22
Then the *s* returned ..... Luke 10:17

SEVERE
My wound is *s* ..... Jer 10:19
not to be too *s* ..... 2 Cor 2:5

SEVERITY
the goodness and *s* ..... Rom 11:22

SEWS
*s* a piece of unshrunk ..... Mark 2:21

SEXUAL
*s* immorality causes her .... Matt 5:32
except for *s* immorality .... Matt 19:9
from *s* immorality, from ... Acts 15:20
*s* immorality, wickedness .. Rom 1:29
*s* immorality among you .... 1 Cor 5:1
the body is not for *s* ..... 1 Cor 6:13
Flee *s* immorality ..... 1 Cor 6:18
commit *s* immorality ..... 1 Cor 10:8
abstain from *s* ..... 1 Thess 4:3
to commit *s* immorality ..... Rev 2:14
repent of her *s* immorality .. Rev 2:21

SEXUALLY
company with *s* immoral ... 1 Cor 5:9
*s* immoral, sorcerers ..... Rev 21:8

SHADE
I sat down in his *s* ..... Song 2:3
be a tabernacle for *s* ..... Is 4:6
may nest under its *s* ..... Mark 4:32

SHADOW
May darkness and the *s* ..... Job 3:5
He flees like a *s* ..... Job 14:2
hide me under the *s* ..... Ps 17:8
walks about like a *s* ..... Ps 39:6
like a passing *s* ..... Ps 144:4
he passes like a *s* ..... Eccl 6:12
and to trust in the *s* ..... Is 30:2
In the *s* of His hand ..... Is 49:2
which are a *s* of ..... Col 2:17
the law, having a *s* ..... Heb 10:1
is no variation or *s* ..... James 1:17

SHADOW OF DEATH
of darkness and the *s* ..... Job 10:21
my eyelids is the *s* ..... Job 16:16
seen the doors of the *s* ..... Job 38:17
the valley of the *s* ..... Ps 23:4
out of darkness and the *s* .. Ps 107:14
*s*, upon them a light ..... Is 9:2
turns the *s* into morning .... Amos 5:8
*s* light has dawned ..... Matt 4:16
in darkness and the *s* ..... Luke 1:79

SHADOWS
my members are like *s* ..... Job 17:7
and the *s* flee away ..... Song 2:17

SHADRACH
Hananiah's Babylonian name, Dan 1:3, 7
Cast into the fiery furnace, Dan 3:1–28

SHAKE
Who is he who will *s* ..... Job 17:3
their loins *s* continually ..... Ps 69:23
*s* the earth ..... Is 2:19
*S* yourself from the ..... Is 52:2
you *s* your head in scorn ... Jer 48:27
*s* their heads at the ..... Lam 2:15
that the thresholds may *s* .. Amos 9:1
and the knees *s* ..... Nah 2:10
hiss and *s* his fist ..... Zeph 2:15
little while) I will *s* heaven ... Hag 2:6
I will *s* all nations ..... Hag 2:7
*s* off the dust from your ... Matt 10:14
*s* off the dust under your .. Mark 6:11
house, and could not *s* it ... Luke 6:48
*s* not only the earth ..... Heb 12:26

SHAKEN
reed is *s* in the water ..... 1 Kin 14:15
quaked and were *s* ..... Ps 18:7
he will never be *s* ..... Ps 112:6
A reed *s* by the wind ..... Matt 11:7
of the heavens will be *s* ... Matt 24:29
the heavens will be *s* ..... Mark 13:25
*s* together, and running .... Luke 6:38
together was *s* ..... Acts 4:31
of the prison were *s* ..... Acts 16:26
not to be soon *s* ..... 2 Thess 2:2
which cannot be *s* ..... Heb 12:28

SHAKES
*s* the earth out of its ..... Job 9:6
*s* the Wilderness ..... Ps 29:8
The earth *s* at the noise ..... Jer 49:21

SHALLUM
King of Israel, 2 Kin 15:10–15

SHALMANESER
Assyrian king, 2 Kin 17:3

SHAME
you turn my glory to *s* ..... Ps 4:2
let them be put to *s* ..... Ps 83:17
*s* who serve carved ..... Ps 97:7
hate Zion be put to *s* ..... Ps 129:5
*s* shall be the ..... Prov 3:35
is a son who causes *s* ..... Prov 10:5
hide My face from *s* ..... Is 50:6
*S* has covered our ..... Jer 51:51
their glory into *s* ..... Hos 4:7
never be put to *s* ..... Joel 2:26
Pass by in naked *s*, you ..... Mic 1:11
the unjust knows no *s* ..... Zeph 3:5
worthy to suffer *s* ..... Acts 5:41
will not be put to *s* ..... Rom 9:33
to put to *s* the wise ..... 1 Cor 1:27
I say this to your *s* ..... 1 Cor 6:5
glory is in their *s* ..... Phil 3:19
put Him to an open *s* ..... Heb 6:6
the cross, despising the *s* ... Heb 12:2

SHAMEFUL
committing what is *s* ..... Rom 1:27
for it is *s* for women ..... 1 Cor 14:35
For it is *s* even to ..... Eph 5:12

SHAMGAR
Judge of Israel; strikes down 600 Philistines, Judg 3:31

SHAMMAH
Son of Jesse, 1 Sam 16:9
Called Shimea, 1 Chr 2:13
——— One of David's mighty men, 2 Sam 23:11
Also called Shammoth the Harorite, 1 Chr 11:27

SHAPHAN
Scribe under Josiah, 2 Kin 22:3–14

SHARE
a stranger does not *s* ..... Prov 14:10
*s* in anything done under .... Eccl 9:6
*s* your bread with the ..... Is 58:7
is taught the word *s* ..... Gal 6:6
to give, willing to *s* ..... 1 Tim 6:18
to do good and to *s* ..... Heb 13:16
lest you *s* in her sins, and ... Rev 18:4

SHARING
for your liberal *s* ..... 2 Cor 9:13

SHARON
Coastal plain between Joppa and Mt. Carmel, 1 Chr 27:29
Famed for roses, Song 2:1
Inhabitants of, turn to the Lord, Acts 9:35

SHARP
destruction, like a *s* razor .... Ps 52:2
*S* as a two-edged sword ..... Prov 5:4
sledge with *s* teeth ..... Is 41:15
My mouth like a *s* sword ..... Is 49:2
son of man, take a *s* sword .. Ezek 5:1
went a *s* two-edged sword .. Rev 1:16
who has the *s* two-edged .... Rev 2:12
and in His hand a *s* sickle .. Rev 14:14

SHARPEN
*s* their tongue like a ..... Ps 64:3
and one does not *s* ..... Eccl 10:10

SHARPENS
My adversary *s* His ..... Job 16:9

SHARPNESS
I should use *s* ..... 2 Cor 13:10

SHATTERED
at ease, but He has *s* ..... Job 16:12

SHAVE
Then the Nazirite shall *s* ... Num 6:18
*s* off the seven locks ..... Judg 16:19
will *s* with a hired razor ..... Is 7:20
they may *s* their heads .... Acts 21:24

SHAVED
*s* off half of their beards .. 2 Sam 10:4
as if her head were *s* ..... 1 Cor 11:5

SHEALTIEL
Son of King Jeconiah and father of Zerubbabel, 1 Chr 3:17

SHEAR-JASHUB
Symbolic name given to Isaiah's son, Is 7:3

SHEATH
'Return it to its *s* ..... Ezek 21:30
your sword into the *s* ..... John 18:11

SHEAVES
bringing his *s* ..... Ps 126:6
nor he who binds *s* ..... Ps 129:7
gather them like *s* ..... Mic 4:12

SHEBA
Land of, occupied by Sabeans, famous traders, Job 1:15; Ps 72:10
Queen of, visits Solomon; marvels at his wisdom, 1 Kin 10:1–13
Mentioned by Christ, Matt 12:42

SHEBAH
Name given to a well and town (Beersheba), Gen 26:31–33

SHEBNA
Treasurer under Hezekiah, Is 22:15
Demoted to position of scribe, 2 Kin 19:2
Man of pride and luxury, replaced by Eliakim, Is 22:19–21

SHECHEM
Son of Hamor; rapes Dinah, Jacob's daughter, Gen 34:1–31
—— Ancient city of Ephraim, Gen 33:18
Joshua's farewell address delivered at, Josh 24:1–25
Supports Abimelech; destroyed, Judg 9
Rebuilt by Jeroboam I, 1 Kin 12:25

SHED
*s* blood without cause ... 1 Sam 25:31
*s* innocent blood ..... Ps 106:38
which is *s* for many ..... Matt 26:28
which is *s* for many ..... Mark 14:24
*s* from the foundation of .. Luke 11:50
blood, which is *s* for ..... Luke 22:20
martyr Stephen was *s* ..... Acts 22:20
feet are swift to *s* blood .... Rom 3:15
they have *s* the blood of .... Rev 16:6
of His servants *s* by her ..... Rev 19:2

SHEDDING
blood, and without *s* ..... Heb 9:22

SHEEP
spared the best of the *s* .. 1 Sam 15:15
as *s* that have no ..... 2 Chr 18:16
like *s* intended for food ..... Ps 44:11
as *s* for the slaughter ..... Ps 44:22
*s* of Your pasture ..... Ps 79:13
and the *s* of His hand ..... Ps 95:7
and the *s* of His pasture ..... Ps 100:3
astray like a lost *s* ..... Ps 119:176
All we like *s* have gone ..... Is 53:6
slaughter, and as a *s* ..... Is 53:7
Pull them out like *s* ..... Jer 12:3
scatter the *s* of My pasture ... Jer 23:1
have been lost *s* ..... Jer 50:6
My *s* wandered through .... Ezek 34:6
will search for My *s* ..... Ezek 34:11
shall judge between *s* ..... Ezek 34:17
lion among flocks of *s* ..... Mic 5:8
*s* will be scattered ..... Zech 13:7
like *s* having no shepherd .. Matt 9:36
rather to the lost *s* ..... Matt 10:6
I send you out as *s* ..... Matt 10:16
lost *s* of the house of ..... Matt 15:24
If a man has a hundred *s* .. Matt 18:12
his *s* from the goats ..... Matt 25:32
And He will set the *s* ..... Matt 25:33
*s* not having a shepherd ... Mark 6:34
*s* will be scattered ..... Mark 14:27
having a hundred *s* ..... Luke 15:4
plowing or tending *s* ..... Luke 17:7
the shepherd of the *s* ..... John 10:2
and he calls his own *s* ..... John 10:3
and I know My *s* ..... John 10:14
*s* I have which are not .... John 10:16
you are not of My *s* ..... John 10:26
said to him, "Tend My *s* .. John 21:16
said to him, "Feed My *s*. .. John 21:17
"He was led as a *s* ..... Acts 8:32
as *s* for the slaughter ..... Rom 8:36
great Shepherd of the *s* .... Heb 13:20
like *s* going astray ..... 1 Pet 2:25

SHEEPFOLDS
lie down among the *s* ..... Ps 68:13

SHEET
object like a great *s* ..... Acts 10:11

SHELTER
I will trust in the *s* ..... Ps 61:4
in You I take *s* ..... Ps 143:9
the LORD will be a *s* ..... Joel 3:16

SHELTERS
*s* him all the day long ..... Deut 33:12
be pastures, with *s* ..... Zeph 2:6

SHEM
Oldest son of Noah, Gen 5:32
Escapes the flood, Gen 7:13
Receives a blessing, Gen 9:23, 26
Ancestor of Semitic people, Gen 10:22–32

SHEMAIAH
Prophet of Judah, 1 Kin 12:22–24
Explains Shishak's invasion as divine punishment, 2 Chr 12:5–8
Records Rehoboam's reign, 2 Chr 12:15

SHEMER
Sells Omri the hill on which Samaria is built, 1 Kin 16:23, 24

SHEOL
down to the gates of *S* ..... Job 17:16
not leave my soul in *S* ..... Ps 16:10
*S* laid hold of me ..... Ps 116:3
*S* cannot thank ..... Is 38:18
the belly of *S* I cried ..... Jon 2:2

SHEPHERD
*s* is an abomination ..... Gen 46:34
*s* My people Israel ..... 2 Sam 5:2
The LORD is my *s* ..... Ps 23:1
*s* Jacob His people ..... Ps 78:71
His flock like a *s* ..... Is 40:11
of Cyrus, 'He is My *s* ..... Is 44:28
*s* who follows You ..... Jer 17:16
because there was no *s* .... Ezek 34:5
I will establish one *s* ..... Ezek 34:23
"As a *s* takes from ..... Amos 3:12
to the worthless *s* ..... Zech 11:17
'I will strike the *S* ..... Matt 26:31
"I am the good *s* ..... John 10:11
*s* the church of God ..... Acts 20:28
the dead, that great *S* ..... Heb 13:20
*S* the flock of God ..... 1 Pet 5:2
when the Chief *S* ..... 1 Pet 5:4
of the throne will *s* ..... Rev 7:17

SHEPHERDS
your sons shall be *s* ..... Num 14:33
And they are *s* who ..... Is 56:11
And I will give you *s* ..... Jer 3:15
*s* who destroy and ..... Jer 23:1
*s* who feed My people ..... Jer 23:2
*s* have led them astray ..... Jer 50:6
*s* fed themselves ..... Ezek 34:8
in the same country *s* ..... Luke 2:8

SHESHACH
Symbolic of Babylon, Jer 25:26

SHESHBAZZAR
Prince of Judah, Ezra 1:8, 11

SHETHAR-BOZNAI
Official of Persia, Ezra 5:3, 6

SHIELD
I am your *s* ..... Gen 15:1
the *s* of your help and .... Deut 33:29
*s* of Saul, not anointed .... 2 Sam 1:21
whom I will trust: my *s* ... 2 Sam 22:3
He is a *s* to all who ..... 2 Sam 22:31
gold went into each *s* ..... 2 Chr 9:15
are a *s* for me, my glory ..... Ps 3:3
surround him as with a *s* ..... Ps 5:12
my *s* and the horn of ..... Ps 18:2
He is a *s* to all who trust in .. Ps 18:30
me the *s* of Your salvation .. Ps 18:35
my strength and my *s* ..... Ps 28:7
He is our help and our *s* ..... Ps 33:20
God is a sun and *s* ..... Ps 84:11
truth shall be your *s* ..... Ps 91:4
He is their help and their *s* .. Ps 115:9
hiding place and my *s* .... Ps 119:114
all, taking the *s* ..... Eph 6:16

SHIHOR
Name given to the Nile, Is 23:3
Israel's southwestern border, Josh 13:3

SHILOH
Center of worship, Judg 18:31
Headquarters for division of Promised Land, Josh 18:1, 10
Benjamites seize women of, Judg 21:19–23
Ark of the covenant taken from, 1 Sam 4:3–11
Punishment given to, Jer 7:12–15
—— Messianic title, Gen 49:10

SHIMEI
Benjamite; insults David, 2 Sam 16:5–13
Pardoned, but confined, 2 Sam 19:16–23
Breaks agreement; executed by Solomon, 1 Kin 2:39–46

SHIMSHAI
Scribe opposing the Jews, Ezra 4:8–24

SHINAR
Tower built at, Gen 11:2–9

SHINE
LORD make His face *s* ..... Num 6:25
even the moon does not *s* ... Job 25:5
Make Your face *s* upon ..... Ps 31:16
cause His face to *s* ..... Ps 67:1
the cherubim, *s* ..... Ps 80:1
Make Your face *s* ..... Ps 119:135
will not cause its light to *s* ... Is 13:10
Arise, *s*; for your light ..... Is 60:1
who are wise shall *s* ..... Dan 12:3
your light so *s* before men .. Matt 5:16
the righteous will *s* ..... Matt 13:43
among whom you *s* ..... Phil 2:15
a third of the day did not *s* .. Rev 8:12
sun or of the moon to *s* .... Rev 21:23

SHINED
them a light has *s* ..... Is 9:2

SHINES
But the night *s* as the day ..Ps 139:12
that *s* ever brighter unto ...Prov 4:18
And the light *s* .....John 1:5
light that *s* in a dark .....2 Pet 1:19

SHINING
the earth, by clear *s* .....2 Sam 23:4
the just is like the *s* sun ....Prov 4:18
His clothes became *s* .....Mark 9:3
by them in *s* garments .....Luke 24:4
light is already *s* .....1 John 2:8
was like the sun *s* .....Rev 1:16

SHIP
the way of a *s* in the .....Prov 30:19
found a *s* going to Tarshish ..Jon 1:3
finding a *s* sailing over to ..Acts 21:2
some on parts of the *s* ....Acts 27:44

SHIPHRAH
Hebrew midwife, Ex 1:15

SHIPS
pass by like swift *s* .....Job 9:26
down to the sea in *s* .....Ps 107:23
like the merchant *s* .....Prov 31:14
Look also at *s* .....James 3:4

SHIPWRECK
faith have suffered *s* .....1 Tim 1:19

SHONE
the skin of Moses' face *s* ....Ex 34:35
His face *s* like the sun .....Matt 17:2
of the Lord *s* around them ..Luke 2:9
a light *s* around him .....Acts 9:3
and a light *s* in the prison ..Acts 12:7

SHOOK
so loudly that the earth *s* ..1 Sam 4:5
the earth *s* and trembled ..2 Sam 22:8
earth *s*; the heavens also .....Ps 68:8
The earth trembled and *s* ....Ps 77:18
guards *s* for fear of him ....Matt 28:4
they *s* off the dust from ...Acts 13:51

SHOOT
they *s* out the lip .....Ps 22:7
But God shall *s* .....Ps 64:7

SHORT
of the wicked is *s* .....Job 20:5
Remember how *s* my time ...Ps 89:47
for he was of *s* stature .....Luke 19:3
have sinned and fall *s* .....Rom 3:23
the work and cut it *s* .....Rom 9:28
fall *s* of the grace of God ..Heb 12:15
knows that he has a *s* .....Rev 12:12

SHORTENED
his youth You have *s* .....Ps 89:45
the wicked will be *s* .....Prov 10:27
those days were *s* .....Matt 24:22
Lord had *s* those days ....Mark 13:20

SHORTLY
which must *s* take place .....Rev 1:1
which must *s* take place ....Rev 22:6

SHOT
shall be stoned or *s* .....Heb 12:20

SHOULDER
will be upon His *s* .....Is 9:6

SHOUT
shall *s* with a great *s* .....Josh 6:5
*s* for joy, all you upright in ..Ps 32:11
skillfully with a *s* of joy .....Ps 33:3
*s* for joy and be glad .....Ps 35:27
*S* to God with the voice of ....Ps 47:1
Make a joyful *s* to God, all ...Ps 66:1
Make a joyful *s* to the God ...Ps 81:1
*s* joyfully to the Rock .....Ps 95:1
*S* joyfully to the LORD .....Ps 98:4
Make a joyful *s* .....Ps 100:1
from heaven with a *s* ....1 Thess 4:16

SHOUTED
So the people *s* when the ...Josh 6:20
they *s*, saying, "Crucify ...Luke 23:21

SHOW
a land that I will *s* .....Gen 12:1
will *s* Yourself merciful ..2 Sam 22:26
will *s* Yourself merciful .....Ps 18:25
*S* me Your ways .....Ps 25:4
I will *s* the salvation of .....Ps 50:23
mouth shall *s* forth Your ....Ps 51:15
*S* us Your mercy, LORD .....Ps 85:7
and *s* us what will happen ...Is 41:22
*s* yourselves men .....Is 46:8
*s* mercy and compassion ....Zech 7:9
*s* them a sign from .....Matt 16:1
*S* Me the tax money .....Matt 22:19
*s* great signs and .....Matt 24:24
*s* signs and wonders to ...Mark 13:22
*s* Him greater works .....John 5:20
*s* Yourself to the world .....John 7:4
*s* us the Father .....John 14:8
you say, 'S us the Father ...John 14:9
I *s* you a more excellent ..1 Cor 12:31
*S* me your faith without ..James 2:18
I will *s* you things which .....Rev 4:1

SHOWBREAD
you shall set the *s* .....Ex 25:30
*s* which had been taken ...1 Sam 21:6
*s* which was not lawful .....Matt 12:4

SHOWED
*s* him mercy, and He .....Gen 39:21
and the LORD *s* him a tree ...Ex 15:25
*s* Him all the kingdoms .....Matt 4:8
*s* Him all the kingdoms .....Luke 4:5
But even Moses *s* in the ..Luke 20:37
*s* them His hands and ....Luke 24:40
*s* them His hands and .....John 20:20
Jesus *s* Himself again to ...John 21:1
third day, and *s* Him .....Acts 10:40
*s* me the great city, the ....Rev 21:10

SHOWERS
make it soft with *s* .....Ps 65:10
*s* have been withheld .....Jer 3:3
can the heavens give *s* .....Jer 14:22
from the LORD, like *s* .....Mic 5:7

SHOWN
You have *s* Your servant ..Gen 32:10
have *s* more kindness .....Ruth 3:10
grace be *s* to the wicked .....Is 26:10
*s* you from My Father ....John 10:32

SHOWS
firmament *s* His handiwork ...Ps 19:1
that God *s* no partiality ...Acts 10:34
God *s* personal favoritism ....Gal 2:6

SHREWDLY
because he had dealt *s* .....Luke 16:8

SHRINES
who made silver *s* .....Acts 19:24

SHRIVELED
You have *s* me up .....Job 16:8

SHUFFLES
with his eyes, he *s* .....Prov 6:13

SHULAMITE
Beloved of the bridegroom king, Song 6:13

SHUNAMMITE
Abishag, David's nurse, 1 Kin 1:3, 15
—— Woman who cared for Elisha, 2 Kin 4:8–12

SHUNEM
Town of Issachar, Josh 19:18

SHUNNED
feared God and *s* evil .....Job 1:1

SHUR
Wilderness in south Palestine, Gen 16:7
Israel went from Red Sea to, Ex 15:22
Hagar fled here, Gen 16:7

SHUSHAN
Residence of Persian monarchs, Esth 1:2

SHUT
*s* the door behind him .....Gen 19:6
Let her be *s* out of the ....Num 12:14
"Or who *s* in the sea .....Job 38:8
Has He in anger *s* .....Ps 77:9
For you *s* up the .....Matt 23:13
came, the doors being *s* ...John 20:26
door, and no one can *s* it .....Rev 3:8
have power to *s* heaven .....Rev 11:6

SHUTS
*s* his ears to the cry .....Prov 21:13
*s* his eyes from seeing .....Is 33:15
brother in need, and *s* ....1 John 3:17
who opens and no one *s* .....Rev 3:7

SICK
have made him *s* .....Hos 7:5
I was *s* and you .....Matt 25:36
he whom You love is *s* .....John 11:3
many are weak and *s* ....1 Cor 11:30
have left in Miletus *s* .....2 Tim 4:20
faith will save the *s* .....James 5:15

SICKLE
Put in the *s* .....Joel 3:13
"Thrust in Your *s* .....Rev 14:15

SICKNESS
will sustain him in *s* .....Prov 18:14
"This *s* is not unto .....John 11:4

SICKNESSES
And bore our *s* .....Matt 8:17

SIDE
two rings shall be on one *s* ..Ex 25:12
And a cubit on one *s* .....Ex 26:13
For the south *s* there shall ....Ex 27:9
this *s* of the Jordan in the ...Deut 1:1
on this *s* of the Jordan .....Josh 1:14
me down on every *s* .....Job 19:10
wicked prowl on every *s* .....Ps 12:8
Fear is on every *s* .....Ps 31:13
hills rejoice on every *s* .....Ps 65:12
comfort me on every *s* .....Ps 71:21
The LORD is on my *s* .....Ps 118:6
Lie also on your left *s* .....Ezek 4:4
gate chambers on one *s* ...Ezek 40:10
robe sitting on the right *s* ..Mark 16:5
pierced His *s* with a .....John 19:34
His hands and His *s* .....John 20:20
put my hand into His *s* ...John 20:25
the net on the right *s* .....John 21:6

SIDON
*See* TYRE AND SIDON
Canaanite city; inhabitants not expelled, Judg 1:31
Hostile relations with Israel, Judg 10:12; Is 23:12; Joel 3:4–6
Jesus preaches to, Matt 15:21; Luke 6:17

SIFT
*s* the nations with the .....Is 30:28
*s* the house of Israel .....Amos 9:9
for you, that he may *s* ....Luke 22:31

SIFTS
A wise king *s* out the .....Prov 20:26

SIGH
our years like a *s* .....Ps 90:9
the merry-hearted *s* .....Is 24:7
of the men who *s* .....Ezek 9:4

SIGHING
For my *s* comes before .....Job 3:24
*s* is not hidden .....Ps 38:9

SIGHT
and see this great *s* .....Ex 3:3
evil in the *s* of the LORD ....Judg 2:11
as stupid in your *s* .....Job 18:3
of human waste in their *s* ..Ezek 4:12
seemed good in Your *s* ....Matt 11:26
he received his *s* .....Mark 10:52
abomination in the *s* of ...Luke 16:15

washed, and I received *s* . . . John 9:11
he marveled at the *s* . . . . . Acts 7:31
three days without *s* . . . . . Acts 9:9
are just in the *s* of God . . . . . Rom 2:13
will be justified in His *s* . . . . Rom 3:20
by faith, not by *s* . . . . . 2 Cor 5:7
precious in the *s* of God . . . . . 1 Pet 3:4

SIGN
Show me a *s* for good . . . . . Ps 86:17
will give you a *s* . . . . . Is 7:14
for an everlasting *s* . . . . . Is 55:13
we want to see a *s* . . . . . Matt 12:38
seeks after a *s* . . . . . Matt 12:39
And what will be the *s* . . . . . Matt 24:3
*s* which will be spoken . . . . Luke 2:34
again is the second *s* . . . . . John 4:54
For Jews request a *s* . . . . . 1 Cor 1:22
Now a great *s* appeared . . . . . Rev 12:1

SIGNS
and let them be for *s* . . . . . Gen 1:14
you not know their *s* . . . . . Job 21:29
They performed His *s* . . . . . Ps 105:27
We are for *s* and . . . . . Is 8:18
How great are His *s* . . . . . Dan 4:3
cannot discern the *s* . . . . . Matt 16:3
the accompanying *s* . . . . . Mark 16:20
*s* Jesus did in Cana of . . . . . John 2:11
no one can do these *s* . . . . . John 3:2
because you saw the *s* . . . . . John 6:26
is a sinner do such *s* . . . . . John 9:16
this Man works many *s* . . . John 11:47
Jesus did many other *s* . . . John 20:30
demons, performing *s* . . . . . Rev 16:14

SIGNS AND WONDERS
Lord showed *s* . . . . . Deut 6:22
great terror and with *s* . . . . . Deut 26:8
*s* against Pharaoh . . . . . Neh 9:10
He sent *s* . . . . . Ps 135:9
We are for *s* in Israel . . . . . Is 8:18
good to declare the *s* . . . . . Dan 4:2
He works *s* in heaven . . . . . Dan 6:27
rise and show great *s* . . . . . Matt 24:24
"Unless you people see *s* . . John 4:48
*s* may be done through . . . . . Acts 4:30
of the apostles many *s* . . . . . Acts 5:12
His grace, granting *s* . . . . . Acts 14:3
mighty *s*, by the power . . . . Rom 15:19
in *s* and mighty deeds . . . . 2 Cor 12:12
bearing witness both with *s* . . Heb 2:4

SIHON
Amorite king; defeated by Israel, Num 21:21–32
Territory of, assigned to Reuben and Gad, Num 32:1–38

SILAS (or Silvanus)
Leader in Jerusalem church; sent to Antioch, Acts 15:22–35
Travels with Paul, Acts 15:40, 41
Jailed and released, Acts 16:25–40
Mentioned in epistles, 2 Cor 1:19; 1 Thess 1:1; 2 Thess 1:1; 1 Pet 5:12

SILENCE
that You may *s* . . . . . Ps 8:2
I was mute with *s* . . . . . Ps 39:2
soon have settled in *s* . . . . . Ps 94:17
"Sit in *s* . . . . . Is 47:5
I will not keep *s*, but will . . . . . Is 65:6
in *s* with all submission . . . 1 Tim 2:11
*s* the ignorance of foolish . . 1 Pet 2:15
seal, there was *s* . . . . . Rev 8:1

SILENT
the wicked shall be *s* . . . . . 1 Sam 2:9
Oh, that you would be *s* . . . . . Job 13:5
season, and am not *s* . . . . . Ps 22:2
Do not be *s* to me . . . . . Ps 28:1
praise to You and not be *s* . . Ps 30:12
Let them be *s* in the . . . . . Ps 31:17
come, and shall not keep *s* . . . Ps 50:3
before its shearers is *s* . . . . . Is 53:7
Be *s* in the presence . . . . . Zeph 1:7
But Jesus kept *s* . . . . . Matt 26:63
His answer and kept *s* . . . . Luke 20:26
before its shearer is *s* . . . . . Acts 8:32
Let your women keep *s* . . 1 Cor 14:34

SILK
and covered you with *s* . . . Ezek 16:10

SILLY
They are *s* children . . . . . Jer 4:22

SILOAM
Tower of, falls and kills 18 people, Luke 13:4
Blind man washes in pool of, John 9:1–11

SILVER
and your precious *s* . . . . . Job 22:25
Though he heaps up *s* . . . . . Job 27:16
*s* tried in a furnace . . . . . Ps 12:6
have refined us as *s* . . . . . Ps 66:10
than the profits of *s* . . . . . Prov 3:14
chosen rather than *s* . . . . . Prov 16:16
refining pot is for *s* . . . . . Prov 17:3
He who loves *s* will . . . . . Eccl 5:10
*s* has become dross . . . . . Is 1:22
call them rejected *s* . . . . . Jer 6:30
may buy the poor for *s* . . . . . Amos 8:6
him thirty pieces of *s* . . . . . Matt 26:15

SIMEON
Son of Jacob by Leah, Gen 29:32, 33
Avenges his sister's dishonor, Gen 34:25–31
Held hostage by Joseph, Gen 42:18–20, 24
Rebuked by Jacob, Gen 49:5–7
—— Tribe of:
Numbered, Num 1:23; 26:12–14
Receive inheritance, Josh 19:1–9
Fight Canaanites with Judah, Judg 1:1–3, 17–20
—— Just man; blesses infant Jesus, Luke 2:25–35

SIMILITUDE
been made in the *s* . . . . . James 3:9

SIMON
Simon Peter: *see* PETER
—— One of the Twelve; called "the Cananite," Matt 10:4
—— One of Jesus' half brothers, Matt 13:55
—— Pharisee, Luke 7:36–40
—— Man of Cyrene, bears Jesus' cross, Matt 27:32
—— Sorcerer, Acts 8:9–24
—— Tanner in Joppa, Acts 9:43

SIMPLE
making wise the *s* . . . . . Ps 19:7
LORD preserves the *s* . . . . . Ps 116:6
understanding to the *s* . . . . Ps 119:130
*s* believes every word . . . . . Prov 14:15
the hearts of the *s* . . . . . Rom 16:18

SIMPLICITY
ones, will you love *s* . . . . . Prov 1:22
in the world in *s* . . . . . 2 Cor 1:12
corrupted from the *s* . . . . . 2 Cor 11:3

SIN
not well, *s* lies at the door . . . . Gen 4:7
because their *s* is very . . . . . Gen 18:20
brothers and their *s* . . . . . Gen 50:17
It is a *s* offering . . . . . Ex 29:14
committed a great *s* . . . . . Ex 32:30
offer to the LORD for his *s* . . . . Lev 4:3
the *s* which they have . . . . . Lev 4:14
a lamb as his *s* offering . . . . . Lev 4:32
of the goats as a *s* offering . . . Lev 5:6
is the law of the *s* offering . . Lev 6:25
They shall bear their *s* . . . . . Lev 20:20
his God shall bear his *s* . . . . Lev 24:15
any *s* that men commit in . . . Num 5:6
If you *s* unintentionally . . . Num 15:22
flesh, shall one man *s* . . . . . Num 16:22
he died in his own *s* . . . . . Num 27:3
goats as a *s* offering . . . . . Num 29:5
and be sure your *s* . . . . . Num 32:23
because of all your *s* . . . . . Deut 9:18
it become *s* among you . . . . Deut 15:9
or any *s* that he commits . . Deut 19:15
you *s* against the LORD . . . . Deut 20:18
a *s* deserving of death . . . . Deut 21:22
no *s* deserving of death . . . Deut 22:26
to death for his own *s* . . . . . Deut 24:16
forgive the *s* of Your . . . . . 1 Kin 8:34
When they *s* against You . . 1 Kin 8:46
this thing became a *s* . . . . 1 Kin 12:30
in his *s* by which . . . . . 1 Kin 15:26
and made Israel *s* . . . . . 1 Kin 21:22
to death for his own *s* . . . . . 2 Kin 14:6
made Judah *s* with his . . . 2 Kin 21:11
forgive the *s* of Your . . . . . 2 Chr 6:25
and will forgive their *s* . . . . 2 Chr 7:14
shall die for his own *s* . . . . 2 Chr 25:4
do not let their *s* be blotted . . Neh 4:5
In all this Job did not *s* nor . . Job 1:22
all this Job did not *s* . . . . . Job 2:10
and search out my *s* . . . . . Job 10:6
he adds rebellion to his *s* . . . Job 34:37
Be angry, and do not *s* . . . . . Ps 4:4
whose *s* is covered . . . . . Ps 32:1
I acknowledged my *s* . . . . . Ps 32:5
my bones because of my *s* . . . . Ps 38:3
my ways, lest I *s* . . . . . Ps 39:1
And cleanse me from my *s* . . . Ps 51:2
*s* is always before me . . . . . Ps 51:3
in *s* my mother . . . . . Ps 51:5
the *s* of their mouth . . . . . Ps 59:12
I might not *s* against You . . Ps 119:11
of the wicked to *s* . . . . . Prov 10:16
Fools mock at *s* . . . . . Prov 14:9
*s* is a reproach . . . . . Prov 14:34
I am pure from my *s* . . . . . Prov 20:9
mouth cause your flesh to *s* . . Eccl 5:6
good and does not *s* . . . . . Eccl 7:20
away, and your *s* purged . . . . . Is 6:7
soul an offering for *s* . . . . . Is 53:10
And He bore the *s* . . . . . Is 53:12
what is our *s* that we have . . Jer 16:10
your high places of *s* . . . . . Jer 17:3
*s* I will remember no . . . . . Jer 31:34
he shall die in his *s* . . . . . Ezek 3:20
and confessing my *s* . . . . . Dan 9:20
They eat up the *s* . . . . . Hos 4:8
Now they *s* more and . . . . . Hos 13:2
right eye causes you to *s* . . . Matt 5:29
I say to you, every *s* and . . Matt 12:31
who believe in Me to *s* . . . . . Matt 18:6
hand causes you to *s* . . . . . Mark 9:43
who takes away the *s* . . . . . John 1:29
*S* no more . . . . . John 5:14
"He who is without *s* . . . . . John 8:7
go and *s* no more . . . . . John 8:11
Me, and will die in your *s* . . John 8:21
commits *s* is a slave of *s* . . . John 8:34
of you convicts Me of *s* . . . . John 8:46
you would have no *s* . . . . . John 9:41
convict the world of *s* . . . . . John 16:8
they are all under *s* . . . . . Rom 3:9
law is the knowledge of *s* . . Rom 3:20
LORD shall not impute *s* . . . . . Rom 4:8
*s* entered the world . . . . . Rom 5:12
*s* is not imputed . . . . . Rom 5:13
where *s* abounded, grace . . . Rom 5:20
*s* that grace may . . . . . Rom 6:1
that the body of *s* might be . . Rom 6:6
died to *s* once for all . . . . . Rom 6:10
*s* shall not have . . . . . Rom 6:14
Shall we *s* because we . . . . . Rom 6:15
you were slaves of *s* . . . . . Rom 6:17
been set free from *s* . . . . . Rom 6:22
the wages of *s* is death . . . . . Rom 6:23
Is the law *s*? . . . . . Rom 7:7
*s* revived and I died . . . . . Rom 7:9

*s* that dwells in me ..... Rom 7:17
me free from the law of *s* ... Rom 8:2
body is dead because of *s* .. Rom 8:10
Every *s* that a man does ... 1 Cor 6:18
you *s* against Christ ..... 1 Cor 8:12
The sting of death is *s* .... 1 Cor 15:56
Him who knew no *s* ..... 2 Cor 5:21
man of *s* is revealed ..... 2 Thess 2:3
we are, yet without *s* ..... Heb 4:15
appeared to put away *s* ..... Heb 9:26
longer an offering for *s* .... Heb 10:18
*s* willfully after we ..... Heb 10:26
it gives birth to *s* ..... James 1:15
partiality, you commit *s* .... James 2:9
do it, to him it is *s* ..... James 4:17
"Who committed no *s* ..... 1 Pet 2:22
the flesh has ceased from *s* .. 1 Pet 4:1
that cannot cease from *s* ... 2 Pet 2:14
cleanses us from all *s* ..... 1 John 1:7
say that we have no *s* ..... 1 John 1:8
that you may not *s* ..... 1 John 2:1
*s* is lawlessness ..... 1 John 3:4
in Him there is no *s* ..... 1 John 3:5
and he cannot *s* ..... 1 John 3:9
*s* which does not lead .... 1 John 5:16
there is *s* not leading to .. 1 John 5:17

SINAI
Mountain (same as Horeb) where the law was given, Ex 19:1–25
Used allegorically by Paul, Gal 4:24, 25

SINCERE
Holy Spirit, by *s* love ..... 2 Cor 6:6
that you may be *s* ..... Phil 1:10
and from *s* faith ..... 1 Tim 1:5
*s* love of the brethren ..... 1 Pet 1:22

SINCERITY
LORD, serve Him in *s* ..... Josh 24:14
unleavened bread of *s* ..... 1 Cor 5:8
simplicity and godly *s* ..... 2 Cor 1:12
as of *s*, but as from God, ... 2 Cor 2:17
testing the *s* of your love ... 2 Cor 8:8
in *s* of heart, as to Christ .... Eph 6:5
our Lord Jesus Christ in *s* .. Eph 6:24
men-pleasers, but in *s* ..... Col 3:22

SINFUL
place, a brood of *s* men ... Num 32:14
Alas, *s* nation ..... Is 1:4
and *s* generation ..... Mark 8:38
from me, for I am a *s* ..... Luke 5:8
the hands of *s* men ..... Luke 24:7
become exceedingly *s* ..... Rom 7:13
likeness of *s* flesh ..... Rom 8:3

SING
"*S* to the LORD ..... Ex 15:21
Awake, awake, *s* a song ... Judg 5:12
*s* praises to Your name .. 2 Sam 22:50
*S* to the LORD, all the..... 1 Chr 16:23
when they began to *s* .... 2 Chr 20:22
the widow's heart to *s* ..... Job 29:13
*S* praises to the LORD, who ... Ps 9:11
I will *s* to the LORD..... Ps 13:6
*S* to Him a new song ..... Ps 33:3
my tongue shall *s* aloud of .. Ps 51:14
shout for joy, they also *s* .... Ps 65:13
*S* out the honor ..... Ps 66:2
nations be glad and *s* for ..... Ps 67:4
You I will *s* with the harp ... Ps 71:22
I will *s* of the mercies of ..... Ps 89:1
*s* to the LORD a new song..... Ps 98:1
I will *s* of mercy and ..... Ps 101:1
I will *s* to the LORD as ..... Ps 104:33
*S* praises to His name ..... Ps 135:3
"*S* us one of the songs ..... Ps 137:3
they shall *s* of the ways of ... Ps 138:5
*S* to the LORD a new song ... Ps 149:1
*S* to the LORD, for He has ..... Is 12:5
up their voice, they shall *s* ... Is 24:14
*S* to the LORD a new song .... Is 42:10
My servants shall *s* ..... Is 65:14
she shall *s* there, as in the .. Hos 2:15
*S* and rejoice, O daughter .. Zech 2:10
I will *s* with the ..... 1 Cor 14:15
assembly I will *s* ..... Heb 2:12
Let him *s* psalms ..... James 5:13
They *s* the song of Moses ... Rev 15:3

SINGERS
instruments for *s* ..... 1 Kin 10:12
who bore the ark, the *s* .. 1 Chr 15:27
instruments for *s* ..... 2 Chr 9:11
*s* with musical ..... 2 Chr 23:13
*s* sang, and the ..... 2 Chr 29:28
The *s* sang loudly with .... Neh 12:42
The *s* went before ..... Ps 68:25
male and female *s* ..... Eccl 2:8

SINGING
rejoicing and with *s* ..... 2 Chr 23:18
*s* to the LORD ..... 2 Chr 30:21
with thanksgivings and *s* .. Neh 12:27
His presence with *s* ..... Ps 100:2
and our tongue with *s* ..... Ps 126:2
the time of *s* has come ..... Song 2:12
break forth into *s* ..... Is 14:7
even with joy and *s* ..... Is 35:2
come to Zion with *s* ..... Is 35:10
With a voice of *s*, declare .... Is 48:20
and come to Zion with *s* ..... Is 51:11
and *s* hymns to God ..... Acts 16:25
and spiritual songs, *s* ..... Eph 5:19
*s* with grace in your hearts .. Col 3:16

SINGLENESS
them *s* of heart to obey .. 2 Chr 30:12

SINISTER
who understands *s* ..... Dan 8:23

SINK
I *s* in deep mire ..... Ps 69:2
to *s* he cried out ..... Matt 14:30

SINNED
had ceased, he *s* yet more .... Ex 9:34
has *s* a young bull without .... Lev 4:3
promised, for we have *s* .. Num 14:40
*s* against their own souls .. Num 16:38
to the LORD, "We have *s* .. Judg 10:15
Saul said, "I have *s* ..... 1 Sam 26:21
may be that my sons have *s* .. Job 1:5
Have I *s*? What have I ..... Job 7:20
those who have *s* ..... Job 24:19
for I have *s* against You ..... Ps 41:4
You only, have I *s* ..... Ps 51:4
you say, 'I have not *s* ..... Jer 2:35
Jerusalem has *s* ..... Lam 1:8
Our fathers *s* and are ..... Lam 5:7
we have *s* and committed .... Dan 9:5
the more they *s* against Me .. Hos 4:7
you have *s* from the days ... Hos 10:9
"I have *s* by betraying ..... Matt 27:4
"Father, I have *s* ..... Luke 15:18
"Rabbi, who *s* ..... John 9:2
For as many as have *s* ..... Rom 2:12
for all have *s* and ..... Rom 3:23
marries, she has not *s* ..... 1 Cor 7:28
not spare the angels who *s* .. 2 Pet 2:4
say that we have not *s* .... 1 John 1:10
for the devil has *s* ..... 1 John 3:8

SINNED AGAINST THE LORD
"I have *s* your God ..... Ex 10:16
*s* your God—had made ..... Deut 9:16
"Indeed I have *s* ..... Josh 7:20
said there, "We have *s* ..... 1 Sam 7:6
to Nathan, "I have *s* ..... 2 Sam 12:13
For we have *s* ..... Jer 3:25
because we have *s* ..... Jer 8:14
because you have *s* ..... Jer 44:23
because they have *s* ..... Zeph 1:17

SINNED AGAINST YOU
saying, "We have *s* ..... Judg 10:10
I have not *s*, but you ..... Judg 11:27
I have not *s* ..... 1 Sam 24:11
because they have *s* ..... 1 Kin 8:33
Your people who have *s* .. 2 Chr 6:39
Israel which we have *s* ..... Neh 1:6
heal my soul, for I have *s* ..... Ps 41:4
many, we have *s* ..... Jer 14:7
fathers, because we have *s* ... Dan 9:8

SINNER
the ungodly and the *s* ..... Prov 11:31
overthrows the *s* ..... Prov 13:6
of the *s* is stored up for ... Prov 13:22
*s* He gives the work ..... Eccl 2:26
*s* shall be trapped by her ... Eccl 7:26
*s* does evil a hundred ..... Eccl 8:12
As is the good, so is the *s* .... Eccl 9:2
*s* destroys much good ..... Eccl 9:18
the city who was a *s* ..... Luke 7:37
*s* who repents than ..... Luke 15:7
be merciful to me a *s* ..... Luke 18:13
can a man who is a *s* ..... John 9:16
know that this Man is a *s* .. John 9:24
the ungodly and the *s* ..... 1 Pet 4:18

SINNERS
*See* TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS
utterly destroy the *s* ..... 1 Sam 15:18
in the path of *s* ..... Ps 1:1
nor *s* in the congregation ..... Ps 1:5
therefore He teaches *s* ..... Ps 25:8
soul with *s* ..... Ps 26:9
*s* be consumed from the .... Ps 104:35
son, if *s* entice you ..... Prov 1:10
Evil pursues *s*, but to the .. Prov 13:21
not let your heart envy *s* .. Prov 23:17
The *s* in Zion are ..... Is 33:14
All the *s* of My people .... Amos 9:10
*s* came and sat down with .. Matt 9:10
the righteous, but *s* ..... Matt 9:13
tax collectors and *s* ..... Matt 11:19
into the hands of *s* ..... Matt 26:45
and *s* also sat together .... Mark 2:15
into the hands of *s* ..... Mark 14:41
call the righteous, but *s* .... Luke 5:32
*s* love those who love ..... Luke 6:32
of tax collectors and *s* ..... Luke 7:34
Galileans were worse *s* .... Luke 13:2
man receives *s* and eats ... Luke 15:2
God does not hear *s* ..... John 9:31
while we were still *s* ..... Rom 5:8
many were made *s* ..... Rom 5:19
the ungodly and for *s* ..... 1 Tim 1:9
the world to save *s* ..... 1 Tim 1:15
separate from *s* ..... Heb 7:26
such hostility from *s* ..... Heb 12:3
things which ungodly *s* ..... Jude 15

SINS
'If a person *s* ..... Lev 4:2
*s* unintentionally in regard .. Lev 5:15
of the *s* of Jeroboam ..... 1 Kin 14:16
my iniquities and *s* ..... Job 13:23
from presumptuous *s* ..... Ps 19:13
the *s* of my youth ..... Ps 25:7
pain, and forgive all my *s* ... Ps 25:18
Hide Your face from my *s* .... Ps 51:9
*s* are not hidden from You .... Ps 69:5
atonement for our *s* ..... Ps 79:9
You, our secret *s* ..... Ps 90:8
but he who *s* against ..... Prov 8:36
but love covers all *s* ..... Prov 10:12
despises his neighbor *s* ... Prov 14:21
*s* against his own life ..... Prov 20:2
*s* have hidden His face ..... Is 59:2
your *s* have withheld good ... Jer 5:25
He will uncover your *s* ..... Lam 4:22
the soul who *s* shall ..... Ezek 18:4
to make an end of *s* ..... Dan 9:24
His people from their *s* ..... Matt 1:21
Jordan, confessing their *s* ... Matt 3:6
power on earth to forgive *s* .. Matt 9:6
if your brother *s* ..... Matt 18:15
for the remission of *s* ..... Matt 26:28
for the remission of *s* ..... Mark 1:4
forgive *s* but God alone ..... Mark 2:7
for the remission of *s* ..... Luke 3:3

on earth to forgive *s* . . . . . Luke 5:24
brother *s* against you . . . . . Luke 17:3
that you will die in your *s* . . John 8:24
I take away their *s* . . . . . Rom 11:27
*s* according to the . . . . . 1 Cor 15:3
are still in your *s* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:17
who gave Himself for our *s* . . . Gal 1:4
the forgiveness of *s* . . . . . Eph 1:7
blood, the forgiveness of *s* . . . Col 1:14
*s* are clearly evident . . . . . 1 Tim 5:24
by Himself purged our *s* . . . . . Heb 1:3
once to bear the *s* . . . . . Heb 9:28
one sacrifice for *s* forever . . Heb 10:12
cover a multitude of *s* . . . . James 5:20
that we, having died to *s* . . . 1 Pet 2:24
If we confess our *s* . . . . . 1 John 1:9
propitiation for our *s* . . . . . 1 John 2:2
*s* are forgiven you . . . . . 1 John 2:12
Whoever *s* has neither . . . . 1 John 3:6
He who *s* is of the devil . . . 1 John 3:8
propitiation for our *s* . . . . . 1 John 4:10
you share in her *s* . . . . . Rev 18:4

## SION

*See* ZION

Name given to all or part of Mt. Hermon, Deut 4:48

## SISERA

Canaanite commander of Jabin's army; slain by Jael, Judg 4:2–22

## SISTER

Please say you are my *s* . . . Gen 12:13
And he said, "She is my *s* . . Gen 26:7
of David had a lovely *s* . . . 2 Sam 13:1
are my mother and my *s* . . . Job 17:14
fair is your love, my *s* . . . . . Song 4:10
We have a little *s* . . . . . Song 8:8
treacherous *s* Judah saw it . . . . Jer 3:7
Your elder *s* is Samaria . . . Ezek 16:46
is My brother and *s* . . . . . Matt 12:50
You not care that my *s* . . . Luke 10:40
loved Martha and her *s* . . . . John 11:5
to you Phoebe our *s* . . . . . Rom 16:1
*s* is not under bondage . . . . 1 Cor 7:15

## SIT

he shall *s* on my throne . . . 1 Kin 1:13
Those who *s* in the . . . . . Ps 69:12
"Come down and *s* . . . . . Is 47:1
"Why do we *s* still . . . . . Jer 8:14
but to *s* on My right . . . . . Matt 20:23
and the Pharisees *s* . . . . . Matt 23:2
Grant us that we may *s* . . Mark 10:37
"*S* at My right hand . . . . . Mark 12:36
those who *s* in darkness . . . Luke 1:79
*s* down in the lowest . . . . . Luke 14:10
"*S* at My right hand . . . . . Heb 1:13
say to him, "You *s* . . . . . James 2:3
I will grant to *s* . . . . . Rev 3:21
heart, 'I *s* as queen . . . . . Rev 18:7

## SITS

God *s* on His holy . . . . . Ps 47:8
It is He who *s* above . . . . . Is 40:22
so that he *s* as God . . . . . 2 Thess 2:4
Him who *s* on the throne . . . . . Rev 4:9
harlot who *s* on many . . . . . Rev 17:1
where the harlot *s* . . . . . Rev 17:15

## SITTING

Eli the priest was *s* on . . . . . 1 Sam 1:9
LORD *s* on His throne. . . . . 1 Kin 22:19
LORD *s* on His throne . . . . 2 Chr 18:18
You know my *s* down and . . . Ps 139:2
*s* on a donkey, a colt, the . . . Matt 21:5
see the Son of Man *s* . . . . . Mark 14:62
*s* on a donkey's colt . . . . . John 12:15
two angels in white *s* . . . . . John 20:12
where Christ is, *s* . . . . . Col 3:1
I saw twenty-four elders *s* . . . . Rev 4:4
a woman *s* on a scarlet . . . . . Rev 17:3

## SIX

*S* days you shall gather it, . . Ex 16:26
*S* days you shall labor . . . . . Ex 20:9

## SKIES

thick clouds of the *s* . . . . . 2 Sam 22:12
have you spread out the *s* . . Job 37:18
the *s* sent out a sound . . . . . Ps 77:17
and is lifted up to the *s* . . . . . Jer 51:9

## SKILL

hand forget its *s* . . . . . Ps 137:5
nor favor to men of *s* . . . . . Eccl 9:11
them knowledge and *s* . . . . . Dan 1:17
forth to give you *s* . . . . . Dan 9:22

## SKILLFUL

Esau was a *s* hunter, a . . . . Gen 25:27
a *s* player on the harp . . . 1 Sam 16:16
all types of *s* men for . . . . 1 Chr 22:15
*s* work a man is envied . . . . . Eccl 4:4
the hands of a *s* workman . . Song 7:1
send for *s* wailing women . . . . Jer 9:17
who are *s* to destroy . . . . . Ezek 21:31

## SKILLFULNESS

guided them by the *s* . . . . . Ps 78:72

## SKIN

God made tunics of *s* . . . . . Gen 3:21
*s* of his face shone while . . . . Ex 34:29
LORD and said, "*S* . . . . . Job 2:4
sewn sackcloth over my *s* . . Job 16:15
have escaped by the *s* . . . . . Job 19:20
My bones cling to my *s* . . . . . Ps 102:5
nation tall and smooth of *s* . . . . Is 18:2
Ethiopian change his *s* . . . . . Jer 13:23
*s* is hot as an oven . . . . . Lam 5:10
who strip the *s* from My . . . . . Mic 3:2

## SKINS

she put the *s* of the kids . . . Gen 27:16

## SKIP

He makes them also *s* . . . . . Ps 29:6

## SKIPPING

upon the mountains, *s* . . . . . Song 2:8

## SKULL

to say, Place of a *S* . . . . . Matt 27:33

## SKY

the faithful witness in the *s* . . Ps 89:37
weather, for the *s* is red . . . . Matt 16:2
stars of the *s* in multitude . . Heb 11:12
*s* receded as a scroll . . . . . Rev 6:14

## SLACK

He will not be *s* . . . . . Deut 7:10
*s* hand becomes poor . . . . . Prov 10:4
The Lord is not *s* . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9

## SLAIN

*s* his thousands . . . . . 1 Sam 18:7
beauty of Israel is *s* . . . . . 2 Sam 1:19
the dead, like the *s* . . . . . Ps 88:5
and all who were *s* . . . . . Prov 7:26
I shall be *s* in the . . . . . Prov 22:13
*s* men are not *s* . . . . . Is 22:2
no more cover her *s* . . . . . Is 26:21
and the *s* of the LORD . . . . . Is 66:16
and night for the *s* . . . . . Jer 9:1
Those *s* by the sword . . . . . Lam 4:9
the prophets, I have *s* . . . . . Hos 6:5
is the Lamb who was *s* . . . . . Rev 5:12

## SLANDER

*s* your own mother's . . . . . Ps 50:20
and whoever spreads *s* . . . . Prov 10:18

## SLANDERERS

be reverent, not *s* . . . . . 1 Tim 3:11
unforgiving, *s* . . . . . 2 Tim 3:3
in behavior, not *s* . . . . . Titus 2:3

## SLANDEROUSLY

as we are *s* reported . . . . . Rom 3:8

## SLAUGHTER

as sheep for the *s* . . . . . Ps 44:22
led as a lamb to the *s* . . . . . Is 53:7
but the Valley of *S* . . . . . Jer 7:32
lamb brought to the *s* . . . . . Jer 11:19
"Feed the flock for *s* . . . . . Zech 11:4
led as a sheep to the *s* . . . . . Acts 8:32
as sheep for the *s* . . . . . Rom 8:36

## SLAVE

that you were a *s* . . . . . Deut 15:15
first shall be *s* of all . . . . . Mark 10:44
commits sin is a *s* . . . . . John 8:34
you called while a *s* . . . . . 1 Cor 7:21
there is neither *s* nor free . . . . Gal 3:28
you are no longer a *s* . . . . . Gal 4:7
*s* nor free, but Christ is all . . . Col 3:11

## SLAVES

here we are, my lord's *s* . . . Gen 44:16
they shall not be sold as *s* . . Lev 25:42
free his male and female *s* . . Jer 34:10
should no longer be *s* . . . . . Rom 6:6
though you were *s* . . . . . Rom 6:17
your members as *s* . . . . . Rom 6:19
having become *s* of God . . . Rom 6:22
do not become *s* . . . . . 1 Cor 7:23
whether *s* or free . . . . . 1 Cor 12:13
are *s* of corruption . . . . . 2 Pet 2:19

## SLAY

*s* the righteous . . . . . Gen 18:25
*s* a righteous nation . . . . . Gen 20:4
Evil shall *s* the . . . . . Ps 34:21
Oh, that You would *s* . . . . . Ps 139:19
*s* them before me . . . . . Luke 19:27

## SLEEP

God caused a deep *s* . . . . . Gen 2:21
Jacob awoke from his *s* . . . Gen 28:16
him to *s* on her knees . . . . . Judg 16:19
the night, when deep *s* . . . . . Job 4:13
my eyes, lest I *s* . . . . . Ps 13:3
Why do You *s* . . . . . Ps 44:23
have sunk into their *s* . . . . . Ps 76:5
they are like a *s* . . . . . Ps 90:5
neither slumber nor *s* . . . . . Ps 121:4
He gives His beloved *s* . . . . . Ps 127:2
I will not give *s* . . . . . Ps 132:4
*s* will be sweet . . . . . Prov 3:24
For they do not *s* . . . . . Prov 4:16
A little *s* . . . . . Prov 6:10
Do not love *s* . . . . . Prov 20:13
a little *s*, a little slumber . . Prov 24:33
The *s* of a laboring . . . . . Eccl 5:12
I *s*, but my heart is awake . . Song 5:2
the spirit of deep *s* . . . . . Is 29:10
Also his *s* went from . . . . . Dan 6:18
I was in a deep *s* . . . . . Dan 8:18
him were heavy with *s* . . . . Luke 9:32
them, "Why do you *s* . . . . . Luke 22:46
He was overcome by *s* . . . . . Acts 20:9
time to awake out of *s* . . . . Rom 13:11
among you, and many *s* . . 1 Cor 11:30
We shall not all *s* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:51
"Awake, you who *s* . . . . . Eph 5:14
with Him those who *s* . . . 1 Thess 4:14
Therefore let us not *s* . . . . . 1 Thess 5:6

## SLEEPERS

gently the lips of *s* . . . . . Song 7:9

## SLEEPING

or perhaps he is *s* . . . . . 1 Kin 18:27
is not dead, but *s* . . . . . Matt 9:24
"Are you still *s* . . . . . Matt 26:45
suddenly, he find you *s* . . . Mark 13:36
that night Peter was *s* . . . . . Acts 12:6

## SLEEPLESSNESS

in labors, in *s* . . . . . 2 Cor 6:5
and toil, in *s* often . . . . . 2 Cor 11:27

## SLEEPS

wise son; he who *s* . . . . . Prov 10:5
"Our friend Lazarus *s* . . . . John 11:11

## SLEPT

I lay down and *s* . . . . . Ps 3:5
but while men *s* . . . . . Matt 13:25

## SLIGHTED

is the one who is *s* . . . . . Prov 12:9

SLING
he had, and his *s* ..... 1 Sam 17:40
a stone in a *s* is he ..... Prov 26:8

SLIP
their foot shall *s* ..... Deut 32:35
my footsteps may not *s* ..... Ps 17:5

SLIPPERY
way be dark and *s* ..... Ps 35:6
set them in *s* places ..... Ps 73:18
be to them like *s* ..... Jer 23:12

SLOOPS
all the beautiful *s* ..... Is 2:16

SLOW
but I am *s* of speech ..... Ex 4:10
*S* to anger, and abounding .. Ps 103:8
He who is *s* to wrath ..... Prov 14:29
the LORD is *s* to anger ..... Nah 1:3
*s* of heart to believe in .... Luke 24:25
hear, *s* to speak, *s* ..... James 1:19

SLOW TO ANGER
*s*, abundant in kindness .... Neh 9:17
merciful and gracious, *s* ..... Ps 103:8
full of compassion, *s* ..... Ps 145:8
but he who is *s* allays ..... Prov 15:18
gracious and merciful, *s* .... Joel 2:13
merciful God, *s* ..... Jon 4:2
the Lord is *s* and great ..... Nah 1:3

SLUGGARD
will you slumber, O *s* ..... Prov 6:9

SLUMBER
who keeps you will not *s* .... Ps 121:3
lying down, loving to *s* ..... Is 56:10
destruction does not *s* ..... 2 Pet 2:3

SLUMBERED
delayed, they all *s* ..... Matt 25:5

SLUMBERING
upon men, while *s* ..... Job 33:15

SMALL
'The place is too *s* ..... Is 49:20
I will make you *s* ..... Jer 49:15
may stand, for he is *s* ..... Amos 7:2
I will make you *s* ..... Obad 2
the day of *s* things ..... Zech 4:10
And I saw the dead, *s* ..... Rev 20:12

SMELL
and he smelled the *s* ..... Gen 27:27
*s* there will be a ..... Is 3:24

SMELLS
*s* the battle from afar ..... Job 39:25

SMITTEN
Him stricken, *s* ..... Is 53:4

SMOKE
went up like the *s* ..... Gen 19:28
*s* is driven away ..... Ps 68:2
are consumed like *s* ..... Ps 102:3
like a wineskin in *s* ..... Ps 119:83
like pillars of *s* ..... Song 3:6
*s* shall ascend forever ..... Is 34:10
vanish away like *s* ..... Is 51:6
fire and vapor of *s* ..... Acts 2:19
*s* arose out of the pit ..... Rev 9:2
was filled with *s* ..... Rev 15:8
Her *s* rises up ..... Rev 19:3

SMOKING
two stubs of *s* firebrands ..... Is 7:4
*s* flax He will not quench ..... Is 42:3
*s* flax He will not quench . Matt 12:20

SMOOTH
speak to us *s* things ..... Is 30:10
And the rough places *s* ..... Is 40:4
though they speak *s* ..... Jer 12:6
the rough ways *s* ..... Luke 3:5

SMOOTH-SKINNED
man, and I am a *s* ..... Gen 27:11

SMYRNA
Site of one of the seven churches, Rev 1:11

SNAIL
*s* which melts away as ..... Ps 58:8

SNARE
it will surely be a *s* ..... Ex 23:33
It became a *s* to ..... Judg 8:27
that she may be a *s* ..... 1 Sam 18:21
*s* snatches their ..... Job 5:5
and he walks into a *s* ..... Job 18:8
their table become a *s* ..... Ps 69:22
as a bird from the *s* ..... Ps 124:7
birds caught in a *s* ..... Eccl 9:12
and the pit and the *s* ..... Is 24:17
I have laid a *s* ..... Jer 50:23
*s* have come upon us ..... Lam 3:47
is a fowler's *s* ..... Hos 9:8
a bird fall into a *s* ..... Amos 3:5
it will come as a *s* ..... Luke 21:35
temptation and a *s* ..... 1 Tim 6:9
and escape the *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:26

SNARED
The wicked is *s* ..... Ps 9:16
and be broken, be *s* ..... Is 8:15
all of them are *s* ..... Is 42:22

SNARES
the *s* of death ..... Ps 18:5
who seek my life lay *s* ..... Ps 38:12
and built great *s* ..... Eccl 9:14
wait as one who sets *s* ..... Jer 5:26

SNATCH
*s* the fatherless ..... Job 24:9
neither shall anyone *s* .... John 10:28

SNATCHES
*s* away what was ..... Matt 13:19

SNEER
and you *s* at it ..... Mal 1:13

SNIFFED
they *s* at the wind ..... Jer 14:6

SNORTING
*s* strikes terror ..... Job 39:20

SNOW
*See* WHITE AS SNOW
and heat consume the *s* .... Job 24:19
For He says to the *s* ..... Job 37:6
the treasury of *s* ..... Job 38:22
shall be whiter than *s* ..... Ps 51:7
He gives *s* like wool ..... Ps 147:16
As *s* in summer and ..... Prov 26:1
She is not afraid of *s* ..... Prov 31:21
shall be as white as *s* ..... Is 1:18
garment was white as *s* ..... Dan 7:9
clothing as white as *s* ..... Matt 28:3
wool, as white as *s* ..... Rev 1:14

SOAKED
their land shall be *s* ..... Is 34:7

SOAP
lye, and use much *s* ..... Jer 2:22

SOBER
of the day be *s* ..... 1 Thess 5:8
the older men be *s* ..... Titus 2:2

SOBERLY
think, but to think *s* ..... Rom 12:3
we should live *s* ..... Titus 2:12

SOCHOH
Town in Judah where David kills Goliath, Josh 15:1, 35; 1 Sam 17:1, 49

SOCKET
touched the *s* of his hip .... Gen 32:25
arm be torn from the *s* ..... Job 31:22

SODA
and like vinegar on *s* ..... Prov 25:20

SODOM
Lot chooses to live there, Gen 13:10–13
Plundered by Chedorlaomer, Gen 14:8–24
Abraham intercedes for, Gen 18:16–33
Destroyed by God, Gen 19:1–29
Cited as example of sin and destruction, Deut 29:23; 32:32; Is 1:9, 10; 3:9; Jer 23:14; 49:18; Lam 4:6; Ezek 16:46–63; Matt 11:23, 24; 2 Pet 2:6; Jude 7

SODOM AND GOMORRAH
and the kings of *S* ..... Gen 14:10
the outcry against *S* ..... Gen 18:20
brimstone and fire on *S* ... Gen 19:24
like the overthrow of *S* ... Deut 29:23
As God overthrew *S* ..... Jer 50:40
as God overthrew *S* ..... Amos 4:11
for the land of *S* ..... Matt 10:15
more tolerable for *S* ..... Mark 6:11
turning the cities of *S* ..... 2 Pet 2:6
as *S*, and the cities ..... Jude 7

SODOMITES
nor homosexuals, nor *s* ..... 1 Cor 6:9
for fornicators, for *s* ..... 1 Tim 1:10

SOFT
*s* answer turns away ..... Prov 15:1
clothed in *s* garments ..... Matt 11:8

SOFTER
his words were *s* ..... Ps 55:21

SOJOURNER
But no *s* had to lodge ..... Job 31:32

SOJOURNERS
are strangers and *s* ..... Lev 25:23
I beg you as *s* ..... 1 Pet 2:11

SOLD
*s* his birthright ..... Gen 25:33
the house that was *s* ..... Lev 25:33
their Rock had *s* ..... Deut 32:30
and He *s* them into the ..... Judg 2:14
*s* themselves to do ..... 2 Kin 17:17
Had we been *s* as male ..... Esth 7:4
who was *s* as a slave ..... Ps 105:17
*s* all that he had ..... Matt 13:46
they bought, they *s* ..... Luke 17:28
*s* their possessions ..... Acts 2:45
but I am carnal, *s* ..... Rom 7:14
Eat whatever is *s* ..... 1 Cor 10:25

SOLDIER
hardship as a good *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:3
enlisted him as a *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:4

SOLDIERS
sum of money to the *s* .... Matt 28:12
The *s* also mocked ..... Luke 23:36
*s* twisted a crown ..... John 19:2

SOLEMN
and very *s* lamentation .... Gen 50:10
a *s* observance for all the ... Ex 12:42
a sabbath of *s* rest for ..... Lev 16:31
"Proclaim a *s* assembly .. 2 Kin 10:20
the refuse of your *s* feasts .... Mal 2:3

SOLEMNLY
saying, "The man *s* ..... Gen 43:3
*s* testified of the ..... Acts 28:23

SOLID
milk and not with *s* food ... 1 Cor 3:2
the *s* foundation ..... 2 Tim 2:19
need milk and not *s* food ... Heb 5:12

SOLITARILY
heritage, who dwell *s* ..... Mic 7:14

SOLITARY
God sets the *s* in ..... Ps 68:6

SOLOMON
David's son by Bathsheba, 2 Sam 12:24
Becomes king, 1 Kin 1:5–53
Receives and carries out David's instructions, 1 Kin 2
Prays for and demonstrates wisdom, 1 Kin 3:3–28; 4:29–34
Builds and dedicates temple; builds palace, 1 Kin 5—8

Lord appears to, 1 Kin 9:1–9
His fame and glory, 1 Kin 9:10—10:29
Falls into idolatry; warned by God, 1 Kin 11:1–13
Adversaries arise, 1 Kin 11:14–40
Death of, 1 Kin 11:41–43
Writings credited to him, Ps 72; 127; Prov 1:1; 10:1; 25:1; Eccl 1:1; Song 1:1

SOMEBODY
up, claiming to be *s* ..... Acts 5:36

SOMETHING
"Simon, I have *s* ..... Luke 7:40
thinks himself to be *s* ..... Gal 6:3

SON
*See* BELOVED SON; ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
wife shall bear you a *s* .... Gen 17:19
Abraham a *s* in his old ..... Gen 21:2
your *s*, your only *s* Isaac .... Gen 22:2
the knife to slay his *s* ..... Gen 22:10
he called Esau his older *s* ... Gen 27:1
"I am your *s*, your ..... Gen 27:32
conceived and bore a *s* .... Gen 29:32
Joseph my *s* is still alive ... Gen 45:28
And she bore him a *s* ..... Ex 2:22
a *s* born to Naomi ..... Ruth 4:17
"Send me your *s* David .. 1 Sam 16:19
she bore a *s*, and he ..... 2 Sam 12:24
king is grieved for his *s* .. 2 Sam 19:2
he charged Solomon his *s* .. 1 Kin 2:1
"My *s*, as for me, it was ... 1 Chr 22:7
gave his *s* Solomon ..... 1 Chr 28:11
Me, 'You are My *S* ..... Ps 2:7
Upon the *s* of man whom .... Ps 80:17
I was my father's *s* ..... Prov 4:3
*s* makes a glad father ..... Prov 10:1
*s* is a grief to his ..... Prov 17:25
Correct your *s*, and he .... Prov 29:17
And what, *s* of my womb .. Prov 31:2
shall conceive and bear a *S* ... Is 7:14
is born, unto us a *S* ..... Is 9:6
heaven, O Lucifer, *s* ..... Is 14:12
out of Egypt I called My *s* .. Hos 11:1
He is an unwise *s* ..... Hos 13:13
prophet, nor was I a *s* ..... Amos 7:14
*s* honors his father ..... Mal 1:6
will bring forth a *S* ..... Matt 1:21
"This is My beloved *S* ..... Matt 3:17
no one knows the *S* ..... Matt 11:27
not the carpenter's *s* ..... Matt 13:55
are the Christ, the *S* ..... Matt 16:16
For the *S* of Man will ..... Matt 16:27
of all he sent his *s* ..... Matt 21:37
Whose *S* is He ..... Matt 22:42
'Lord,' how is He his *S* .... Matt 22:45
as much a *s* of hell ..... Matt 23:15
of the *S* of Man ..... Matt 24:37
'I am the *S* of God ..... Matt 27:43
of Jesus Christ, the *S* ..... Mark 1:1
*S* of Man has power ..... Mark 2:10
"This is My beloved *S* ..... Mark 9:7
'They will respect my *s* .... Mark 12:6
this Man was the *S* ..... Mark 15:39
called the *S* of the ..... Luke 1:32
"You are My beloved *S* .... Luke 3:22
the Christ, the *S* of God .... Luke 4:41
*S* of Man has power ..... Luke 5:24
*S* of Man is also Lord ..... Luke 6:5
out, the only *s* ..... Luke 7:12
*S* of Man has come ..... Luke 7:34
And if a *s* of peace ..... Luke 10:6
will be divided against *s* .. Luke 12:53
to be called your *s* ..... Luke 15:19
because he also is a *s* ..... Luke 19:9
I will send my beloved *s* .. Luke 20:13
You then the *S* of God .... Luke 22:70
The only begotten *S* ..... John 1:18
gave His only begotten *S* .. John 3:16
God did not send His *S* .... John 3:17
the Father loves the *S* ..... John 3:35
*S* can do nothing ..... John 5:19
For the Father loves the *S* .. John 5:20
everyone who sees the *S* ... John 6:40
*s* abides forever ..... John 8:35
if the *S* makes you free .... John 8:36
*S* of Man must be lifted ... John 12:34
"Woman, behold your *s* ... John 19:26
*S* of Encouragement ..... Acts 4:36
Jesus Christ is the *S* ..... Acts 8:37
in the gospel of His *S* ..... Rom 1:9
by sending His own *S* ..... Rom 8:3
not spare His own *S* ..... Rom 8:32
*S* Himself will also be .... 1 Cor 15:28
God sent forth His *S* ..... Gal 4:4
longer a slave but a *s* ..... Gal 4:7
you for my *s* Onesimus .... Philem 10
"You are My *S* ..... Heb 1:5
but Christ as a *S* over His .... Heb 3:6
though He was a *S* ..... Heb 5:8
to be called the *s* ..... Heb 11:24
"This is My beloved *S* ..... 2 Pet 1:17
*S* cleanses us from all sin .. 1 John 1:7
Whoever denies the *S* .... 1 John 2:23
sent His *S* to be the ..... 1 John 4:10
Jesus is the *S* of God ..... 1 John 4:15
God has given of His *S* ... 1 John 5:10
who has the *S* has life .... 1 John 5:12

SON OF DAVID
the *s* had a lovely ..... 2 Sam 13:1
Solomon the *s* king ..... 1 Chr 29:22
proverbs of Solomon the *s* .. Prov 1:1
of the Preacher, the *s* ..... Eccl 1:1
Jesus Christ, the *S* ..... Matt 1:1
"Joseph, *s*, do not be ..... Matt 1:20
*S*, have mercy on us ..... Matt 9:27
"Could this be the *S* ..... Matt 12:23
on me, O Lord, *S* ..... Matt 15:22
Hosanna to the *S* ..... Matt 21:9
said to Him, "The *S* ..... Matt 22:42
"Jesus, *S*, have mercy .... Mark 10:47
that the Christ is the *S* ... Mark 12:35
son of Nathan, the *s* ..... Luke 3:31
"Jesus, *S*, have mercy .... Luke 18:38

SON OF GOD
the fourth is like the *S* ..... Dan 3:25
"If you are the *S* ..... Matt 4:3
with You, Jesus, You *S* ..... Matt 8:29
"Truly You are the *S* ..... Matt 14:33
You are the Christ, the *S* .. Matt 26:63
If You are the *S* ..... Matt 27:40
"Truly this was the *S* ..... Matt 27:54
born will be called the *S* ... Luke 1:35
of Adam, the *s* ..... Luke 3:38
testified that this is the *S* ... John 1:34
"Rabbi, You are the *S* ..... John 1:49
the only begotten *S* ..... John 3:18
hear the voice of the *S* ..... John 5:25
"Do you believe in the *S* ... John 9:35
I said, 'I am the *S* ..... John 10:36
the *S* may be glorified ..... John 11:4
You are the Christ, the *S* .. John 11:27
He made Himself the *S* .... John 19:7
is the Christ, the *S* ..... John 20:31
declared to be the *S* ..... Rom 1:4
I live by faith in the *S* ..... Gal 2:20
of the knowledge of the *S* ... Eph 4:13
heavens, Jesus the *S* ..... Heb 4:14
again for themselves the *S* ... Heb 6:6
but made like the *S* ..... Heb 7:3
trampled the *S* underfoot .. Heb 10:29
For this purpose the *S* ..... 1 John 3:8
that Jesus is the *S* ..... 1 John 5:5
'These things says the *S* .... Rev 2:18

SON OF MAN
*s* that You visit him ..... Ps 8:4
*s*, that You are mindful ..... Ps 144:3
in princes, nor in a *s* ..... Ps 146:3
"*S*, stand on your feet ..... Ezek 2:1
"*S*, eat what you find ..... Ezek 3:1
behold One like the *S* ..... Dan 7:13
the *S* has nowhere to ..... Matt 8:20
*S* has power on earth ..... Matt 9:6
Israel before the *S* ..... Matt 10:23
The *S* came eating and .... Matt 11:19
the *S* is Lord even ..... Matt 12:8
a word against the *S* ..... Matt 12:32
will the *S* be three days ... Matt 12:40
the good seed is the *S* ..... Matt 13:37
men say that I, the *S* ..... Matt 16:13
*S* coming in His ..... Matt 16:28
until the *S* is risen ..... Matt 17:9
*S* is about to be betrayed .. Matt 17:22
*S* has come to save ..... Matt 18:11
*S* sits on the throne ..... Matt 19:28
*S* will be betrayed ..... Matt 20:18
*S* did not come to be ..... Matt 20:28
will the coming of the *S* ... Matt 24:27
*S* will be delivered up ..... Matt 26:2
*S* indeed goes as it is ..... Matt 26:24
*S* must suffer many ..... Mark 8:31
*S* also will be ashamed .... Mark 8:38
the *S* also will confess ..... Luke 12:8
one of the days of the *S* .. Luke 17:22
*S* has come to seek ..... Luke 19:10
to stand before the *S* ..... Luke 21:36
betraying the *S* with a .... Luke 22:48
descending upon the *S* ..... John 1:51
heaven, that is the *S* ..... John 3:13
because He is the *S* ..... John 5:27
which the *S* will give you .. John 6:27
eat the flesh of the *S* ..... John 6:53
"When you lift up the *S* .... John 8:28
*S* should be glorified ..... John 12:23
"Now the *S* is glorified ... John 13:31
heavens opened and the *S* .. Acts 7:56
*S* that You take care ..... Heb 2:6
One like the *S* ..... Rev 1:13
cloud sat One like the *S* .... Rev 14:14

SONG
is my strength and *s* ..... Ex 15:2
Then Israel sang this *s* .... Num 21:17
Sing to Him a new *s* ..... Ps 33:3
He has put a new *s* ..... Ps 40:3
in the night His *s* ..... Ps 42:8
me, and I am the *s* ..... Ps 69:12
sing to the LORD a new *s* ..... Ps 96:1
LORD is my strength and *s* .. Ps 118:14
asked of us a *s* ..... Ps 137:3
I will sing a new *s* ..... Ps 144:9
Sing to the LORD a new *s* .... Ps 149:1
The *s* of songs, which is .... Song 1:1
to my Well-beloved a *s* ..... Is 5:1
my strength and my *s* ..... Is 12:2
Sing to the LORD a new *s* .... Is 42:10
their taunting *s* ..... Lam 3:14
I am their taunting *s* ..... Lam 3:63
as a very lovely *s* ..... Ezek 33:32
They sang a new *s* ..... Rev 5:9
a new *s* before the throne ... Rev 14:3
And they sing the *s* ..... Rev 15:3

SONGS
my Maker, who gives *s* .... Job 35:10
surround me with *s* ..... Ps 32:7
have been my *s* in the ..... Ps 119:54
Sing us one of the *s* ..... Ps 137:3
is one who sings *s* ..... Prov 25:20
the noise of your *s* ..... Amos 5:23
and spiritual *s* ..... Eph 5:19

SONS
*s* of Jacob were twelve .... Gen 35:22
circumcise the *s* of Israel .... Josh 5:2
the *s* of Eli were corrupt .. 1 Sam 2:12
the *s* of the prophets who ... 2 Kin 2:3
*s* of the prophets cried out .. 2 Kin 4:1
the *s* of the prophets ..... 2 Kin 4:38
these were the *s* of David ... 1 Chr 3:1
*s* come to honor ..... Job 14:21
exalted among the *s* of ..... Ps 12:8
shall be Your *s* ..... Ps 45:16
*s* of men to do under ..... Eccl 2:3
my beloved among the *s* .... Song 2:3
Your *s* shall make haste ..... Is 49:17

s shall come from afar ..... Is 60:4
"Has Israel no s ..... Jer 49:1
The precious s of Zion ..... Lam 4:2
eat their s in your midst ... Ezek 5:10
'You are the s ..... Hos 1:10
He will purify the s ..... Mal 3:3
to him, "Then the s ..... Matt 17:26
A man had two s, and .... Matt 21:28
be forgiven the s of men .. Mark 3:28
and you will be s ..... Luke 6:35
that you may become s ... John 12:36
You are s of the ..... Acts 3:25
called s of the living God ... Rom 9:26
and you shall be My s ..... 2 Cor 6:18
who are of faith are s ..... Gal 3:7
the adoption as s ..... Gal 4:5
because you are s ..... Gal 4:6
us to adoption as s by Jesus .. Eph 1:5
You are all s of light ..... 1 Thess 5:5
in bringing many s ..... Heb 2:10
speaks to you as to s ..... Heb 12:5
illegitimate and not s ..... Heb 12:8

SONS OF GOD
s saw the daughters of men .. Gen 6:2
s came to present ..... Job 1:6
all the s shouted for ..... Job 38:7
for they shall be called s .... Matt 5:9
to the angels and are s ... Luke 20:36
Spirit of God, these are s ... Rom 8:14
for the revealing of the s ... Rom 8:19
For you are all s ..... Gal 3:26

SOON
for it is s cut off ..... Ps 90:10
s forgot His works ..... Ps 106:13

SOOTHED
or bound up, or s ..... Is 1:6

SOOTHSAYERS
your dreamers, your s, or .... Jer 27:9
A sword is against the s .... Jer 50:36
the s cannot declare to the .. Dan 2:27

SORCERER
omens, or a s ..... Deut 18:10
But Elymas the s ..... Acts 13:8

SORCERERS
soothsayers, or your s ..... Jer 27:9
outside are dogs and s ..... Rev 22:15

SORCERESS
shall not permit a s ..... Ex 22:18

SORCERY
For there is no s ..... Num 23:23
idolatry, s ..... Gal 5:20

SORES
and putrefying s ..... Is 1:6
Lazarus, full of s ..... Luke 16:20

SORROW
multiply your s ..... Gen 3:16
s dances before him ..... Job 41:22
in my soul, having s ..... Ps 13:2
s is continually ..... Ps 38:17
I found trouble and s ..... Ps 116:3
And He adds no s ..... Prov 10:22
the heart may s ..... Prov 14:13
S is better than ..... Eccl 7:3
Therefore remove s ..... Eccl 11:10
and desperate s ..... Is 17:11
you shall cry for s ..... Is 65:14
to see labor and s ..... Jer 20:18
Your s is incurable ..... Jer 30:15
added grief to my s ..... Jer 45:3
gather those who s ..... Zeph 3:18
them sleeping from s ..... Luke 22:45
s has filled your ..... John 16:6
s will be turned ..... John 16:20
that I have great s ..... Rom 9:2
s produces repentance ..... 2 Cor 7:10
lest I should have s ..... Phil 2:27
s as others who have .... 1 Thess 4:13
no more death, nor s ..... Rev 21:4

SORROWFUL
am a woman of s spirit ... 1 Sam 1:15
But I am poor and s ..... Ps 69:29
For all his days are s ..... Eccl 2:23
replenished every s ..... Jer 31:25
were exceedingly s ..... Matt 17:23
saying, he went away s ... Matt 19:22
soul is exceedingly s ..... Matt 26:38
and went away s ..... Mark 10:22
and you will be s ..... John 16:20
if I make you s ..... 2 Cor 2:2
and I may be less s ..... Phil 2:28

SORROWS
the s of Sheol ..... 2 Sam 22:6
s God distributes ..... Job 21:17
s shall be multiplied ..... Ps 16:4
by men, a Man of s ..... Is 53:3
are the beginning of s ..... Matt 24:8
through with many s ..... 1 Tim 6:10

SORRY
s that He had made man ..... Gen 6:6
who will be s for you ..... Is 51:19
And the king was s ..... Matt 14:9
For you were made s ..... 2 Cor 7:9

SOSTHENES
Ruler of the synagogue at Corinth, Acts 18:17
—— Paul's Christian brother, 1 Cor 1:1

SOUGHT
I s the LORD ..... Ps 34:4
whole heart I have s ..... Ps 119:10
s the one I love ..... Song 3:1
shall be called S Out ..... Is 62:12
So I s for a man ..... Ezek 22:30
s what was lost ..... Ezek 34:4
s favor from Him ..... Hos 12:4
LORD, and have not s ..... Zeph 1:6
s it diligently ..... Heb 12:17

SOUL
s enter their council ..... Gen 49:6
with all your s ..... Deut 6:5
was knit to the s ..... 1 Sam 18:1
your heart and your s .... 1 Chr 22:19
"My s loathes my life ..... Job 10:1
as you do, if your s ..... Job 16:4
s draws near the Pit ..... Job 33:22
will not leave my s ..... Ps 16:10
converting the s ..... Ps 19:7
He restores my s ..... Ps 23:3
s shall make its boast ..... Ps 34:2
s shall be joyful ..... Ps 35:9
you cast down, O my s ..... Ps 42:5
s silently waits ..... Ps 62:1
He has done for my s ..... Ps 66:16
Let my s live ..... Ps 119:175
s knows very well ..... Ps 139:14
No one cares for my s ..... Ps 142:4
so destroys his own s ..... Prov 6:32
me wrongs his own s ..... Prov 8:36
it is not good for a s ..... Prov 19:2
A satisfied s loathes ..... Prov 27:7
When You make His s ..... Is 53:10
s delight itself ..... Is 55:2
and your s shall live ..... Is 55:3
you have heard, O my s ..... Jer 4:19
the s of the father as ..... Ezek 18:4
the proud, his s ..... Hab 2:4
able to destroy both s ..... Matt 10:28
and loses his own s ..... Matt 16:26
with all your s ..... Matt 22:37
"My s magnifies the Lord .. Luke 1:46
through your own s also ... Luke 2:35
And I will say to my s .... Luke 12:19
Now My s is troubled ..... John 12:27
not leave my s in Hades .... Acts 2:27
of one heart and one s ..... Acts 4:32
your whole spirit, s ..... 1 Thess 5:23
to the saving of the s ..... Heb 10:39
his way will save a s ..... James 5:20
which war against the s ... 1 Pet 2:11
his righteous s ..... 2 Pet 2:8
health, just as your s ..... 3 John 2

SOULS
*See* AFFLICT YOUR SOULS
and will save the s ..... Ps 72:13
and he who wins s ..... Prov 11:30
s shall be like a ..... Jer 31:12
who made our very s ..... Jer 38:16
will find rest for your s ... Matt 11:29
patience possess your s ... Luke 21:19
unsettling your s ..... Acts 15:24
is able to save your s ..... James 1:21
the salvation of your s ..... 1 Pet 1:9
and bodies and s of men ... Rev 18:13
I saw the s of those who .... Rev 20:4

SOUND
He stores up s wisdom ..... Prov 2:7
s heart is life ..... Prov 14:30
one rises up at the s ..... Eccl 12:4
to you at the s of your cry ... Is 30:19
voice was like the s ..... Ezek 43:2
s an alarm in My holy ..... Joel 2:1
do not s a trumpet ..... Matt 6:2
For the trumpet will s .... 1 Cor 15:52
is contrary to s doctrine ... 1 Tim 1:10
s words which you ..... 2 Tim 1:13
that they may be s ..... Titus 1:13
as the s of many waters ..... Rev 1:15
s of their wings was like ..... Rev 9:9

SOUNDED
The first angel s ..... Rev 8:7

SOUNDNESS
There is no s in my ..... Ps 38:3
him this perfect s ..... Acts 3:16

SOUNDS
Dreadful s are in his ..... Job 15:21
a distinction in the s ..... 1 Cor 14:7

SOUTH
s comes the whirlwind ..... Job 37:9
as the streams in the S ..... Ps 126:4
And to the s, 'Do not keep .... Is 43:6
the S shall become strong .. Dan 11:5
The queen of the S will ... Matt 12:42

SOW
s trouble reap ..... Job 4:8
then let me s ..... Job 31:8
s fields and plant ..... Ps 107:37
Those who s in tears ..... Ps 126:5
the wind will not s ..... Eccl 11:4
Blessed are you who s ..... Is 32:20
ground, and do not s ..... Jer 4:3
"They s the wind ..... Hos 8:7
S for yourselves ..... Hos 10:12
You shall s, but not reap .... Mic 6:15
s is not made alive ..... 1 Cor 15:36
they neither s nor reap ... Luke 12:24

SOWED
s tares among the wheat .. Matt 13:25

SOWER
may give seed to the s ..... Is 55:10
"Behold, a s went ..... Matt 13:3
a s went out to sow ..... Mark 4:3
The s sows the word ..... Mark 4:14
A s went out to sow ..... Luke 8:5

SOWN
shall they be s ..... Is 40:24
a land not s ..... Jer 2:2
"You have s much ..... Hag 1:6
where you have not s ..... Matt 25:24
that was s in their hearts .. Mark 4:15
s spiritual things ..... 1 Cor 9:11
It is s in weakness ..... 1 Cor 15:43
of righteousness is s ..... James 3:18

SOWS
s righteousness will ..... Prov 11:18
s the good seed is the ..... Matt 13:37
'One s and another ..... John 4:37

s sparingly will ..... 2 Cor 9:6
for whatever a man s ..... Gal 6:7

SPAN
My life s is gone, taken ..... Is 38:12
measured heaven with a s ... Is 40:12

SPARE
The LORD would not s..... Deut 29:20
hand, but s his life ..... Job 2:6
S the poor and needy ..... Ps 72:13
I will not pity nor s ..... Jer 13:14
say, "S Your people ..... Joel 2:17
s them as a man spares ..... Mal 3:17
He who did not s ..... Rom 8:32
s the natural branches .... Rom 11:21
flesh, but I would s ..... 1 Cor 7:28
if God did not s ..... 2 Pet 2:4

SPARES
s his rod hates his ..... Prov 13:24

SPARK
the work of it as a s ..... Is 1:31

SPARKLES
it is red, when it s ..... Prov 23:31

SPARKS
to trouble, as the s ..... Job 5:7
s you have kindled ..... Is 50:11

SPARROW
s has found a home ..... Ps 84:3
awake, and am like a s ..... Ps 102:7

SPARROWS
more value than many s .. Matt 10:31

SPAT
Then they s on Him ..... Matt 27:30
in his ears, and He s ..... Mark 7:33

SPEAK
only the word that I s ..... Num 22:35
s just once more ..... Judg 6:39
s good words to them ..... 1 Kin 12:7
oh, that God would s ..... Job 11:5
Will you s wickedly ..... Job 13:7
For God may s in one ..... Job 33:14
Will he s softly to ..... Job 41:3
Do not s in the ..... Prov 23:9
and a time to s ..... Eccl 3:7
If they do not s ..... Is 8:20
tongue He will s ..... Is 28:11
s anymore in His name ..... Jer 20:9
and s comfort to her ..... Hos 2:14
at the end it will s ..... Hab 2:3
s each man the truth ..... Zech 8:16
But only s a word, and my .. Matt 8:8
or what you should s ..... Matt 10:19
it is not you who s ..... Matt 10:20
to you when all men s ..... Luke 6:26
s what We know and ..... John 3:11
"I who s to you am He ..... John 4:26
s what I have seen ..... John 8:38
The words that I s to ..... John 14:10
He hears He will s ..... John 16:13
Spirit and began to s ..... Acts 2:4
Do all s with tongues ..... 1 Cor 12:30
I s with the tongues ..... 1 Cor 13:1
I would rather s ..... 1 Cor 14:19
So s and so do as ..... James 2:12

SPEAKING
s your own words ..... Is 58:13
while they are still s ..... Is 65:24
a proof of Christ s ..... 2 Cor 13:3
envy, and all evil s ..... 1 Pet 2:1

SPEAKS
to face, as a man s ..... Ex 33:11
this day that God s ..... Deut 5:24
day that I am He who s ..... Is 52:6
the one who s uprightly ... Amos 5:10
He whom God has sent s .. John 3:34
When he s a lie ..... John 8:44
he who s with tongues .... 1 Cor 14:5
If anyone s in a tongue ... 1 Cor 14:27
he being dead still s ..... Heb 11:4
of sprinkling that s ..... Heb 12:24
s evil of a brother ..... James 4:11

SPEAR
lay hold on bow and s ..... Jer 6:23
His side with a s ..... John 19:34

SPEARS
whose teeth are s ..... Ps 57:4
and their s into ..... Is 2:4
pruning hooks into s ..... Joel 3:10

SPECIAL
you shall be a s treasure ..... Ex 19:5
you to be His s people .... Deut 26:18
Israel for His s treasure ..... Ps 135:4
His own s people ..... Titus 2:14
nation, His own s people .... 1 Pet 2:9

SPECK
do you look at the s ..... Matt 7:3

SPECTACLE
and make you a s ..... Nah 3:6
we have been made a s ..... 1 Cor 4:9
He made a public s ..... Col 2:15
you were made a s ..... Heb 10:33

SPEECH
one language and one s ..... Gen 11:1
drop as the rain, my s ..... Deut 32:2
s settled on them as ..... Job 29:22
There is no s nor ..... Ps 19:3
s is not becoming ..... Prov 17:7
your s shall be low ..... Is 29:4
a people of obscure s ..... Is 33:19
not understand My s ..... John 8:43
s deceive the hearts ..... Rom 16:18
and his s contemptible ... 2 Cor 10:10
I am untrained in s ..... 2 Cor 11:6
s always be with grace ..... Col 4:6

SPEECHLESS
your mouth for the s ..... Prov 31:8
And he was s ..... Matt 22:12

SPEED
they shall come with s ..... Is 5:26

SPEEDILY
judgment be executed s .... Ezra 7:26
to me, deliver me s ..... Ps 31:2
I call, answer me s ..... Ps 102:2

SPEND
Why do you s money for ..... Is 55:2
whatever more you s ..... Luke 10:35
I will very gladly s ..... 2 Cor 12:15
amiss, that you may s ..... James 4:3

SPENT
strength shall be s ..... Lev 26:20
For my life is s ..... Ps 31:10
in vain, I have s ..... Is 49:4
"But when he had s ..... Luke 15:14

SPICES
s for the anointing oil ..... Ex 25:6
s in great quantity ..... 1 Kin 10:10
that its s may flow out ..... Song 4:16
and Salome bought s ..... Mark 16:1
s which they had ..... Luke 24:1
strips of linen with the s .. John 19:40

SPIDER
s skillfully grasps ..... Prov 30:28

SPIES
to them, "You are s ..... Gen 42:9
men who had been s ..... Josh 6:23
s who pretended ..... Luke 20:20

SPIKENARD
fragrant henna with s ..... Song 4:13
of very costly oil of s ..... Mark 14:3

SPIN
neither toil nor s ..... Matt 6:28

SPINDLE
her hand holds the s ..... Prov 31:19

SPIRIT
*See* HOLY SPIRIT; FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT; UNCLEAN SPIRIT
S shall not strive ..... Gen 6:3
the breath of the s of life .... Gen 7:22
filled with the s of wisdom ... Ex 28:3
and everyone whose s ..... Ex 35:21
S that is upon you ..... Num 11:17
And the S rested upon .... Num 11:26
LORD would put His S..... Num 11:29
he has a different s ..... Num 14:24
in whom is the S ..... Num 27:18
God sent a s of ill will ..... Judg 9:23
portion of your s ..... 2 Kin 2:9
I will send a s upon him ... 2 Kin 19:7
there was no more s ..... 2 Chr 9:4
s came forward and ..... 2 Chr 18:20
also gave Your good S ..... Neh 9:20
against them by Your S .... Neh 9:30
Then a s passed before ..... Job 4:15
care has preserved my s .... Job 10:12
And whose s came from .... Job 26:4
hand I commit my s ..... Ps 31:5
Your Holy S from me ..... Ps 51:11
s was not faithful ..... Ps 78:8
You send forth Your S ..... Ps 104:30
Your S is good ..... Ps 143:10
I will pour out my s on ..... Prov 1:23
The s of a man is the ..... Prov 20:27
Who knows the s ..... Eccl 3:21
s will return to God ..... Eccl 12:7
night, yes, by my s ..... Is 26:9
out on you the s ..... Is 29:10
are flesh, and not s ..... Is 31:3
S has gathered them ..... Is 34:16
is the life of my s ..... Is 38:16
I have put My S ..... Is 42:1
and His S have sent Me ..... Is 48:16
s would fail before Me ..... Is 57:16
S entered me when He ..... Ezek 2:2
the S lifted me up ..... Ezek 3:12
who follow their own s .... Ezek 13:3
new heart and a new s .... Ezek 18:31
be feeble, every s ..... Ezek 21:7
I will put My S ..... Ezek 36:27
in him is the S ..... Dan 4:8
as an excellent s ..... Dan 5:12
walk in a false s ..... Mic 2:11
and forms the s ..... Zech 12:1
with child of the Holy S .... Matt 1:18
"Blessed are the poor in s ... Matt 5:3
I will put My S ..... Matt 12:18
S descending upon Him ... Mark 1:10
Immediately the S ..... Mark 1:12
s indeed is willing ..... Mark 14:38
go before Him in the s ..... Luke 1:17
in the power of the S ..... Luke 4:14
manner of s you are of .... Luke 9:55
When an unclean s goes .. Luke 11:24
against the Holy S ..... Luke 12:10
hands I commit My s ..... Luke 23:46
they had seen a s ..... Luke 24:37
s does not have flesh ..... Luke 24:39
I saw the S descending .... John 1:32
born of water and the S ..... John 3:5
God is S ..... John 4:24
I speak to you are s ..... John 6:63
He groaned in the s..... John 11:33
He was troubled in s ..... John 13:21
all filled with the Holy S ..... Acts 2:4
but if a s or an angel ..... Acts 23:9
to the S of holiness, by the .. Rom 1:4
whom I serve with my s ..... Rom 1:9
but according to the S ..... Rom 8:1
according to the S ..... Rom 8:5
the flesh but in the S ..... Rom 8:9
s that we are children ..... Rom 8:16
what the mind of the S ..... Rom 8:27
to us through His S ..... 1 Cor 2:10
gifts, but the same S..... 1 Cor 12:4
in a tongue, my s ..... 1 Cor 14:14
but the S gives life ..... 2 Cor 3:6
Now the Lord is the S ..... 2 Cor 3:17
we have the same s ..... 2 Cor 4:13
Having begun in the S ..... Gal 3:3

has sent forth the *S* ..... Gal 4:6
Walk in the *S*, and you ..... Gal 5:16
But if you are led by the *S* ... Gal 5:18
the fruit of the *S* is love ..... Gal 5:22
If we live in the *S*, let us ..... Gal 5:25
he who sows to the *S* ..... Gal 6:8
with the Holy *S* ..... Eph 1:13
may give to you the *s* ..... Eph 1:17
the unity of the *S* ..... Eph 4:3
is one body and one *S* ..... Eph 4:4
stand fast in one *s* ..... Phil 1:27
yet I am with you in *s* ..... Col 2:5
Do not quench the *S* .... 1 Thess 5:19
and may your whole *s* ... 1 Thess 5:23
sanctification by the *S* ... 2 Thess 2:13
flesh, justified in the *S* .... 1 Tim 3:16
*S* expressly says that ..... 1 Tim 4:1
not given us a *s* of fear ..... 2 Tim 1:7
division of soul and *s* ..... Heb 4:12
through the eternal *S* ..... Heb 9:14
body without the *s* is ..... James 2:26
*S* who dwells in us ..... James 4:5
*S* of Christ who was in .... 1 Pet 1:11
made alive by the *S* ..... 1 Pet 3:18
*S* whom He has given .... 1 John 3:24
do not believe every *s* ..... 1 John 4:1
has given us of His *S* ..... 1 John 4:13
*S* who bears witness ..... 1 John 5:6
not having the *S* ..... Jude 19
I was in the *S* on the ..... Rev 1:10
him hear what the *S* ..... Rev 2:7
Immediately I was in the *S* ... Rev 4:2
And the *S* and the ..... Rev 22:17

SPIRIT OF GOD
*S* was hovering over the ..... Gen 1:2
a man in whom is the *S* ... Gen 41:38
filled him with the *S* ..... Ex 31:3
the *S* came upon him ..... Num 24:2
*S* came upon him ..... 1 Sam 10:10
the *S* came upon Saul .... 1 Sam 11:6
*S* came upon the ..... 1 Sam 19:20
The *S* has made me ..... Job 33:4
in a vision by the *S* ..... Ezek 11:24
that the *S* is in you ..... Dan 5:14
*S* descending like a dove ... Matt 3:16
out demons by the *S* ..... Matt 12:28
indeed the *S* dwells in you .. Rom 8:9
by the power of the *S* ..... Rom 15:19
the things of the *S* ..... 1 Cor 2:14
the *S* dwells in you ..... 1 Cor 3:16
I think I also have the *S* ... 1 Cor 7:40
no one speaking by the *S* .. 1 Cor 12:3
By this you know the *S* .... 1 John 4:2

SPIRIT OF THE LORD
The *S* came upon him ..... Judg 3:10
the *S* came upon Gideon ... Judg 6:34
*S* came mightily upon ..... Judg 14:6
*S* will come upon you .... 1 Sam 10:6
*S* came upon David ..... 1 Sam 16:13
*S* departed from Saul .... 1 Sam 16:14
*S* will carry you ..... 1 Kin 18:12
*S* has taken him up ..... 2 Kin 2:16
The *S* shall rest upon Him .... Is 11:2
The *S* GOD is upon Me ..... Is 61:1
Then the *S* fell upon me ... Ezek 11:5
Is the *S* restricted ..... Mic 2:7
am full of power by the *S* .... Mic 3:8
The *S* is upon Me ..... Luke 4:18
together to test the *S* ..... Acts 5:9
*S* caught Philip away ..... Acts 8:39

SPIRIT OF TRUTH
*S*, whom the world ..... John 14:17
*S* who proceeds from ..... John 15:26
He, the *S* has come ..... John 16:13
By this we know the *s* ..... 1 John 4:6

SPIRITS
*See* UNCLEAN SPIRITS
God, the God of the *s* ..... Num 16:22
who makes His angels *s* ..... Ps 104:4
the LORD weighs the *s* ..... Prov 16:2
power over unclean *s* ..... Matt 10:1
discerning of *s* ..... 1 Cor 12:10
heed to deceiving *s* ..... 1 Tim 4:1
not all ministering *s* ..... Heb 1:14
to the Father of *s* ..... Heb 12:9
and preached to the *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:19
spirit, but test the *s* ..... 1 John 4:1

SPIRITUAL
the *s* man is insane ..... Hos 9:7
we know that the law is *s* .. Rom 7:14
*s* judges all things ..... 1 Cor 2:15
*s* people but as to ..... 1 Cor 3:1
Now concerning *s* gifts .... 1 Cor 12:1
to be a prophet or *s* ..... 1 Cor 14:37
However, the *s* is not ..... 1 Cor 15:46
*s* restore such a one ..... Gal 6:1
being built up a *s* house ..... 1 Pet 2:5

SPIRITUALLY
*s* minded is life ..... Rom 8:6
because they are *s* ..... 1 Cor 2:14

SPIT
He had *s* on his eyes ..... Mark 8:23
*s* on Him, and kill Him ... Mark 10:34
some began to *s* on Him .. Mark 14:65
insulted and *s* upon ..... Luke 18:32

SPITEFULLY
for those who *s* ..... Matt 5:44

SPITTING
face from shame and *s* ..... Is 50:6

SPLENDOR
with majesty and *s* ..... Job 40:10
Like the *s* of the meadows ... Ps 37:20
on the glorious *s* ..... Ps 145:5
the *s* of old men is their ... Prov 20:29
of Zion all her *s* ..... Lam 1:6
wisdom, and defile your *s* .. Ezek 28:7

SPLIT
ground *s* apart under ..... Num 16:31
pierced his head, she *s* ..... Judg 5:26
the altar shall *s* apart ..... 1 Kin 13:3
of Olives shall be *s* in two .. Zech 14:4
and the rocks were *s* ..... Matt 27:51

SPOIL
hate us have taken *s* ..... Ps 44:10
when they divide the *s* ..... Is 9:3
He shall divide the *s* ..... Is 53:12
Take *s* of silver ..... Nah 2:9
*s* will be divided ..... Zech 14:1

SPOILER
I have created the *s* ..... Is 54:16

SPOKE
God *s* to Moses and said ..... Ex 6:2
*s* they did not hear ..... Is 66:4
who feared the LORD *s* ..... Mal 3:16
"No man ever *s* ..... John 7:46
We know that God *s* ..... John 9:29
I was a child, I *s* ..... 1 Cor 13:11
in various ways *s* ..... Heb 1:1
*s* as they were moved ..... 2 Pet 1:21

SPOKEN
*See* LORD HAS SPOKEN
'just as you have *s* ..... Num 14:28
God has *s* once ..... Ps 62:11
I have not *s* in secret ..... Is 45:19
LORD has *s* against you ..... Amos 3:1
'What have we *s* ..... Mal 3:13
*s* this parable against ..... Luke 20:19
the prophets have *s* ..... Luke 24:25
why am I evil *s* ..... 1 Cor 10:30

SPOKESMAN
So he shall be your *s* ..... Ex 4:16

SPONGE
them ran and took a *s* .... Matt 27:48

SPOT
and there is no *s* ..... Song 4:7
church, not having *s* ..... Eph 5:27
commandment without *s* .. 1 Tim 6:14
Himself without *s* ..... Heb 9:14
blemish and without *s* ..... 1 Pet 1:19

SPOTS
They are *s* and ..... 2 Pet 2:13
These are *s* in your ..... Jude 12

SPOUSE
your love, my sister, my *s* .. Song 4:10
Israel served for a *s* ..... Hos 12:12

SPREAD
fell on my knees and *s* ..... Ezra 9:5
they have *s* a net by ..... Ps 140:5
Then He *s* it before me .... Ezek 2:10
Then the word of God *s* ..... Acts 6:7
the Lord was being *s* ..... Acts 13:49
their message will *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:17

SPREADS
He alone *s* out the ..... Job 9:8
*s* them out like a tent ..... Is 40:22
Zion *s* out her hands ..... Lam 1:17

SPRING
Truth shall *s* out of ..... Ps 85:11
is like a murky *s* ..... Prov 25:26
sister, my spouse, a *s* ..... Song 4:12
*s* forth I tell you ..... Is 42:9
of Israel to *s* forth ..... Ezek 29:21
*s* shall become dry ..... Hos 13:15
*s* send forth fresh ..... James 3:11

SPRINGING
a fountain of water *s* ..... John 4:14
of bitterness *s* ..... Heb 12:15

SPRINGS
"Have you entered the *s* ... Job 38:16
He sends the *s* into ..... Ps 104:10
and the thirsty land *s* ..... Is 35:7
and the dry land *s* ..... Is 41:18

SPRINKLE
He *s* many nations ..... Is 52:15
Then I will *s* ..... Ezek 36:25

SPRINKLED
*s* dust on his head ..... Job 2:12
and hyssop, and *s* ..... Heb 9:19
having our hearts *s* ..... Heb 10:22

SPRINKLING
*s* that speaks ..... Heb 12:24
for obedience and *s* ..... 1 Pet 1:2

SPROUT
down, that it will *s* ..... Job 14:7
and the seed should *s* ..... Mark 4:27

SPY
men to *s* out the land ..... Num 13:2
sent to *s* out Jericho ..... Josh 6:25
to *s* out the land and ..... Judg 18:2
to *s* out our liberty ..... Gal 2:4

SQUARE
the night in the open *s* ..... Gen 19:2
in the open *s* of the city ... Judg 19:15
took my seat in the open *s* .. Job 29:7
the city is laid out as a *s* ... Rev 21:16

SQUARES
voice in the open *s* ..... Prov 1:20
*s* I will seek the one ..... Song 3:2

STABILITY
will be the *s* of your ..... Is 33:6

STAFF
this Jordan with my *s* ..... Gen 32:10
your feet, and your *s* ..... Ex 12:11
the donkey with his *s* ..... Num 22:27
Your rod and Your *s* ..... Ps 23:4
LORD has broken the *s* ..... Is 14:5
'How the strong *s* ..... Jer 48:17
they have been a *s* ..... Ezek 29:6
And I took my *s*, Beauty .. Zech 11:10
for the journey except a *s* ... Mark 6:8
on the top of his *s* ..... Heb 11:21

STAG
like a gazelle or a young *s* .. Song 2:9

STAGGER
and He makes them *s* ..... Job 12:25
they will drink and *s* ..... Jer 25:16

STAGGERS
as a drunken man *s* ..... Is 19:14

STAKES
*s* will ever be removed ..... Is 33:20

STALLS
be no herd in the *s* ..... Hab 3:17

STAMMERERS
*s* will be ready ..... Is 32:4

STAMMERING
For with *s* lips and ..... Is 28:11
*s* tongue that you ..... Is 33:19

STAMPING
At the noise of the *s* ..... Jer 47:3

STAND
where you *s* is holy ground .... Ex 3:5
*S* still, and see the ..... Ex 14:13
one shall be able to *s* ..... Deut 7:24
"Who is able to *s* ..... 1 Sam 6:20
took a *s* for the covenant .. 2 Kin 23:3
we are not able to *s* ..... Ezra 10:13
but it does not *s* ..... Job 8:15
lives, and He shall *s* ..... Job 19:25
ungodly shall not *s* ..... Ps 1:5
Why do You *s* afar off ..... Ps 10:1
Or who may *s* in His ..... Ps 24:3
the world *s* in awe of Him .... Ps 33:8
Who will *s* up for me ..... Ps 94:16
and let an accuser *s* ..... Ps 109:6
They *s* fast forever ..... Ps 111:8
he will not *s* before ..... Prov 22:29
Do not take your *s* ..... Eccl 8:3
"It shall not *s* ..... Is 7:7
"*S* in the ways and ..... Jer 6:16
not lack a man to *s* ..... Jer 35:19
whose words will *s* ..... Jer 44:28
*s* in the gap before Me .... Ezek 22:30
and it shall *s* ..... Dan 2:44
but she shall not *s* ..... Dan 11:17
Who can *s* before His ..... Nah 1:6
*s* on the Mount of Olives ... Zech 14:4
And who can *s* when He ..... Mal 3:2
against itself will not *s* .... Matt 12:25
that kingdom cannot *s* .... Mark 3:24
how will his kingdom *s* ... Luke 11:18
why do you *s* gazing up .... Acts 1:11
you *s* is holy ground ..... Acts 7:33
this grace in which we *s* .... Rom 5:2
he will be made to *s* ..... Rom 14:4
Watch, *s* fast in the ..... 1 Cor 16:13
for by faith you *s* ..... 2 Cor 1:24
*S* fast therefore in the ..... Gal 5:1
having done all, to *s* ..... Eph 6:13
*S* therefore ..... Eph 6:14
*s* fast in the Lord ..... Phil 4:1
now we live, if you *s* ..... 1 Thess 3:8
of God in which you *s* ..... 1 Pet 5:12
Behold, I *s* at the ..... Rev 3:20

STANDARD
LORD will lift up a *s* ..... Is 59:19
Set up the *s* toward ..... Jer 4:6

STANDING
the Lord *s* by the altar ..... Amos 9:1
the LORD, and Satan *s* ..... Zech 3:1
they love to pray *s* ..... Matt 6:5
and saw others *s* idle ..... Matt 20:3
*s* here who will not taste .... Mark 9:1
the woman *s* in the midst ... John 8:9
and the Son of Man *s* ..... Acts 7:56
the Judge is *s* at the door .. James 5:9
Then I saw an angel *s* ..... Rev 19:17

STANDS
Nor *s* in the path of sinners .... Ps 1:1
counsel of the LORD *s* ..... Ps 33:11
my heart *s* in awe of ..... Ps 119:161
The LORD *s* up to plead ..... Is 3:13
there *s* One among you .... John 1:26
him who thinks he *s* ..... 1 Cor 10:12
foundation of God *s* ..... 2 Tim 2:19

STAR
*S* shall come out of ..... Num 24:17
For we have seen His *s* ..... Matt 2:2
for one *s* differs from ..... 1 Cor 15:41
give him the morning *s* ..... Rev 2:28
And a great *s* fell ..... Rev 8:10
Bright and Morning *S* ..... Rev 22:16

STARS
He made the *s* also ..... Gen 1:16
as the *s* of the heaven ..... Gen 22:17
*s* bowed down to me ..... Gen 37:9
*s* are not pure in His ..... Job 25:5
when the morning *s* ..... Job 38:7
the moon and the *s* ..... Ps 8:3
*s* to rule by night, for His .... Ps 136:9
praise Him, all you *s* ..... Ps 148:3
the *s* will diminish their ..... Joel 3:15
the *s* of heaven will fall .. Mark 13:25
born as many as the *s* ..... Heb 11:12
wandering *s* for whom ..... Jude 13
in His right hand seven *s* .... Rev 1:16
a garland of twelve *s* ..... Rev 12:1

STARVED
His strength is *s* ..... Job 18:12

STATE
man at his best *s* ..... Ps 39:5
us in our lowly *s* ..... Ps 136:23
and the last *s* of that ..... Matt 12:45
learned in whatever *s* ..... Phil 4:11

STATURE
add one cubit to his *s* ..... Matt 6:27
in wisdom and *s* ..... Luke 2:52
add one cubit to his *s* ..... Luke 12:25
for he was of short *s* ..... Luke 19:3
the measure of the *s* ..... Eph 4:13

STATUTE
It shall be a *s* forever to ..... Ex 27:21
be theirs for a perpetual *s* .... Ex 29:9
shall be a perpetual *s* ..... Lev 3:17
it shall be a *s* forever ..... Lev 23:14
For this is a *s* for Israel ..... Ps 81:4
to establish a royal *s* ..... Dan 6:7

STATUTES
shall therefore keep My *s* ... Lev 18:5
My ways, to keep My *s* .... 1 Kin 3:14
not put away His *s* from ..... Ps 18:22
the *s* of the LORD are ..... Ps 19:8
Teach me Your *s* ..... Ps 119:12
*s* have been my songs ..... Ps 119:54
observe Your *s* ..... Ps 119:117
not walked in My *s* ..... Ezek 5:6
did not walk in My *s* ..... Ezek 20:21

STAY
her feet would not *s* ..... Prov 7:11
*S* here and watch with .... Matt 26:38
for today I must *s* ..... Luke 19:5
the time of your *s* ..... 1 Pet 1:17

STEADFAST
yes, you could be *s* ..... Job 11:15
O God, my heart is *s* ..... Ps 57:7
their heart was not *s* ..... Ps 78:37
his heart is *s* ..... Ps 112:7
God, and *s* forever ..... Dan 6:26
brethren, be *s* ..... 1 Cor 15:58
faith, grounded and *s* ..... Col 1:23
angels proved *s* ..... Heb 2:2
of our confidence *s* ..... Heb 3:14
soul, both sure and *s* ..... Heb 6:19
Resist him, *s* in the ..... 1 Pet 5:9

STEADFASTLY
*s* set His face to go ..... Luke 9:51
And they continued *s* ..... Acts 2:42
continuing *s* in ..... Rom 12:12

STEADFASTNESS
good order and the *s* ..... Col 2:5
from your own *s* ..... 2 Pet 3:17

STEADILY
could not look *s* ..... 2 Cor 3:13

STEADY
and his hands were *s* ..... Ex 17:12

STEAL
"You shall not *s* ..... Ex 20:15
Will you *s* ..... Jer 7:9
*s* My words every one ..... Jer 23:30
thieves break in and *s* ..... Matt 6:19
night and *s* Him away .... Matt 27:64
murder, 'Do not *s* ..... Mark 10:19
not come except to *s* ..... John 10:10
a man should not *s* ..... Rom 2:21
Let him who stole *s* ..... Eph 4:28

STEEP
*s* places shall fall ..... Ezek 38:20
waters poured down a *s* ..... Mic 1:4
violently down the *s* ..... Matt 8:32

STEM
forth a Rod from the *s* ..... Is 11:1

STENCH
there will be a *s* ..... Is 3:24
this time there is a *s* ..... John 11:39

STEP
there is but a *s* ..... 1 Sam 20:3
*s* has turned from the ..... Job 31:7

STEPHEN
One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:1–8
Falsely accused by Jews; gives defense, Acts 6:9—7:53
Becomes first Christian martyr, Acts 7:54–60

STEPS
has held fast to His *s* ..... Job 23:11
and count all my *s* ..... Job 31:4
and He sees all his *s* ..... Job 34:21
Uphold my *s* in Your ..... Ps 17:5
The *s* of a good man ..... Ps 37:23
of his *s* shall slide ..... Ps 37:31
and established my *s* ..... Ps 40:2
hide, they mark my *s* ..... Ps 56:6
*s* had nearly slipped ..... Ps 73:2
Direct my *s* by Your ..... Ps 119:133
*s* will not be hindered ..... Prov 4:12
the LORD directs his *s* ..... Prov 16:9
A man's *s* are of the ..... Prov 20:24
to direct his own *s* ..... Jer 10:23
should follow His *s* ..... 1 Pet 2:21

STEWARD
faithful and wise *s* ..... Luke 12:42
you can no longer be *s* .... Luke 16:2
commended the unjust *s* ... Luke 16:8
be blameless, as a *s* ..... Titus 1:7

STEWARDS
of Christ and *s* ..... 1 Cor 4:1
one another, as good *s* ..... 1 Pet 4:10

STEWARDSHIP
entrusted with a *s* ..... 1 Cor 9:17

STICK
and his bones *s* ..... Job 33:21
and *s* out the tongue ..... Is 57:4
'For Joseph, the *s* ..... Ezek 37:16

STICKS
a man gathering *s* ..... Num 15:32
was there gathering *s* .... 1 Kin 17:10
And the *s* on which ..... Ezek 37:20

STIFF
rebellion and your *s* ..... Deut 31:27
do not speak with a *s* ..... Ps 75:5

STIFF-NECKED
Now do not be *s* ..... 2 Chr 30:8
"You *s* and uncircumcised .. Acts 7:51

STILL
on your bed, and be *s* ..... Ps 4:4

s the noise of the ..... Ps 65:7
earth feared and was s ..... Ps 76:8
that its waves are s ..... Ps 107:29
When I awake, I am s ..... Ps 139:18
time, I have been s ..... Is 42:14
rest and be s ..... Jer 47:6
sea, "Peace, be s ..... Mark 4:39
let him be holy s ..... Rev 22:11

STILLBORN
hidden like a s child ..... Job 3:16
as it goes, like a s ..... Ps 58:8
burial, I say that a s ..... Eccl 6:3

STINGS
like a serpent, and s ..... Prov 23:32

STIR
that he would dare s ..... Job 41:10
S up Yourself ..... Ps 35:23
I remind you to s ..... 2 Tim 1:6
another in order to s ..... Heb 10:24

STIRRED
fulfilled, the LORD s ..... 2 Chr 36:22
and my sorrow was s ..... Ps 39:2
So the LORD s up the ..... Hag 1:14

STIRS
and the innocent s ..... Job 17:8
it s up the dead for ..... Is 14:9
on Your name, who s ..... Is 64:7

STOCKS
put my feet in the s ..... Job 13:27
s that were in the ..... Jer 20:2

STOIC
and S philosophers ..... Acts 17:18

STOLE
Absalom s the hearts of .. 2 Sam 15:6
s Him away while we ..... Matt 28:13
Let him who s steal no ..... Eph 4:28

STOLEN
Rachel had s the ..... Gen 31:19
indeed I was s away ..... Gen 40:15
shall restore what he has s ... Lev 6:4
S water is sweet ..... Prov 9:17

STOMACH
mouth goes into the s ..... Matt 15:17
his heart but his s ..... Mark 7:19
Foods for the s ..... 1 Cor 6:13

STOMACH'S
little wine for your s ..... 1 Tim 5:23

STONE
him, a pillar of s ..... Gen 35:14
to the bottom like a s ..... Ex 15:5
s shall be a witness ..... Josh 24:27
heart is as hard as s ..... Job 41:24
s which the builders ..... Ps 118:22
s is heavy and sand is ..... Prov 27:3
I lay in Zion a s ..... Is 28:16
take the heart of s ..... Ezek 36:26
You watched while a s ..... Dan 2:34
s will cry out from ..... Hab 2:11
to silent s ..... Hab 2:19
will give him a s ..... Matt 7:9
s will be broken ..... Matt 21:44
secure, sealing the s ..... Matt 27:66
s which the builders ..... Luke 20:17
you, let him throw a s ..... John 8:7
those works do you s ..... John 10:32
Jews sought to s You ..... John 11:8
not on tablets of s ..... 2 Cor 3:3
Him as to a living s ..... 1 Pet 2:4
give him a white s ..... Rev 2:17
angel took up a s ..... Rev 18:21
like a jasper s ..... Rev 21:11

STONED
s Stephen as he was ..... Acts 7:59
once I was s ..... 2 Cor 11:25
They were s ..... Heb 11:37

STONES
five smooth s from the .. 1 Sam 17:40
I will lay your s ..... Is 54:11
Among the smooth s ..... Is 57:6
Abraham from these s ..... Matt 3:9
command that these s ..... Matt 4:3
see what manner of s ..... Mark 13:1
also, as living s ..... 1 Pet 2:5
kinds of precious s ..... Rev 21:19

STONY
them, and take the s ..... Ezek 11:19
Some fell on s ground ..... Mark 4:5

STOOPED
And again He s down ..... John 8:8

STOP
Please, let us s this usury ... Neh 5:10
s those who pursue me ..... Ps 35:3

STOPPED
of heaven were also s ..... Gen 8:2
still, and the moon s ..... Josh 10:13
speak lies shall be s ..... Ps 63:11
her flow of blood s ..... Luke 8:44
every mouth may be s ..... Rom 3:19
s the mouths of lions ..... Heb 11:33

STORE
people s up knowledge .... Prov 10:14
no room to s my crops .... Luke 12:17

STORED
is s up for the righteous ... Prov 13:22
his sin is s up ..... Hos 13:12

STORES
He s up sound wisdom ..... Prov 2:7

STORING
s up as he may prosper .... 1 Cor 16:2
s up for themselves ..... 1 Tim 6:19

STORK
s has her home in the ..... Ps 104:17
"Even the s in the ..... Jer 8:7

STORM
from the windy s ..... Ps 55:8
He calms the s ..... Ps 107:29
terror comes like a s ..... Prov 1:27
for a shelter from s ..... Is 4:6
a refuge from the s ..... Is 25:4
and a destroying s ..... Is 28:2
coming like a s ..... Ezek 38:9
whirlwind and in the s ..... Nah 1:3

STOUTHEARTED
s were plundered ..... Ps 76:5

STRAIGHT
make Your way s ..... Ps 5:8
for who can make s ..... Eccl 7:13
make s in the desert a ..... Is 40:3
Their legs were s ..... Ezek 1:7
make His paths s ..... Mark 1:3
LORD; make His paths s ..... Luke 3:4
s the way of the LORD ..... John 1:23
to the street called S ..... Acts 9:11
and make s paths for ..... Heb 12:13

STRAIGHTFORWARD
that they were not s ..... Gal 2:14

STRAIN
Blind guides, who s ..... Matt 23:24

STRAITS
and desperate s ..... Deut 28:53

STRANGE
were considered a s ..... Hos 8:12
"We have seen s ..... Luke 5:26
are bringing some s ..... Acts 17:20
these, they think it s ..... 1 Pet 4:4
s thing happened ..... 1 Pet 4:12

STRANGER
but he acted as a s ..... Gen 42:7
"I have been a s ..... Ex 2:22
neither mistreat a s ..... Ex 22:21
and loves the s ..... Deut 10:18
I have become a s ..... Ps 69:8
s will suffer for it ..... Prov 11:15
s does not share its ..... Prov 14:10
should You be like a s ..... Jer 14:8
I was a s and you took .... Matt 25:35
"Are You the only s ..... Luke 24:18

STRANGERS
descendants will be s ..... Gen 15:13
s plunder his labor ..... Ps 109:11
watches over the s ..... Ps 146:9
s devour your land ..... Is 1:7
S shall stand and feed ..... Is 61:5
know the voice of s ..... John 10:5
of Israel and s ..... Eph 2:12
you are no longer s ..... Eph 2:19
if she has lodged s ..... 1 Tim 5:10
that they were s ..... Heb 11:13
forget to entertain s ..... Heb 13:2
the brethren and for s ..... 3 John 5

STRANGLING
that my soul chooses s ..... Job 7:15

STRAP
than I, whose sandal s ..... Mark 1:7

STRAW
s to make brick as before ..... Ex 5:7
They are like s ..... Job 21:18
lion shall eat s like the ox ..... Is 11:7
stones, wood, hay, s ..... 1 Cor 3:12

STRAY
the cursed, who s ..... Ps 119:21
who make my people s ..... Mic 3:5

STRAYED
yet I have not s ..... Ps 119:110
for which some have s .... 1 Tim 6:10
who have s concerning .... 2 Tim 2:18

STREAM
like an overflowing s ..... Is 30:28
of the LORD, like a s ..... Is 30:33
like a flowing s ..... Is 66:12

STREAMS
He dams up the s ..... Job 28:11
He also brought s ..... Ps 78:16
O LORD, as the s ..... Ps 126:4

STREET
to be heard in the s ..... Is 42:2
s called Straight ..... Acts 9:11
And the s of the city ..... Rev 21:21
In the middle of its s ..... Rev 22:2

STREETS
the corners of the s ..... Matt 6:5
You taught in our s ..... Luke 13:26
out quickly into the s ..... Luke 14:21

STRENGTH
for by s of hand the ..... Ex 13:3
just as my s was then ..... Josh 14:11
my soul, march on in s ..... Judg 5:21
a man is, so is his s ..... Judg 8:21
s no man shall ..... 1 Sam 2:9
the God of my s ..... 2 Sam 22:3
have armed me with s ... 2 Sam 22:40
the LORD glory and s ..... 1 Chr 16:28
Is my s the s ..... Job 6:12
Him are wisdom and s ..... Job 12:13
him because his s ..... Job 39:11
You have ordained s ..... Ps 8:2
love You, O LORD, my s ..... Ps 18:1
The LORD is the s ..... Ps 27:1
The LORD is their s ..... Ps 28:8
The LORD will give s ..... Ps 29:11
delivered by great s ..... Ps 33:16
He is their s in the ..... Ps 37:39
are the God of my s ..... Ps 43:2
is our refuge and s ..... Ps 46:1
is He who gives s ..... Ps 68:35
I will go in the s ..... Ps 71:16
but God is the s ..... Ps 73:26
They go from s to ..... Ps 84:7
the glory of their s ..... Ps 89:17
s and beauty are in ..... Ps 96:6
made me bold with s ..... Ps 138:3

of the LORD is s. . . . . Prov 10:29
knowledge increases s . . . . . Prov 24:5
S and honor are her . . . . . Prov 31:25
is better than s . . . . . Eccl 9:16
for s and not for . . . . . Eccl 10:17
For You have been a s . . . . . Is 25:4
him take hold of My s . . . . . Is 27:5
of His might and the s . . . . . Is 40:26
might He increases s . . . . . Is 40:29
works it with the s . . . . . Is 44:12
righteousness and s . . . . . Is 45:24
Put on your s . . . . . Is 52:1
O LORD, my s and my . . . . . Jer 16:19
I will destroy the s . . . . . Hag 2:22
He has shown s with . . . . . Luke 1:51
were still without s . . . . . Rom 5:6
s is made perfect . . . . . 2 Cor 12:9
you have a little s . . . . . Rev 3:8

STRENGTHEN
and He shall s . . . . . Ps 27:14
S the weak hands . . . . . Is 35:3
"So I will s them in . . . . . Zech 10:12
s your brethren . . . . . Luke 22:32
s the hands . . . . . Heb 12:12
s the things . . . . . Rev 3:2

STRENGTHENED
weak you have not s . . . . . Ezek 34:4
unbelief, but was s . . . . . Rom 4:20
of His glory, to be s . . . . . Eph 3:16
stood with me and s . . . . . 2 Tim 4:17

STRENGTHENING
s the souls of the . . . . . Acts 14:22

STRENGTHENS
s the wise more than . . . . . Eccl 7:19
through Christ who s . . . . . Phil 4:13

STRETCH
will quickly s out her . . . . . Ps 68:31
said to the man, "S . . . . . Matt 12:13
are old, you will s . . . . . John 21:18

STRETCH OUT MY HAND
I will s and strike Egypt . . . . . Ex 3:20
when I s on Egypt . . . . . Ex 7:5
Lord's anointed, to s . . . . . 1 Sam 24:6
forbid that I should s . . . . 1 Sam 26:11
s against the inhabitants . . . . . Jer 6:12
And I will s against you . . . . Jer 51:25
I will s against them . . . . . Ezek 6:14
I will s against you . . . . . Ezek 25:7
I will s against Judah . . . . . Zeph 1:4

STRETCHED
s himself out on the . . . . . 1 Kin 17:21
s himself out on him . . . . . 2 Kin 4:35
I have s out my hands . . . . . Ps 88:9
but His hand is s out still . . . . . Is 5:25
Who s out the heavens . . . . . Is 51:13
His wisdom, and has s . . . . . Jer 10:12
"All day long I have s . . . . Rom 10:21

STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND
Abraham s and took the . . . Gen 22:10
Aaron s over the waters . . . . . Ex 8:6
Aaron s with his rod . . . . . Ex 8:17
Moses s toward heaven . . . . . Ex 10:22
Moses s over the sea . . . . . Ex 14:21
as soon as he had s . . . . . Josh 8:19
And when the angel s . . . 2 Sam 24:16
he has s against them . . . . . Is 5:25
He s over the sea . . . . . Is 23:11
And the cherub s . . . . . Ezek 10:7
Jesus s and caught him . . . Matt 14:31
Herod the king s to . . . . . Acts 12:1

STRETCHES
For he s out his hand . . . . . Job 15:25

STRICKEN
My heart is s and . . . . . Ps 102:4
yet we esteemed Him s . . . . . Is 53:4
of My people He was s . . . . . Is 53:8
You have s them . . . . . Jer 5:3
He has s, but He will . . . . . Hos 6:1

STRIFE
let there be no s . . . . . Gen 13:8
You have made us a s . . . . . Ps 80:6
at the waters of s . . . . . Ps 106:32
Hatred stirs up s . . . . . Prov 10:12
comes nothing but s . . . . . Prov 13:10
man stirs up s . . . . . Prov 15:18
transgression loves s . . . . . Prov 17:19
borne me, a man of s . . . . . Jer 15:10
and lust, not in s . . . . . Rom 13:13
even from envy and s . . . . . Phil 1:15
which come envy, s . . . . . 1 Tim 6:4

STRIKE
said, "S this people . . . . . 2 Kin 6:18
The sun shall not s . . . . . Ps 121:6
Let the righteous s . . . . . Ps 141:5
S a scoffer . . . . . Prov 19:25
s your hands . . . . . Ezek 21:14
s the waves of the sea . . . . Zech 10:11
"S the Shepherd . . . . . Zech 13:7
s the earth with a . . . . . Mal 4:6
'I will s the Shepherd . . . . . Matt 26:31
'I will s the Shepherd . . . . Mark 14:27
if well, why do you s . . . . . John 18:23
the sun shall not s . . . . . Rev 7:16
s the earth with all . . . . . Rev 11:6

STRIKES
To him who s you on the . . Luke 6:29
if one s you on the face . . 2 Cor 11:20
a scorpion when it s . . . . . Rev 9:5

STRINGED
of your s instruments . . . . . Is 14:11
of your s instruments . . . . . Amos 5:23

STRIP
S yourselves . . . . . Is 32:11
s her naked and expose . . . . . Hos 2:3

STRIPES
their iniquity with s . . . . . Ps 89:32
s we are healed . . . . . Is 53:5
be beaten with many s . . . . Luke 12:47
I received forty s . . . . . 2 Cor 11:24
s you were healed . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24

STRIVE
"My Spirit shall not s . . . . . Gen 6:3
He will not always s . . . . . Ps 103:9
Do not s with a man . . . . . Prov 3:30
Let the potsherd s . . . . . Is 45:9
"S to enter through . . . . . Luke 13:24
the Lord not to s . . . . . 2 Tim 2:14

STRIVING
for a man to stop s . . . . . Prov 20:3

STROKE
with a mighty s . . . . . Jer 14:17

STRONG
with a s hand he will let . . . . . Ex 6:1
Be s and of good courage . . Deut 31:6
be s and very courageous . . . Josh 1:7
Be s and conduct . . . . . 1 Sam 4:9
indeed He is s . . . . . Job 9:19
The LORD s and mighty . . . . . Ps 24:8
bring me to the s . . . . . Ps 60:9
a s tower from the enemy . . . . Ps 61:3
s is Your hand . . . . . Ps 89:13
there is s confidence . . . . . Prov 14:26
the LORD is a s tower . . . . . Prov 18:10
A wise man is s . . . . . Prov 24:5
s shall be as tinder . . . . . Is 1:31
"We have a s city . . . . . Is 26:1
She had s branches for . . . Ezek 19:11
shall be as s as iron . . . . . Dan 2:40
the weak say, 'I am s . . . . . Joel 3:10
enter a s man's house . . . . . Matt 12:29
one can enter a s man's . . . Mark 3:27
When a s man . . . . . Luke 11:21
We then who are s . . . . . Rom 15:1
weak, but you are s . . . . . 1 Cor 4:10
I am weak, then I am s . . . 2 Cor 12:10
are weak and you are s . . . . 2 Cor 13:9
my brethren, be s . . . . . Eph 6:10
weakness were made s . . . . Heb 11:34
men, because you are s . . 1 John 2:14
s is the Lord God . . . . . Rev 18:8

STRONGER
weakness of God is s . . . . . 1 Cor 1:25

STRONGHOLD
crag of the rock and the s . . Job 39:28
of my salvation, my s . . . . . Ps 18:2
down the trusted s . . . . . Prov 21:22

STRUCK
s the rock twice . . . . . Num 20:11
the hand of God has s . . . . . Job 19:21
s all my enemies . . . . . Ps 3:7
Behold, He s the rock . . . . . Ps 78:20
I was angry and s . . . . . Is 57:17
in My wrath I s . . . . . Is 60:10
s the head from the . . . . . Hab 3:13
I s you with blight . . . . . Hag 2:17
took the reed and s . . . . . Matt 27:30
the officers s Him with . . . Mark 14:65
they s Him on the head . . Mark 15:19
Him, they s Him on the . . . Luke 22:64
s Him with their hands . . . . John 19:3
and s down the Egyptian . . . Acts 7:24

STUBBLE
shall bring forth s . . . . . Is 33:11
his sword, as driven s . . . . . Is 41:2
they shall be as s . . . . . Is 47:14
s that passes . . . . . Jer 13:24
do wickedly will be s . . . . . Mal 4:1

STUBBORN
when Pharaoh was s about . . Ex 13:15
If a man has a s . . . . . Deut 21:18
and s children . . . . . Ezek 2:4

STUBBORN-HEARTED
"Listen to Me, you s . . . . . Is 46:12

STUBBORNNESS
do not look on the s . . . . . Deut 9:27

STUDENT
the teacher with the s . . . . . 1 Chr 25:8

STUDIED
having never s . . . . . John 7:15

STUMBLE
causes them to s . . . . . Ps 119:165
to make my steps s . . . . . Ps 140:4
your foot will not s . . . . . Prov 3:23
know what makes them s . . Prov 4:19
one will be weary or s . . . . . Is 5:27
among them shall s . . . . . Is 8:15
we s at noonday as at . . . . . Is 59:10
that they might not s . . . . . Is 63:13
before your feet s . . . . . Jer 13:16
they will s and fall . . . . . Jer 46:6
have caused many to s . . . . . Mal 2:8
you will be made to s . . . . . Matt 26:31
if all are made to s . . . . . Matt 26:33
immediately they s . . . . . Mark 4:17
who believe in Me to s . . . . Mark 9:42
s because of Me this . . . . . Mark 14:27
the day, he does not s . . . . . John 11:9
Who is made to s . . . . . 2 Cor 11:29
whole law, and yet s . . . . . James 2:10
For we all s in many . . . . . James 3:2

STUMBLED
and those who s . . . . . 1 Sam 2:4
God, for you have s . . . . . Hos 14:1
s that they should . . . . . Rom 11:11

STUMBLES
word, immediately he s . . . Matt 13:21

STUMBLING
the deaf, nor put a s . . . . . Lev 19:14
but a stone of s . . . . . Is 8:14
Behold, I will lay s . . . . . Jer 6:21
watched for my s . . . . . Jer 20:10
it became their s . . . . . Ezek 7:19
stumbled at that s . . . . . Rom 9:32

I lay in Zion a *s* ..... Rom 9:33
this, not to put a *s* ..... Rom 14:13
to the Jews a *s* ..... 1 Cor 1:23
of yours become a *s* ..... 1 Cor 8:9
and "A stone of *s* ..... 1 Pet 2:8
is no cause for *s* ..... 1 John 2:10
to keep you from *s* ..... Jude 24

STUMBLING BLOCK
*s* out of the way ..... Is 57:14
I lay a *s* before him ..... Ezek 3:20
it became their *s* ..... Ezek 7:19
*s* and a recompense ..... Rom 11:9
not to put a *s* ..... Rom 14:13
to the Jews a *s* ..... 1 Cor 1:23
of yours become a *s* ..... 1 Cor 8:9
taught Balak to put a *s* ..... Rev 2:14

STUMP
whose *s* remains when it is .... Is 6:13
leave the *s* and roots ..... Dan 4:15

STUPID
and regarded as *s* ..... Job 18:3
who hates correction is *s* ... Prov 12:1
Surely I am more *s* ..... Prov 30:2

SUBDUE
*s* the peoples under us ..... Ps 47:3
shall *s* three kings ..... Dan 7:24
*s* our iniquities ..... Mic 7:19
*s* all things to ..... Phil 3:21

SUBDUED
land was *s* before them .... Josh 18:1
So the Philistines were *s* .. 1 Sam 7:13
You have *s* under me those .. Ps 18:39
through faith *s* kingdoms .. Heb 11:33

SUBJECT
for it is not *s* ..... Rom 8:7
Let every soul be *s* ..... Rom 13:1
all things are made *s* ..... 1 Cor 15:28
Remind them to be *s* ..... Titus 3:1
all their lifetime *s* ..... Heb 2:15
having been made *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:22

SUBJECTED
because of Him who *s* ..... Rom 8:20

SUBJECTION
put all things in *s* ..... Heb 2:8
more readily be in *s* ..... Heb 12:9

SUBMISSION
in silence with all *s* ..... 1 Tim 2:11
his children in *s* ..... 1 Tim 3:4

SUBMISSIVE
Wives, likewise, be *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:1
Yes, all of you be *s* ..... 1 Pet 5:5

SUBMIT
*s* yourself under her hand .. Gen 16:9
Your enemies shall *s* ..... Ps 66:3
Wives, *s* to your own ..... Eph 5:22
*s* to your own husbands ..... Col 3:18
Therefore *s* to God ..... James 4:7
*s* yourselves to every ..... 1 Pet 2:13
you younger people, *s* ..... 1 Pet 5:5

SUBSIDED
and the waters *s* ..... Gen 8:1
the king's wrath *s* ..... Esth 7:10

SUBSTANCE
Bless his *s* ..... Deut 33:11
Your eyes saw my *s* ..... Ps 139:16
up all the *s* of his house .... Prov 6:31
the LORD, and their *s* ..... Mic 4:13
Now faith is the *s* of ..... Heb 11:1

SUCCEED
For this will not *s* ..... Num 14:41
you shall not *s* ..... Jer 32:5

SUCCESS
please give me *s* ..... Gen 24:12
You spoil my *s* ..... Job 30:22
but wisdom brings *s* ..... Eccl 10:10

SUCCESSFUL
Joseph, and he was a *s* ..... Gen 39:2

SUCCOTH
Place east of the Jordan, Judg 8:4, 5
Jacob's residence here, Gen 33:17
—— Israel's first camp, Ex 12:37

SUDDENLY
whom you seek, will *s* ..... Mal 3:1
*s* there was with the ..... Luke 2:13

SUE
*s* you and take away ..... Matt 5:40

SUFFER
for a stranger will *s* ..... Prov 11:15
Son of Man must *s* many .. Mark 8:31
He must *s* many things .... Mark 9:12
Son of Man must *s* many .. Luke 9:22
He must *s* many things ... Luke 17:25
for the Christ to *s* ..... Luke 24:46
that the Christ would *s* ..... Acts 3:18
to *s* shame for His name .... Acts 5:41
*s* for My name's sake ..... Acts 9:16
that the Christ had to *s* ..... Acts 17:3
that the Christ would *s* .... Acts 26:23
Christ, if indeed we *s* ..... Rom 8:17
all the members *s* ..... 1 Cor 12:26
sufferings which we also *s* .. 2 Cor 1:6
that they may not *s* ..... Gal 6:12
in Him, but also to *s* ..... Phil 1:29
we would *s* tribulation .... 1 Thess 3:4
*s* trouble as an ..... 2 Tim 2:9
Jesus will *s* persecution ... 2 Tim 3:12
choosing rather to *s* ..... Heb 11:25
when you do good and *s* ... 1 Pet 2:20
even if you should *s* for .... 1 Pet 3:14
the will of God, to *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:17
*s* as a murderer ..... 1 Pet 4:15
Therefore let those who *s* .. 1 Pet 4:19
you are about to *s* ..... Rev 2:10

SUFFERED
I have *s* many things ..... Matt 27:19
*s* many things from ..... Mark 5:26
*s* these things and to ..... Luke 24:26
Have you *s* so many ..... Gal 3:4
for whom I have *s* ..... Phil 3:8
in that He Himself has *s* .... Heb 2:18
by the things which He *s* .... Heb 5:8
with His own blood, *s* ..... Heb 13:12
because Christ also *s* ..... 1 Pet 2:21
when He *s*, He did not ..... 1 Pet 2:23
For Christ also *s* ..... 1 Pet 3:18
since Christ *s* ..... 1 Pet 4:1
after you have *s* ..... 1 Pet 5:10

SUFFERING
My eyes bring *s* ..... Lam 3:51
Himself alive after His *s* by .. Acts 1:3
for the *s* of death crowned ... Heb 2:9
as an example of *s* ..... James 5:10
Is anyone among you *s* ... James 5:13
forth as an example, *s* ..... Jude 7

SUFFERINGS
I consider that the *s* ..... Rom 8:18
share with me in the *s* ..... 2 Tim 1:8
perfect through *s* ..... Heb 2:10
great struggle with *s* ..... Heb 10:32
beforehand the *s* ..... 1 Pet 1:11

SUFFERS
Love *s* long and is ..... 1 Cor 13:4

SUFFICIENCY
but our *s* is from God ..... 2 Cor 3:5
always having all *s* ..... 2 Cor 9:8

SUFFICIENT
*S* for the day is its ..... Matt 6:34
by the majority is *s* ..... 2 Cor 2:6
Not that we are *s* ..... 2 Cor 3:5

SUITABLE
by the hand of a *s* ..... Lev 16:21

SUM
How great is the *s* ..... Ps 139:17
*s* I obtained this ..... Acts 22:28

SUMMED
commandment, are all *s* .... Rom 13:9

SUMMER
and heat, winter and *s* ..... Gen 8:22
into the drought of *s* ..... Ps 32:4
You have made *s* ..... Ps 74:17
you know that *s* ..... Matt 24:32

SUMPTUOUSLY
fine linen and fared *s* ..... Luke 16:19

SUN
So the *s* stood still ..... Josh 10:13
love Him be like the *s* ..... Judg 5:31
grows green in the *s* ..... Job 8:16
a tabernacle for the *s* ..... Ps 19:4
the LORD God is a *s* ..... Ps 84:11
*s* shall not strike you ..... Ps 121:6
the *s* to rule by day ..... Ps 136:8
to behold the *s* ..... Eccl 11:7
while the *s* and the ..... Eccl 12:2
moon, clear as the *s* ..... Song 6:10
*s* will be sevenfold ..... Is 30:26
*s* returned ten degrees ..... Is 38:8
*s* shall no longer be ..... Is 60:19
*s* has gone down while ..... Jer 15:9
LORD, who gives the *s* ..... Jer 31:35
the *s* and moon grow ..... Joel 2:10
*s* shall be turned ..... Joel 2:31
*s* shall go down on the ..... Mic 3:6
The *s* and moon stood ..... Hab 3:11
for He makes His *s* ..... Matt 5:45
the *s* was darkened ..... Luke 23:45
is one glory of the *s* ..... 1 Cor 15:41
do not let the *s* ..... Eph 4:26
*s* became black as ..... Rev 6:12
*s* shall not strike ..... Rev 7:16
had no need of the *s* ..... Rev 21:23

SUPPER
man gave a great *s* ..... Luke 14:16
to eat the Lord's *S* ..... 1 Cor 11:20
took the cup after *s* ..... 1 Cor 11:25
together for the *s* ..... Rev 19:17

SUPPLICATION
*s* that you have made ..... 1 Kin 9:3
and make your *s* ..... Job 8:5
LORD has heard my *s* ..... Ps 6:9
to the LORD I made *s* ..... Ps 30:8
Yourself from my *s* ..... Ps 55:1
Let my *s* come before ..... Ps 119:170
They will make *s* ..... Is 45:14
with all prayer and *s* ..... Eph 6:18
by prayer and *s* ..... Phil 4:6

SUPPLICATIONS
Will he make many *s* to ..... Job 41:3
of my *s* when I cry to You .... Ps 28:2
To the voice of my *s* ..... Ps 130:2
request by prayer and *s* ..... Dan 9:3
and continues in *s* and ..... 1 Tim 5:5
offered up prayers and *s* ..... Heb 5:7

SUPPLIES
Now may He who *s* ..... 2 Cor 9:10
Therefore He who *s* ..... Gal 3:5
by what every joint *s* ..... Eph 4:16

SUPPLY
*s* what was lacking ..... Phil 2:30
And my God shall *s* ..... Phil 4:19

SUPPORT
but the LORD was my *s* .. 2 Sam 22:19
this, that you must *s* ..... Acts 20:35

SUPPOSE
*S* there were fifty ..... Gen 18:24
"But *s* they will not believe .... Ex 4:1
*s* that I came to give ..... Luke 12:51
not drunk, as you *s* ..... Acts 2:15
who *s* that godliness is a ... 1 Tim 6:5
man *s* that he will receive .. James 1:7

SUPREME
to the king as *s* ..... 1 Pet 2:13

SURE
s your sin will find ..... Num 32:23
build him a s house ..... 1 Sam 2:35
but no man is s ..... Job 24:22
testimony of the LORD is s .... Ps 19:7
all His precepts are s ..... Ps 111:7
call and election s ..... 2 Pet 1:10

SURETY
Be s for Your servant ..... Ps 119:122
one who hates being s .... Prov 11:15
Jesus has become a s ..... Heb 7:22

SURROUND
But you shall s ..... 2 Kin 11:8
LORD, mercy shall s ..... Ps 32:10

SURROUNDED
the waves of death s ..... 2 Sam 22:5
The pangs of death s ..... Ps 18:4
The pains of death s ..... Ps 116:3
All nations s me ..... Ps 118:10
their own deeds have s ..... Hos 7:2
and the floods s ..... Jon 2:3
also, since we are s ..... Heb 12:1

SURVIVOR
was no refugee or s ..... Lam 2:22

SUSANNA
Believing woman ministering to Christ, Luke 8:2, 3

SUSPICIONS
reviling, evil s ..... 1 Tim 6:4

SUSTAIN
You will s him on his ..... Ps 41:3
of a man will s ..... Prov 18:14
S me with cakes of ..... Song 2:5

SUSTAINED
Forty years You s them ..... Neh 9:21
I awoke, for the LORD s me .... Ps 3:5
and My own fury, it s Me ..... Is 63:5

SWADDLING
thick darkness its s ..... Job 38:9
Him in s cloths ..... Luke 2:7

SWALLOW
like a flying s ..... Prov 26:2
Like a crane or a s ..... Is 38:14
s observe the time ..... Jer 8:7
great fish to s Jonah ..... Jon 1:17
a gnat and s a camel ..... Matt 23:24

SWALLOWED
Aaron's rod s up their rods ... Ex 7:12
the earth s them ..... Ex 15:12
s me up like a monster ..... Jer 51:34
He has s up Israel ..... Lam 2:5
"Death is s up in victory .. 1 Cor 15:54
s up with too much sorrow .. 2 Cor 2:7

SWEAR
shall I make you s ..... 1 Kin 22:16
in the earth shall s ..... Is 65:16
s oaths by the LORD ..... Zeph 1:5
'You shall not s ..... Matt 5:33
began to curse and s ..... Matt 26:74
because He could s ..... Heb 6:13
my brethren, do not s .... James 5:12

SWEARING
By s and lying ..... Hos 4:2

SWEARS
he who s to his own ..... Ps 15:4
everyone who s by Him ..... Ps 63:11
but whoever s by the ..... Matt 23:18

SWEAT
In the s of your face ..... Gen 3:19
Then His s became like ... Luke 22:44

SWEET
it is a s aroma, an offering .. Ex 29:18
a s aroma to the LORD ..... Lev 1:9
by fire as a s aroma to ..... Num 28:2
Though evil is s ..... Job 20:12
valley shall be s to him .... Job 21:33
s are Your words ..... Ps 119:103
my words, for they are s .... Ps 141:6
his fruit was s to my taste .. Song 2:3
for your voice is s ..... Song 2:14
His mouth is most s ..... Song 5:16
shall drip with s wine ..... Amos 9:13
but it will be as s ..... Rev 10:9

SWEETER
"What is s than honey .... Judg 14:18
S also than honey and the ... Ps 19:10
s than honey to my ..... Ps 119:103

SWEETNESS
'Should I cease my s ..... Judg 9:11
called prudent, and s ..... Prov 16:21
s of a man's friend gives ... Prov 27:9
mouth like honey in s ..... Ezek 3:3

SWELL
thigh rot and your belly s .. Num 5:21
their feet did not s ..... Neh 9:21
your heart shall s with joy .... Is 60:5

SWELLING
they speak great s ..... 2 Pet 2:18

SWEPT
his army shall be s away .. Dan 11:26
he finds it empty, s ..... Matt 12:44

SWIFT
s as the eagle flies ..... Deut 28:49
pass by like s ships ..... Job 9:26
handles the bow, the s .... Amos 2:15
let every man be s ..... James 1:19

SWIFTLY
His word runs very s ..... Ps 147:15

SWIM
night I make my bed s ..... Ps 6:6

SWINE
the s, though it divides ..... Lev 11:7
cast your pearls before s .... Matt 7:6
went into the herd of s ..... Matt 8:32
the pods that the s ate .... Luke 15:16

SWINE'S
ring of gold in a s snout ... Prov 11:22
in the midst, eating s flesh ... Is 66:17

SWOON
as they s like the ..... Lam 2:12

SWORD
*See* TWO-EDGED SWORD
s which turned every ..... Gen 3:24
but not with your s ..... Josh 24:12
the wicked with Your s ..... Ps 17:13
land by their own s ..... Ps 44:3
my bow, nor shall my s ..... Ps 44:6
their tongue a sharp s ..... Ps 57:4
shall not lift up s ..... Is 2:4
But he shall flee from the s .... Is 31:8
s shall be bathed ..... Is 34:5
The s of the LORD is ..... Is 34:6
And I will send a s ..... Jer 9:16
will die by the s ..... Ezek 7:15
'A s, a s is sharpened ..... Ezek 21:9
'A s, a s is drawn ..... Ezek 21:28
Bow and s of battle I ..... Hos 2:18
people shall die by the s .. Amos 9:10
not lift up s against nation ... Mic 4:3
"Awake, O s ..... Zech 13:7
to bring peace but a s ..... Matt 10:34
for all who take the s ..... Matt 26:52
s will pierce through ..... Luke 2:35
he does not bear the s ..... Rom 13:4
the s of the Spirit ..... Eph 6:17
than any two-edged s ..... Heb 4:12
a sharp two-edged s ..... Rev 1:16
mouth goes a sharp s ..... Rev 19:15

SWORDS
yet they were drawn s ..... Ps 55:21
shall beat their s ..... Is 2:4
beat their s into plowshares .. Mic 4:3
look, here are two s ..... Luke 22:38

SWORE
So I s in My wrath ..... Ps 95:11
So I s in My wrath ..... Heb 3:11
and s by Him who lives ..... Rev 10:6

SWORN
"By Myself I have s ..... Gen 22:16
The LORD has s in ..... Ps 132:11
I have s by Myself ..... Is 45:23
"The LORD has s ..... Heb 7:21

SYCAMORE
into a s tree to see Him .... Luke 19:4

SYCHAR
Town of Samaria; Jesus talks to woman at well here, John 4:5–39

SYMBOLIC
which things are s ..... Gal 4:24
It was s for the ..... Heb 9:9

SYMBOLS
I have given s through ..... Hos 12:10

SYMPATHIZE
Priest who cannot s ..... Heb 4:15

SYMPATHY
My s is stirred ..... Hos 11:8

SYNAGOGUE
*See* RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE
He went into the s ..... Luke 4:16
he was a ruler of the s ..... Luke 8:41
in the s every Sabbath ..... Acts 18:4
but are a s of Satan ..... Rev 2:9

SYRACUSE
City visited by Paul, Acts 28:12

SYRIANS
Abraham's kindred, Gen 22:20–23; 25:20
Hostile to Israel, 2 Sam 8:11–13; 10:6–19; 1 Kin 20:1–34; 22:1–38; 2 Kin 6:8—7:7
Defeated by Assyria, 2 Kin 16:9
Destruction of, foretold, Is 17:1–3
Gospel preached to, Acts 15:23, 41

SYRO-PHOENICIAN
Daughter of, freed of demon, Mark 7:25–31

TABERAH
Israelite camp; fire destroys many there, Num 11:1–3

TABERNACLE
that is, the pattern of the t ... Ex 25:9
you shall make the t ..... Ex 26:1
called it the t of meeting ..... Ex 33:7
did not depart from the t .... Ex 33:11
covered the t of meeting, .... Ex 40:34
t He shall hide me ..... Ps 27:5
I will abide in Your t ..... Ps 61:4
In Salem also is His t ..... Ps 76:2
How lovely is Your t ..... Ps 84:1
Let us go into His t ..... Ps 132:7
quiet home, a t ..... Is 33:20
has done violence to His t ... Lam 2:6
My t also shall be with ... Ezek 37:27
You also took up the t ..... Acts 7:43
and will rebuild the t ..... Acts 15:16
the true t which the Lord .... Heb 8:2
and more perfect t ..... Heb 9:11
the temple of the t of the .... Rev 15:5
Behold, the t ..... Rev 21:3

TABERNACLES
*See* FEAST OF TABERNACLES
T for seven days to the .... Lev 23:34
Feast of T seven days ..... Deut 16:13
us make here three t ..... Matt 17:4
Feast of T was at hand ..... John 7:2

TABITHA
*See* DORCAS

TABLE
shall also make a *t* ..... Ex 25:23
prepare a *t* before me ..... Ps 23:5
*t* become a snare ..... Ps 69:22
a *t* in the wilderness ..... Ps 78:19
head as He sat at the *t* ..... Matt 26:7
dogs under the *t* ..... Mark 7:28
*t* in the Pharisee's house ... Luke 7:37
*t* become a snare ..... Rom 11:9
of the Lord's *t* ..... 1 Cor 10:21

TABLES
*t* are full of vomit ..... Is 28:8
and overturned the *t* ..... Matt 21:12
of God and serve *t* ..... Acts 6:2

TABLET
write them on the *t* ..... Prov 3:3
is engraved on the *t* ..... Jer 17:1

TABLETS
I will give you *t* of stone .... Ex 24:12
Cut two *t* of stone like the ... Ex 34:1
wrote on the *t* the words .... Ex 34:28
the two *t* of the Testimony .. Ex 34:29
wrote them on two *t* of .... Deut 4:13
God, not on *t* of stone ..... 2 Cor 3:3
and the *t* of the covenant .... Heb 9:4

TABOR
Scene of rally against Sisera, Judg 4:6, 12, 14

TADMOR
Trading center near Damascus, 2 Chr 8:4

TAHPANHES (or Tehaphnehes)
City of Egypt; refuge of fleeing Jews, Jer 2:16; 44:1; Ezek 30:18

TAIL
hand and take it by the *t*" ..... Ex 4:4
the head and not the *t* .... Deut 28:13
turned the foxes *t* to *t* ..... Judg 15:4
He moves his *t* like a ..... Job 40:17
*t* drew a third of the ..... Rev 12:4

TAILS
They had *t* like scorpions, .. Rev 9:10
for their *t* are like serpents .. Rev 9:19

TAKE
You shall *t* with you seven ... Gen 7:2
*T* now your son, your only .. Gen 22:2
I will *t* you as My people, ..... Ex 6:7
You shall not *t* the name of .. Ex 20:7
I will *t* sickness away ..... Ex 23:25
*t* off your ornaments, that .... Ex 33:5
I will *t* away My hand ..... Ex 33:23
*t* us as Your inheritance ..... Ex 34:9
*T* heed to yourself, lest ..... Ex 34:12
shall not *t* vengeance ..... Lev 19:18
to *t* the vow of a Nazirite ... Num 6:2
*T* heed to yourselves, lest .. Deut 4:23
You shall not *t* the name ... Deut 5:11
shall *t* oaths in His name .. Deut 6:13
add to it nor *t* away ..... Deut 12:32
*T* your sandal off your ..... Josh 5:15
God does not *t* away .... 2 Sam 14:14
How long shall I *t* counsel .... Ps 13:2
*t* Your Holy Spirit ..... Ps 51:11
I will not utterly *t* from ..... Ps 89:33
His wings you shall *t* refuge .. Ps 91:4
I will *t* up the cup of ..... Ps 116:13
*t* not the word of ..... Ps 119:43
In You I *t* refuge ..... Ps 141:8
in You I *t* shelter ..... Ps 143:9
*T* firm hold of instruction, .. Prov 4:13
and *t* away all your alloy ..... Is 1:25
will *t* the heart of stone ... Ezek 36:26
*t* words with you ..... Hos 14:2
*t* away your tunic, let him .. Matt 5:40
does not *t* his cross ..... Matt 10:38
*T* My yoke upon ..... Matt 11:29
*t* up his cross, and ..... Matt 16:24
*T* what is yours and ..... Matt 20:14
*t* You in, or naked and .... Matt 25:38
and you did not *t* Me in ... Matt 25:43
*T*, eat; this is My body .... Matt 26:26
and *t* up his cross ..... Mark 8:34
*t* up the cross, and ..... Mark 10:21
*T*, eat; this is My body ... Mark 14:22
*T* this cup away ..... Mark 14:36
*t* up his cross daily, and ... Luke 9:23
My life that I may *t* ..... John 10:17
I urge you to *t* heart ..... Acts 27:22
*T*, eat; this is My body .... 1 Cor 11:24
Therefore *t* up the whole ... Eph 6:13

TAKE HEED
*T* to yourself and see ..... Ex 10:28
'*T* to yourselves that ..... Ex 19:12
*T* to yourself, lest you ..... Ex 34:12
*t* to speak what the Lord .. Num 23:12
*t*, lest you lift your eyes .... Deut 4:19
your sons *t* to their way .... 1 Kin 2:4
*T*, do not turn to iniquity ... Job 36:21
*T*, and be quiet ..... Is 7:4
*t*, you peoples from afar ..... Is 49:1
Everyone *t* to his neighbor .... Jer 9:4
*t* to your spirit ..... Mal 2:15
*T* that you do not do ..... Matt 6:1
"*T* and beware of the ..... Matt 16:6
*T* that you do not ..... Matt 18:10
"*T* that no one deceives .... Matt 24:4
"*T* what you hear ..... Mark 4:24
*t*; see, I have told you .... Mark 13:23
*T*, watch and pray ..... Mark 13:33
*t* that the light ..... Luke 11:35
"*T* and beware ..... Luke 12:15
*t* to yourselves, lest ..... Luke 21:34
*t* how he builds on it ..... 1 Cor 3:10
stands *t* lest he fall ..... 1 Cor 10:12
"*T* to the ministry ..... Col 4:17
*T* to yourself and to ..... 1 Tim 4:16

TAKEN
*t* from man He made into ... Gen 2:22
because she was *t* out of .... Gen 2:23
for out of it you were *t* ..... Gen 3:19
have you *t* us away to die ... Ex 14:11
But the LORD has *t* you..... Deut 4:20
*t* the wife of Uriah ..... 2 Sam 12:10
and the LORD has *t* away .... Job 1:21
God has *t* away my justice .. Job 34:5
you are *t* by the words ..... Prov 6:2
He was *t* from prison ..... Is 53:8
righteous is *t* away from ..... Is 57:1
of God will be *t* from ..... Matt 21:43
one will be *t* and the ..... Matt 24:40
what he has will be *t* ..... Mark 4:25
He was *t* up ..... Acts 1:9
veil is *t* away in Christ .... 2 Cor 3:14
until He is *t* out of ..... 2 Thess 2:7
By faith Enoch was *t* ..... Heb 11:5

TAKES
who *t* His name in vain ..... Ex 20:7
LORD *t* pleasure in those.... Ps 147:11
For the LORD *t* pleasure in ... Ps 149:4
than he who *t* a city ..... Prov 16:32
does not bear fruit He *t* .... John 15:2

TAKING
the fruit of *t* away his sin ..... Is 27:9
*t* Him up on a high ..... Luke 4:5
*t* the shield of faith with .... Eph 6:16
*t* the form of a bondservant .. Phil 2:7

TALEBEARER
not go about as a *t* ..... Lev 19:16
*t* reveals secrets ..... Prov 11:13

TALENT
went and hid your *t* ..... Matt 25:25

TALENTS
owed him ten thousand *t* .. Matt 18:24
to one he gave five *t* ..... Matt 25:15

TALITHA
*T*, cumi," which is ..... Mark 5:41

TALK
shall *t* of them when ..... Deut 6:7
*t* be vindicated ..... Job 11:2
with unprofitable *t* ..... Job 15:3
My tongue also shall *t* ..... Ps 71:24
entangle Him in His *t* ..... Matt 22:15
I will no longer *t* ..... John 14:30
turned aside to idle *t* ..... 1 Tim 1:6

TALKED
within us while He *t* ..... Luke 24:32

TALKERS
both idle *t* and ..... Titus 1:10

TALL
and *t* as the Anakim ..... Deut 2:10
to a nation *t* and ..... Is 18:2

TAMAR
Wife of Er and mother of Perez and Zerah, Gen 38:6–30
—— Absalom's sister, 2 Sam 13:1–32

TAMBOURINE
They sing to the *t* ..... Job 21:12
The mirth of the *t* ..... Is 24:8

TAME
no man can *t* the tongue ... James 3:8

TANNER
in Joppa with Simon, a *t* ... Acts 9:43

TAPESTRY
She makes *t* for herself ... Prov 31:22

TARES
the *t* also appeared ..... Matt 13:26

TARGET
You set me as Your *t* ..... Job 7:20
and set me up as a *t* ..... Lam 3:12

TARRY
who turns aside to *t* ..... Jer 14:8
come and will not *t* ..... Heb 10:37

TARSHISH
City at a great distance from Palestine, Jon 1:3
Ships of, noted in commerce, Ps 48:7

TARSUS
Paul's birthplace, Acts 21:39
Saul sent to, Acts 9:30
Visited by Barnabas, Acts 11:25

TARTAN
Sent to fight against Jerusalem, 2 Kin 18:17

TASK
your *t* in making brick both .. Ex 5:14
this burdensome *t* ..... Eccl 1:13

TASKMASTERS
Therefore they set *t* over ..... Ex 1:11

TASSELS
Tell them to make *t* on ... Num 15:38
shall make *t* on the four .. Deut 22:12

TASTE
the *t* of it was like wafers ... Ex 16:31
and its *t* was like the ..... Num 11:8
Oh, *t* and see that the ..... Ps 34:8
are Your words to my *t* ... Ps 119:103
was sweet to my *t* ..... Song 2:3
not *t* death till they see ..... Mark 9:1
shall *t* my supper ..... Luke 14:24
Do not touch, do not *t* ..... Col 2:21
might *t* death for ..... Heb 2:9

TASTED
But when He had *t* ..... Matt 27:34
*t* the heavenly gift ..... Heb 6:4
*t* the good word ..... Heb 6:5
*t* that the Lord is ..... 1 Pet 2:3

TATTENAI
Persian governor opposing the Jews, Ezra 5:3, 6

TAUGHT
O God, You have *t* ..... Ps 71:17
as His counselor has *t* ..... Is 40:13

the synagogue and *t* .....Mark 1:21
He *t* them many things by ..Mark 4:2
presence, and You *t* .....Luke 13:26
they shall all be *t* .....John 6:45
but as My Father *t* .....John 8:28
that they *t* the people and ...Acts 4:2
*t* accurately the things of ..Acts 18:25
from man, nor was I *t* .....Gal 1:12
and have been *t* by Him ....Eph 4:21
the faith, as you have been *t* ..Col 2:7
which you were *t* .....2 Thess 2:15

TAUNT
and a byword, a *t* .....Jer 24:9

TAX
*t* collectors do the .....Matt 5:46
received the temple *t* .....Matt 17:24
I say to you that *t* .....Matt 21:31
Show Me the *t* .....Matt 22:19

TAX COLLECTOR
Matthew the *t* .....Matt 10:3
like heathen and a *t* .....Matt 18:17
a *t* named Levi .....Luke 5:27
and the other a *t* .....Luke 18:10
who was a chief *t* .....Luke 19:2

TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS
your Teacher eat with *t* ....Matt 9:11
He eats and drinks with *t* .Mark 2:16
winebibber, a friend of *t* ...Luke 7:34

TAXES
take customs or *t* .....Matt 17:25
Is it lawful to pay *t* .....Matt 22:17
forbidding to pay *t* .....Luke 23:2
*t* to whom *t* .....Rom 13:7

TEACH
*t* them to your children .....Deut 4:9
*t* them diligently .....Deut 6:7
*t* Jacob Your judgments ..Deut 33:10
*t* you the good and the ..1 Sam 12:23
"Can anyone *t* .....Job 21:22
"I will *t* you about .....Job 27:11
*t* me what I do not see .....Job 34:32
*t* me Your paths .....Ps 25:4
*T* me Your way .....Ps 27:11
*t* you the fear of the .....Ps 34:11
*t* You awesome things .....Ps 45:4
*t* transgressors Your .....Ps 51:13
So *t* us to number our .....Ps 90:12
*T* me Your statutes .....Ps 119:12
He will *t* us His ways .....Is 2:3
"Whom will he *t* .....Is 28:9
every man *t* his neighbor ...Jer 31:34
a bribe, her priests *t* .....Mic 3:11
*t* the way of God in .....Matt 22:16
He began to *t* them .....Mark 6:34
*t* us to pray, as John also ..Luke 11:1
the Holy Spirit will *t* .....Luke 12:12
in My name, He will *t* ....John 14:26
you not to *t* in this name ...Acts 5:28
therefore, who *t* another ...Rom 2:21
even nature itself *t* .....1 Cor 11:14
permit a woman to *t* .....1 Tim 2:12
things command and *t* ....1 Tim 4:11
*T* and exhort these .....1 Tim 6:2
*t* you again the first .....Heb 5:12
not need that anyone *t* ...1 John 2:27

TEACHER
for One is your *T* .....Matt 23:8
*T*, do You not care that ....Mark 4:38
asked Him, "Good *T* .....Mark 10:17
know that You are a *t* .....John 3:2
*T*, this woman was caught ..John 8:4
*T* has come and is .....John 11:28
You call Me *T* .....John 13:13
named Gamaliel, a *t* .....Acts 5:34
a *t* of babes, having .....Rom 2:20
a *t* of the Gentiles in .....1 Tim 2:7

TEACHERS
than all my *t* .....Ps 119:99
*t* will not be moved .....Is 30:20
prophets, third *t* .....1 Cor 12:28
and some pastors and *t* .....Eph 4:11
desiring to be *t* .....1 Tim 1:7
time you ought to be *t* .....Heb 5:12
of you become *t* .....James 3:1
there will be false *t* .....2 Pet 2:1

TEACHES
therefore He *t* sinners .....Ps 25:8
He who *t* man knowledge ...Ps 94:10
*t* men so, shall be called ....Matt 5:19
the Holy Spirit *t* .....1 Cor 2:13
If anyone *t* otherwise .....1 Tim 6:3
the same anointing *t* .....1 John 2:27

TEACHING
*t* them to observe all .....Matt 28:20
were astonished at His *t* ..Mark 1:22
Me, *t* as doctrines the .....Mark 7:7
they did not cease *t* .....Acts 5:42
he who teaches, in *t* .....Rom 12:7
by prophesying, or by *t* ....1 Cor 14:6
*t* every man in all .....Col 1:28
*t* things which they .....Titus 1:11
*t* us that .....Titus 2:12

TEAR
*t* yourself in anger .....Job 18:4
lest they *t* me like a .....Ps 7:2
I, even I, will *t* .....Hos 5:14
feet, and turn and *t* .....Matt 7:6
will wipe away every *t* .....Rev 21:4

TEARS
I have seen your *t* .....2 Kin 20:5
my couch with my *t* .....Ps 6:6
*t* have been my food .....Ps 42:3
with the bread of *t* .....Ps 80:5
drench you with my *t* .....Is 16:9
GOD will wipe away *t* .....Is 25:8
eyes may run with *t* .....Jer 9:18
My eyes fail with *t* .....Lam 2:11
His feet with her *t* .....Luke 7:38
night and day with *t* .....Acts 20:31
mindful of your *t* .....2 Tim 1:4
vehement cries and *t* .....Heb 5:7
it diligently with *t* .....Heb 12:17

TEETH
*t* whiter than milk .....Gen 49:12
by the skin of my *t* .....Job 19:20
You have broken the *t* .....Ps 3:7
As vinegar to the *t* .....Prov 10:26
you cleanness of *t* .....Amos 4:6
and gnashing of *t* .....Matt 8:12

TEKOA
Home of a wise woman, 2 Sam 14:2, 4, 9
Home of Amos, Amos 1:1

TELL
that you may *t* it to .....Ps 48:13
the message that I *t* .....Jon 3:2
Who can *t* if God .....Jon 3:9
*t* him his fault .....Matt 18:15
whatever they *t* .....Matt 23:3
He comes, He will *t* .....John 4:25

TEMAN
Tribe in northeast Edom, Gen 36:34
Judgment pronounced against, Amos 1:12
God appears from, Hab 3:3

TEMPERATE
for the prize is *t* in all .....1 Cor 9:25
husband of one wife, *t* .....1 Tim 3:2

TEMPEST
the windy storm and *t* .....Ps 55:8
one, tossed with *t* .....Is 54:11
And suddenly a great *t* .....Matt 8:24

TEMPLE
So Solomon built the *t* ....1 Kin 6:14
build a *t* for the LORD .....2 Chr 2:12
*t* for the name of the LORD..2 Chr 6:7
of the LORD filled the *t* .....2 Chr 7:1
LORD is in His holy *t* .....Ps 11:4
to inquire in His *t* .....Ps 27:4
The *t* of the LORD .....Jer 7:4
suddenly come to His *t* .....Mal 3:1
One greater than the *t* .....Matt 12:6
murdered between the *t* ..Matt 23:35
veil of the *t* was torn .....Matt 27:51
found Him in the *t* .....Luke 2:46
"Destroy this *t* .....John 2:19
was speaking of the *t* .....John 2:21
one accord in the *t* .....Acts 2:46
the Beautiful Gate of the *t* ..Acts 3:10
that you are the *t* .....1 Cor 3:16
your body is the *t* .....1 Cor 6:19
grows into a holy *t* .....Eph 2:21
sits as God in the *t* .....2 Thess 2:4
Then the *t* of God was .....Rev 11:19
But I saw no *t* in it .....Rev 21:22
and the Lamb are its *t* .....Rev 21:22

TEMPLES
*t* made with hands .....Acts 7:48

TEMPORARY
which are seen are *t* .....2 Cor 4:18

TEMPT
Why do you *t* the LORD .....Ex 17:2
You shall not *t* the LORD ...Deut 6:16
they even *t* God .....Mal 3:15
*t* the LORD your God .....Matt 4:7
that Satan does not *t* .....1 Cor 7:5
nor let us *t* Christ .....1 Cor 10:9
nor does He Himself *t* ....James 1:13

TEMPTATION
do not lead us into *t* .....Matt 6:13
lest you enter into *t* .....Matt 26:41
in time of *t* fall away .....Luke 8:13
And do not lead us into *t*...Luke 11:4
*t* has overtaken you .....1 Cor 10:13
to be rich fall into *t* .....1 Tim 6:9
the man who endures *t* ...James 1:12

TEMPTED
because they *t* the LORD .....Ex 17:7
again and again they *t* God ..Ps 78:41
forty days, *t* by Satan .....Mark 1:13
being *t* for forty days by ....Luke 4:2
not allow you to be *t* .....1 Cor 10:13
lest you also be *t* .....Gal 6:1
has suffered, being *t* .....Heb 2:18
in all points *t* .....Heb 4:15
he is *t*, "I am *t* by God" ..James 1:13
But each one is *t* .....James 1:14

TEMPTER
Now when the *t* came .....Matt 4:3

TEN
*t* should be found .....Gen 18:32
the *T* Commandments .....Ex 34:28
David his *t* thousands ....1 Sam 18:7
or go backward *t* .....2 Kin 20:9
an instrument of *t* strings ....Ps 92:3
test your servants for *t* .....Dan 1:12
before it, and it had *t* horns ..Dan 7:7
The *t* horns are *t* kings .....Dan 7:24
owed him *t* thousand .....Matt 18:24
him who has *t* talents .....Matt 25:28
there met Him *t* men .....Luke 17:12
*t* horns, and seven .....Rev 12:3
seven heads and *t* horns ....Rev 13:1
The *t* horns which you .....Rev 17:12

TEND
to him, "*T* My sheep .....John 21:16

TENDER
your heart was *t* .....2 Kin 22:19
*t* shoots will not .....Job 14:7
Let Your *t* mercies come .....Ps 79:8
Your *t* mercies come to ....Ps 119:77
no more be called *t* .....Is 47:1
through the *t* mercy of ....Luke 1:78
put on *t* mercies .....Col 3:12

TENDERHEARTED
to one another, *t* ..... Eph 4:32
love as brothers, be *t* ..... 1 Pet 3:8

TENDS
*t* a flock and does not ..... 1 Cor 9:7

TENT
pitched his *t* in the ..... Gen 26:17
it was, hidden in his *t* ..... Josh 7:22
Israel, every man to his *t* ..... Judg 7:8
shall know that your *t* ..... Job 5:24
like a shepherd's *t* ..... Is 38:12
the place of your *t* ..... Is 54:2
My *t* is plundered ..... Jer 10:20
earthly house, this *t* ..... 2 Cor 5:1
long as I am in this *t* ..... 2 Pet 1:13
I must put off my *t* ..... 2 Pet 1:14

TENTH
I will surely give a *t* to ..... Gen 28:22
the *t* one shall be holy to .. Lev 27:32
to the LORD, a *t* of the ..... Num 18:26
shall bring up a *t* of ..... Neh 10:38
Abraham gave a *t* part of ..... Heb 7:2

TENTMAKERS
occupation they were *t* ..... Acts 18:3

TENTS
those who dwell in *t* ..... Gen 4:20
"How lovely are your *t* ..... Num 24:5
The *t* of robbers ..... Job 12:6
than dwell in the *t* ..... Ps 84:10
is in the *t* of the righteous .. Ps 118:15
I dwell among the *t* ..... Ps 120:5
LORD will save the *t* ..... Zech 12:7

TERAH
Father of Abram, Gen 11:26
Idolater, Josh 24:2
Dies in Haran, Gen 11:25–32

TEREBINTH
far as the *t* tree of Moreh ... Gen 12:6
dwelt by the *t* trees of ..... Gen 13:18
sat under the *t* tree which .. Judg 6:11
as a *t* tree or as an oak, ..... Is 6:13

TERRESTRIAL
bodies and *t* bodies ..... 1 Cor 15:40

TERRIBLE
*t* wilderness ..... Deut 1:19
haughtiness of the *t* ..... Is 13:11
is great and very *t* ..... Joel 2:11

TERRIFIED
to you, 'Do not be *t* ..... Deut 1:29
Therefore I am *t* at His .... Job 23:15
by Your wrath we are *t* ..... Ps 90:7
But they were *t* ..... Luke 24:37
and not in any way *t* ..... Phil 1:28

TERRIFIES
and the Almighty *t* ..... Job 23:16

TERRIFY
me with dreams and *t* ..... Job 7:14
not let dread of Him *t* ..... Job 9:34
are coming to *t* them ..... Zech 1:21

TERRIFYING
*t* was the sight ..... Heb 12:21

TERRITORY
smite all your *t* with frogs ..... Ex 8:2
bring locusts into your *t* ..... Ex 10:4
the *t* of their inheritance .. Josh 19:41
all the *t* of Israel ..... Judg 19:29
He restored the *t* of ..... 2 Kin 14:25

TERROR
the *t* of God was upon the .. Gen 35:5
there shall be *t* ..... Deut 32:25
are nothing, you see *t* ..... Job 6:21
from God is a *t* ..... Job 31:23
not be afraid of the *t* ..... Ps 91:5
from the *t* of the LORD and .... Is 2:10
*t* to fall on them suddenly ... Jer 15:8
I will make you a *t* ..... Jer 20:4
but a great *t* fell ..... Dan 10:7
the *t* of the Lord, we ..... 2 Cor 5:11

TERRORS
the *t* of God are ..... Job 6:4
*T* frighten him on ..... Job 18:11
before the king of *t* ..... Job 18:14
*T* overtake him like a ..... Job 27:20
consumed with *t* ..... Ps 73:19

TERTULLUS
Orator who accuses Paul, Acts 24:1–8

TEST
God has come to *t* you ..... Ex 20:20
that He might *t* Israel by .... Judg 3:1
*t* him with hard ..... 1 Kin 10:1
behold, His eyelids *t* ..... Ps 11:4
ask, nor will I *t* the LORD ..... Is 7:12
You who *t* the righteous, ... Jer 20:12
*t* them as gold is ..... Zech 13:9
said, "Why do you *t* ..... Matt 22:18
But this He said to *t* him .... John 6:6
*t* the Spirit of the ..... Acts 5:9
why do you *t* God by ..... Acts 15:10
and the fire will *t* ..... 1 Cor 3:13
*T* yourselves ..... 2 Cor 13:5
*T* all things ..... 1 Thess 5:21
but *t* the spirits ..... 1 John 4:1
to *t* those who dwell on ..... Rev 3:10

TESTAMENT
where there is a *t* ..... Heb 9:16
For a *t* is in force ..... Heb 9:17

TESTATOR
be the death of the *t* ..... Heb 9:16

TESTED
that God *t* Abraham ..... Gen 22:1
You have *t* my heart ..... Ps 17:3
And they *t* God in ..... Ps 78:18
*t* you at the waters of ..... Ps 81:7
When your fathers *t* ..... Ps 95:9
*t* them ten days ..... Dan 1:14
also first be *t* ..... 1 Tim 3:10
Where your fathers *t* ..... Heb 3:9
though it is *t* by fire ..... 1 Pet 1:7
*t* those who say they ..... Rev 2:2

TESTIFIED
Yet the LORD *t* against .... 2 Kin 17:13
who sent Me, has *t* of Me .. John 5:37
he who has seen has *t* .... John 19:35
for as you have *t* ..... Acts 23:11
*t* beforehand the ..... 1 Pet 1:11
of God which He has *t* .... 1 John 5:9
*t* of the truth that is in you .. 3 John 3

TESTIFIES
and heard, that He *t* ..... John 3:32
that the Holy Spirit *t* ..... Acts 20:23

TESTIFY
yes, your own lips *t* ..... Job 15:6
You, and our sins *t* ..... Is 59:12
*T* against Me ..... Mic 6:3
*t* what We have ..... John 3:11
these are they which *t* ..... John 5:39
to *t* to the gospel of the ... Acts 20:24
*t* that the Father ..... 1 John 4:14
sent My angel to *t* ..... Rev 22:16

TESTIFYING
was righteous, God *t* ..... Heb 11:4
*t* that this is ..... 1 Pet 5:12

TESTIMONIES
those who keep His *t* ..... Ps 119:2
for I have kept Your *t* ..... Ps 119:22
*t* are my meditation ..... Ps 119:99
I love Your *t* ..... Ps 119:119
*t* are wonderful ..... Ps 119:129

TESTIMONY
two tablets of the *T* ..... Ex 31:18
be put to death on the *t* .... Deut 17:6
For He established a *t* ..... Ps 78:5
that I may keep the *t* ..... Ps 119:88
Bind up the *t* ..... Is 8:16
under your feet as a *t* ..... Mark 6:11
Now this is the *t* ..... John 1:19
no one receives His *t* ..... John 3:32
who has received His *t* .... John 3:33
in your law that the *t* ..... John 8:17
and we know that his *t* ... John 21:24
declaring to you the *t* ..... 1 Cor 2:1
obtained a good *t* ..... Heb 11:2
he had this *t* ..... Heb 11:5
not believed the *t* ..... 1 John 5:10
And this is the *t* ..... 1 John 5:11
for the *t* which they held ..... Rev 6:9
and by the word of their *t* .. Rev 12:11
For the *t* of Jesus is ..... Rev 19:10

TESTING
is *t* you to know whether .. Deut 13:3
*t* the mind and the heart, ... Jer 11:20
came to Him, *t* Him ..... Matt 19:3
knowing that the *t* ..... James 1:3

TESTS
the righteous God *t* ..... Ps 7:9
The LORD *t* the righteous ..... Ps 11:5
gold, but the LORD *t* ..... Prov 17:3
men, but God who *t* ..... 1 Thess 2:4

TETRARCH
Herod being *t* of Galilee .... Luke 3:1
Now Herod the *t* heard of .. Luke 9:7
with Herod the *t* ..... Acts 13:1

THADDAEUS
One of the Twelve, Mark 3:18

THANK
*t* offerings into the ..... 2 Chr 29:31
"I *t* You and praise ..... Dan 2:23
"I *t* You, Father ..... Matt 11:25
*t* that servant because ..... Luke 17:9
*t* You that I am not ..... Luke 18:11
First, I *t* my God ..... Rom 1:8
*t* God without ceasing ... 1 Thess 2:13
*t* Christ Jesus our ..... 1 Tim 1:12

THANKFUL
Be *t* to Him ..... Ps 100:4
Him as God, nor were *t* .... Rom 1:21

THANKFULNESS
Felix, with all *t* ..... Acts 24:3

THANKS
give *t* to the LORD, for .... 1 Chr 16:34
and giving *t* to the LORD .... Ezra 3:11
grave who will give You *t* ..... Ps 6:5
give *t*! For Your wondrous ... Ps 75:1
is good to give *t* to the LORD .. Ps 92:1
give *t* to the LORD, for He .... Ps 107:1
give *t* to the LORD, for He .... Ps 136:1
the cup, and gave *t* ..... Matt 26:27
she gave *t* to the Lord ..... Luke 2:38
at His feet, giving Him *t* .. Luke 17:16
*t* He distributed them ..... John 6:11
for he gives God *t* ..... Rom 14:6
when He had given *t* ..... 1 Cor 11:24
But *t* be to God, who ..... 1 Cor 15:57
*T* be to God for His ..... 2 Cor 9:15
giving *t* always for ..... Eph 5:20
*t* can we render ..... 1 Thess 3:9
in everything give *t* ..... 1 Thess 5:18
We give You *t*, O Lord .... Rev 11:17

THANKSGIVING
with the voice of *t* ..... Ps 26:7
Offer to God *t* ..... Ps 50:14
His presence with *t* ..... Ps 95:2
into His gates with *t* ..... Ps 100:4
the sacrifices of *t* ..... Ps 107:22
supplication, with *t* ..... Phil 4:6
vigilant in it with *t* ..... Col 4:2
to be received with *t* ..... 1 Tim 4:3
glory and wisdom, *t* and .... Rev 7:12

THE-LORD-IS-MY-BANNER
and called its name, *T* ..... Ex 17:15

THE-LORD-IS-PEACE
the LORD, and called it *T* ... Judg 6:24

THE-LORD-WILL-PROVIDE
the name of the place, *T* ... Gen 22:14

THEATER
and rushed into the *t* ..... Acts 19:29

THEOPHILUS
Luke addresses his writings to, Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1

THESSALONICA
Paul preaches in, Acts 17:1–13
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THICK
*T* swarms of flies came into .. Ex 8:24
there was *t* darkness in all .. Ex 10:22
I come to you in the *t* cloud .. Ex 19:9
cloud, and *t* darkness ..... Deut 4:11
*T* clouds cover Him, so ..... Job 22:14
*t* darkness its swaddling .... Job 38:9
and *t* clouds of the skies .... Ps 18:11
*t* darkness, like the ..... Joel 2:2
of clouds and *t* darkness, .. Zeph 1:15

THIEF
When you saw a *t* ..... Ps 50:18
do not despise a *t* ..... Prov 6:30
*t* hates his own life ..... Prov 29:24
*t* is ashamed when he ..... Jer 2:26
the windows like a *t* ..... Joel 2:9
*t* shall be expelled ..... Zech 5:3
known what hour the *t* ... Matt 24:43
*t* approaches nor moth ... Luke 12:33
way, the same is a *t* ..... John 10:1
because he was a *t* ..... John 12:6
Lord will come as a *t* ..... 2 Pet 3:10
upon you as a *t* ..... Rev 3:3
I am coming as a *t* ..... Rev 16:15

THIEVES
And companions of *t* ..... Is 1:23
a den of *t* in your eyes ..... Jer 7:11
destroy and where *t* ..... Matt 6:19
have made it a den of *t* ... Matt 21:13
and fell among *t* ..... Luke 10:30
before Me and *t* ..... John 10:8

THIGH
put your hand under my *t* .. Gen 24:2
Also the right *t* you shall .... Lev 7:32
LORD makes your *t* rot ..... Num 5:21
them hip and *t* with a ..... Judg 15:8
Your sword upon Your *t* ..... Ps 45:3
good piece, the *t* ..... Ezek 24:4

THINGS
in heaven give good *t* ..... Matt 7:11
evil, speak good *t* ..... Matt 12:34
kept all these *t* ..... Luke 2:51
Lazarus evil *t* ..... Luke 16:25
the Scriptures the *t* ..... Luke 24:27
share in all good *t* ..... Gal 6:6

THINGS OF GOD
search out the deep *t* ..... Job 11:7
not mindful of the *t* ..... Matt 16:23
not mindful of the *t* ..... Mark 8:33
things, yes, the deep *t* ..... 1 Cor 2:10

THINK
nor does his heart *t* ..... Is 10:7
let none of you *t* evil in .... Zech 8:17
Do not *t* that I came to ..... Matt 5:17
*t* that they will be ..... Matt 6:7
*t* you have eternal ..... John 5:39
not to *t* of himself ..... Rom 12:3
I *t* I also have the Spirit ... 1 Cor 7:40
of ourselves to *t* ..... 2 Cor 3:5
let no one *t* me a fool .... 2 Cor 11:16
all that we ask or *t* ..... Eph 3:20

THINKS
yet the LORD *t* upon me ..... Ps 40:17
for as he *t* in his ..... Prov 23:7
*t* that he knows ..... 1 Cor 8:2
*t* he stands take heed .... 1 Cor 10:12
For if anyone *t* ..... Gal 6:3
*t* he is religious ..... James 1:26

THIRD
morning were the *t* day ..... Gen 1:13
the end of every *t* year .... Deut 14:28
the *t* the face of a lion .... Ezek 10:14
a *t* kingdom of bronze, ..... Dan 2:39
on the *t* day He will raise .... Hos 6:2
and be raised the *t* day ... Matt 16:21
went out about the *t* hour .. Matt 20:3
again, and prayed the *t* ... Matt 26:44
He will rise the *t* day ..... Mark 9:31
the *t* day He will rise ..... Mark 10:34
He came the *t* time ..... Mark 14:41
Now it was the *t* hour .... Mark 15:25
and be raised the *t* day .... Luke 9:22
the *t* day He will rise ..... Luke 18:33
and the *t* day rise again ... Luke 24:7
rise from the dead the *t* .. Luke 24:46
He said to him the *t* ..... John 21:17
caught up to the *t* heaven . 2 Cor 12:2
the *t* living creature had a .... Rev 4:7
When He opened the *t* seal .. Rev 6:5
*t* of the trees were burned .... Rev 8:7
the *t* woe is coming ..... Rev 11:14
Then the *t* angel poured .... Rev 16:4

THIRD DAY
the morning were the *t* ..... Gen 1:13
*t* the Lord will come down .. Ex 19:11
*t* must be burned ..... Lev 7:17
any remains until the *t* ..... Lev 19:6
the unclean on the *t* ..... Num 19:19
*t* you shall go up ..... 2 Kin 20:5
*t* He will raise us up ..... Hos 6:2
be raised again the *t* ..... Matt 16:21
*t* He will be raised up ..... Matt 17:23
*t* He will rise again ..... Matt 20:19
made secure until the *t* ... Matt 27:64
He will rise the *t* ..... Mark 9:31
*t* He will rise again ..... Mark 10:34
and be raised the *t* ..... Luke 9:22
*t* I shall be perfected ..... Luke 13:32
*t* He will rise again ..... Luke 18:33
and the *t* rise again ..... Luke 24:7
today is the *t* since ..... Luke 24:21
rise from the dead the *t* .. Luke 24:46
God raised up on the *t* .... Acts 10:40
He rose again the *t* ..... 1 Cor 15:4

THIRST
out of the rock for their *t* ... Neh 9:15
tongues fail for *t* ..... Is 41:17
those who hunger and *t* ..... Matt 5:6
give him will never *t* ..... John 4:14
in Me shall never *t* ..... John 6:35
said, "I *t*!" ..... John 19:28
we both hunger and *t* ..... 1 Cor 4:11
anymore nor *t* anymore ..... Rev 7:16

THIRSTS
My soul *t* for God ..... Ps 42:2
saying, "If anyone *t* ..... John 7:37
freely to him who *t* ..... Rev 21:6
And let him who *t* ..... Rev 22:17

THIRSTY
and *t* land where there is ..... Ps 63:1
longs for You like a *t* land .. Ps 143:6
and if he is *t* ..... Prov 25:21
as when a *t* man dreams ..... Is 29:8
the drink of the *t* ..... Is 32:6
*t* land springs of ..... Is 35:7
on him who is *t* ..... Is 44:3
but you shall be *t* ..... Is 65:13
in a dry and *t* land ..... Ezek 19:13
I was *t* and you gave ..... Matt 25:35
we see You hungry or *t* ... Matt 25:44
if he is *t* ..... Rom 12:20

THIRTY
Joseph was *t* years old .... Gen 41:46
*t* years old and above ..... Num 4:3
*t* pieces of silver ..... Matt 26:15
at about *t* years of age, .... Luke 3:23

THIS GENERATION
righteous before me in *t* ..... Gen 7:1
preserve them from *t* ..... Ps 12:7
what shall I liken *t* ..... Matt 11:16
in the judgment with *t* .... Matt 12:41
things will come upon *t* ... Matt 23:36
*t* will by no means pass ... Matt 24:34
"Why does *t* seek a sign .. Mark 8:12
Son of Man will be to *t* ... Luke 11:30
it shall be required of *t* ... Luke 11:51
and be rejected by *t* ..... Luke 17:25
*t* will by no means ..... Luke 21:32

THISTLES
*t* grow instead of ..... Job 31:40
or figs from *t* ..... Matt 7:16

THOMAS
Apostle of Christ, Matt 10:3
Ready to die with Christ, John 11:16
Doubts Christ's resurrection, John 20:24–29

THORN
*t* that goes into the ..... Prov 26:9
*t* shall come up the ..... Is 55:13
a *t* in the flesh was ..... 2 Cor 12:7

THORNBUSHES
gather grapes from *t* ..... Matt 7:16

THORNS
Both *t* and thistles it ..... Gen 3:18
*T* and snares are ..... Prov 22:5
all overgrown with *t* ..... Prov 24:31
the crackling of *t* ..... Eccl 7:6
Like a lily among *t* ..... Song 2:2
and do not sow among *t* ..... Jer 4:3
wheat but reaped *t* ..... Jer 12:13
And some fell among *t* ..... Matt 13:7
twisted a crown of *t* ..... Matt 27:29
the ones sown among *t* .... Mark 4:18
wearing the crown of *t* .... John 19:5

THOUGHT
*t* is that their houses ..... Ps 49:11
You *t* that I was ..... Ps 50:21
Both the inward *t* ..... Ps 64:6
I *t* about my ways ..... Ps 119:59
You understand my *t* ..... Ps 139:2
"Surely, as I have *t* ..... Is 14:24
to man what his *t* ..... Amos 4:13
perceiving the *t* ..... Luke 9:47
And he *t* within ..... Luke 12:17
because you *t* that the gift .. Acts 8:20
*t* he was seeing a vision .... Acts 12:9
I *t* as a child ..... 1 Cor 13:11
God, bringing every *t* ..... 2 Cor 10:5
will he be *t* worthy who ... Heb 10:29

THOUGHTS
the intent of the *t* ..... 1 Chr 28:9
is in none of his *t* ..... Ps 10:4
*t* toward us ..... Ps 40:5
*t* are very deep ..... Ps 92:5
The LORD knows the *t* ..... Ps 94:11
*t* will be established ..... Prov 16:3
unrighteous man his *t* ..... Is 55:7
For My *t* are not your ..... Is 55:8
long shall your evil *t* ..... Jer 4:14
they do not know the *t* ..... Mic 4:12
Jesus, knowing their *t* ..... Matt 9:4
heart proceed evil *t* ..... Matt 15:19
futile in their *t* ..... Rom 1:21
The LORD knows the *t* ..... 1 Cor 3:20
and is a discerner of the *t* ... Heb 4:12

THOUSAND
one *t* from each tribe ..... Num 31:5
two *t* three hundred days ... Dan 8:14
one *t* two hundred ..... Dan 12:11
eaten were about five *t* ... Matt 14:21
who ate were four *t* men .. Matt 15:38
loaves were about five *t* ... Mark 6:44
eaten were about four *t* ..... Mark 8:9
were about five *t* men ..... Luke 9:14
one day is as a *t* years ..... 2 Pet 3:8

hundred and forty-four *t* .... Rev 14:1
bound him for a *t* years ..... Rev 20:2

THREAT
shall flee at the *t* ..... Is 30:17

THREATEN
suffered, He did not *t* ..... 1 Pet 2:23

THREATENING
to them, giving up *t* ..... Eph 6:9

THREATS
Lord, look on their *t* ..... Acts 4:29
still breathing *t* ..... Acts 9:1

THREE
the vine were *t* branches .. Gen 40:10
were *t* white baskets ..... Gen 40:16
child, she hid him *t* months ... Ex 2:2
*T* times you shall keep a .... Ex 23:14
*T* times in the year all ..... Ex 34:23
*T* times a year all your .... Deut 16:16
*t* hundred concubines ..... 1 Kin 11:3
on the child *t* times, and .. 1 Kin 17:21
so he struck *t* times ..... 2 Kin 13:18
either *t* years of famine .. 1 Chr 21:12
Now when Job's *t* friends ... Job 2:11
There are *t* things that .... Prov 30:15
Did we not cast *t* men ..... Dan 3:24
his petition *t* times a day ... Dan 6:13
came up, before which *t* .... Dan 7:20
*t* more kings will arise in ... Dan 11:2
For *t* transgressions of ..... Amos 1:3
Son of Man be *t* days ..... Matt 12:40
make here *t* tabernacles .... Matt 17:4
For where two or *t* are .... Matt 18:20
you will deny Me *t* ..... Matt 26:34
temple and build it in *t* ... Matt 27:40
After *t* days I will rise .... Matt 27:63
after *t* days rise again ..... Mark 8:31
will deny Me *t* times ..... Mark 14:30
and build it in *t* days ..... Mark 15:29
will deny Me *t* times ..... Luke 22:61
that day about *t* thousand .. Acts 2:41
was *t* days without sight .... Acts 9:9
This was done *t* times ..... Acts 10:16
spoke boldly for *t* months .. Acts 19:8
hope, love, these *t* ..... 1 Cor 13:13
and these *t* are one ..... 1 John 5:7
By these *t* plagues a third ... Rev 9:18
I saw *t* unclean spirits ..... Rev 16:13

THRESH
he does not *t* it ..... Is 28:28
*t* the mountains ..... Is 41:15
it is time to *t* her ..... Jer 51:33
"Arise and *t* ..... Mic 4:13

THRESHING
*t* shall last till the ..... Lev 26:5
fleece of wool on the *t* ..... Judg 6:37
went down to the *t* floor .... Ruth 3:6
David bought the *t* floor .2 Sam 24:24
like the dust at *t* ..... 2 Kin 13:7
*t* floor of Ornan the ..... 1 Chr 21:18
Oh, my *t* and the grain ..... Is 21:10
clean out His *t* floor ..... Matt 3:12

THRESHOLD
with her hands on the *t* ... Judg 19:27
were broken off on the *t* ... 1 Sam 5:4
been, to the *t* of the temple .. Ezek 9:3

THREW
every man *t* down his rod .... Ex 7:12
he *t* stones at David ..... 2 Sam 16:6
*t* him into the sea, and the .. Jon 1:15
*t* him into prison till he ... Matt 18:30
he *t* down the pieces ..... Matt 27:5
*t* their own clothes on .... Luke 19:35
they *t* them into prison, ... Acts 16:23
*t* it into the great ..... Rev 14:19
*t* it into the sea, saying, .... Rev 18:21

THROAT
*t* is an open tomb ..... Ps 5:9
put a knife to your *t* ..... Prov 23:2
unshod, and your *t* ..... Jer 2:25
*t* is an open tomb ..... Rom 3:13

THRONE
LORD sitting on His *t* ..... 1 Kin 22:19
He has prepared His *t* ..... Ps 9:7
temple, the LORD'S *t* ..... Ps 11:4
Your *t*, O God, is ..... Ps 45:6
has established His *t* ..... Ps 103:19
he upholds his *t* ..... Prov 20:28
Lord sitting on a *t* ..... Is 6:1
"Heaven is My *t* ..... Is 66:1
shall be called The *T* ..... Jer 3:17
do not disgrace the *t* ..... Jer 14:21
A glorious high *t* ..... Jer 17:12
*t* was a fiery flame ..... Dan 7:9
sit and rule on His *t* ..... Zech 6:13
for it is God's *t* ..... Matt 5:34
will give Him the *t* ..... Luke 1:32
"Your *t*, O God, is ..... Heb 1:8
come boldly to the *t* ..... Heb 4:16
where Satan's *t* ..... Rev 2:13
My Father on His *t* ..... Rev 3:21
I saw a great white *t* ..... Rev 20:11

THRONE OF DAVID
set up the *t* over Israel .... 2 Sam 3:10
and set me on the *t* ..... 1 Kin 2:24
*t* shall be established ..... 1 Kin 2:45
*t* and over His kingdom ..... Is 9:7
princes sitting on the *t* ..... Jer 17:25
you who sit on the *t* ..... Jer 22:2
king who sits on the *t* ..... Jer 29:16
no one to sit on the *t* ..... Jer 36:30

THRONE OF GOD
swears by the *t* ..... Matt 23:22
right hand of the *t* ..... Heb 12:2
they are before the *t* ..... Rev 7:15
without fault before the *t* ... Rev 14:5
proceeding from the *t* ..... Rev 22:1

THRONES
*t* are set there ..... Ps 122:5
also sit on twelve *t* ..... Matt 19:28
mighty from their *t* ..... Luke 1:52
invisible, whether *t* ..... Col 1:16
*t* I saw twenty-four ..... Rev 4:4

THRONG
house of God in the *t* ..... Ps 55:14

THROW
he said, "*T* her down ..... 2 Kin 9:33
keep, and a time to *t* away .. Eccl 3:6
the LORD will *t* you away .... Is 22:17
of your land and *t* ..... Mic 5:11
me, "*T* it to the potter" ... Zech 11:13
may build, but I will *t* down .. Mal 1:4
*t* Yourself down ..... Matt 4:6
children's bread and *t* .... Matt 15:26
let him *t* a stone at her ..... John 8:7
*t* them into the fire, and .... John 15:6

THROWN
rider He has *t* into the sea ... Ex 15:1
their slain shall be *t* ..... Is 34:3
mountains shall be *t* ..... Ezek 38:20
down and *t* into the fire .... Matt 3:10
neck, and he were *t* ..... Mark 9:42
down and *t* into the fire .... Luke 3:9

THRUST
and rose up and *t* ..... Luke 4:29
*T* in Your sickle and reap .. Rev 14:15

THUMMIM
the Urim and the *T* ..... Ex 28:30
Your *T* and Your Urim ..... Deut 33:8
with the Urim and *T* ..... Ezra 2:63
with the Urim and *T* ..... Neh 7:65

THUNDER
But the *t* of His power ..... Job 26:14
The voice of Your *t* ..... Ps 77:18
the secret place of *t* ..... Ps 81:7
*t* they hastened away ..... Ps 104:7
that is, "Sons of *T*" ..... Mark 3:17
the voice of loud *t* ..... Rev 14:2

THUNDERED
"The LORD *t* from ..... 2 Sam 22:14
The LORD *t* ..... Ps 18:13

THUNDERINGS
people witnessed the *t* ..... Ex 20:18
the sound of mighty *t* ..... Rev 19:6

THUNDERS
*t* marvelously with His ..... Job 37:5
The God of glory *t* ..... Ps 29:3

THYATIRA
Residence of Lydia, Acts 16:14
Site of one of the seven churches, Rev 2:18–24

TIBERIAS
Sea of Galilee called, John 6:1, 23

TIDINGS
be afraid of evil *t* ..... Ps 112:7
you who bring good *t*, lift ..... Is 40:9
brings glad *t* of good things ... Is 52:7
preach good *t* to the poor ..... Is 61:1
of him who brings good *t* ... Nah 1:15
I bring you good *t* ..... Luke 2:10
who bring glad *t* ..... Rom 10:15

TIGLATH-PILESER
Powerful Assyrian king who invades Samaria, 2 Kin 15:29

TILL
no man to *t* the ground ..... Gen 2:5

TILLER
but Cain was a *t* ..... Gen 4:2

TILLS
*t* his land will be ..... Prov 12:11
*t* his land will have ..... Prov 28:19

TIMBREL
took the *t* in her hand ..... Ex 15:20
Praise Him with the *t* and ... Ps 150:4

TIMBRELS
out to meet him with *t* .... Judg 11:34

TIME
*See* APPOINTED TIME
in the appointed *t* of the .... Ex 34:18
LORD at its appointed *t*..... Num 9:13
children ask in *t* to come .... Josh 4:6
*t* I shall be blameless ..... Judg 15:3
For in the *t* of trouble He ..... Ps 27:5
pray to You in a *t* ..... Ps 32:6
ashamed in the evil *t* ..... Ps 37:19
strength in the *t* of trouble .. Ps 37:39
how short my *t* is ..... Ps 89:47
*t* for every purpose under .... Eccl 3:1
A *t* to be born ..... Eccl 3:2
but *t* and chance ..... Eccl 9:11
LORD, will hasten it in its *t* ... Is 60:22
But in the *t* of their trouble .. Jer 2:27
the *t* of their punishment .... Jer 8:12
you in the *t* of adversity .... Jer 15:11
in the *t* of Your anger ..... Jer 18:23
your *t* was the *t* ..... Ezek 16:8
a *t* and times and half a *t* ... Dan 7:25
at that *t* your people shall .. Dan 12:1
The *t* has not come ..... Hag 1:2
says, "My *t* is at hand .... Matt 26:18
A second *t* the rooster ... Mark 14:72
*t* of temptation fall away .. Luke 8:13
you did not know the *t* ... Luke 19:44
has seen God at any *t* ..... John 1:18
Can he enter a second *t* ..... John 3:4
*t* has not yet come ..... John 7:6
the *t* is coming when I .... John 16:25
to him again a second *t* ... John 21:16
I have a convenient *t* ..... Acts 24:25
be revealed in his own *t* .. 2 Thess 2:6
Jesus before *t* began ..... 2 Tim 1:9
for the *t* is near ..... Rev 1:3
that he has a short *t* ..... Rev 12:12
a *t* and times and half a *t* .. Rev 12:14

TIME OF TROUBLE
I have reserved for the *t* ... Job 38:23
in the *t* He shall hide me ..... Ps 27:5
their strength in the *t* ..... Ps 37:39
Lord will deliver him in *t* ..... Ps 41:1
unfaithful man in *t* ..... Prov 25:19
salvation also in the *t* ..... Is 33:2
his Savior in *t* ..... Jer 14:8
And there shall be a *t* ..... Dan 12:1

TIMES
Three *t* you shall keep a .... Ex 23:14
seven *t* in the same ..... Josh 6:15
in the Jordan seven *t* ..... 2 Kin 5:10
understanding of the *t* ... 1 Chr 12:32
*t* are not hidden ..... Job 24:1
*t* are in Your hand ..... Ps 31:15
will bless the LORD at all *t* .... Ps 34:1
Trust in Him at all *t*, you ..... Ps 62:8
Seven *t* a day I praise .... Ps 119:164
A friend loves at all *t* ..... Prov 17:17
may fall seven *t* and rise .. Prov 24:16
does evil a hundred *t* ..... Eccl 8:12
he found them ten *t* better .. Dan 1:20
let seven *t* pass over him ... Dan 4:16
in those *t* many shall rise .. Dan 11:14
the signs of the *t* ..... Matt 16:3
up to seventy *t* seven ..... Matt 18:22
Gentiles until the *t* ..... Luke 21:24
not for you to know *t* ..... Acts 1:7
their preappointed *t* ..... Acts 17:26
last days perilous *t* ..... 2 Tim 3:1
God, who at various *t* ..... Heb 1:1

TIMON
One of the first seven deacons, Acts 6:1–5

TIMOTHY
Paul's companion, Acts 16:1–3; 18:5; 20:4, 5; 2 Cor 1:19; Phil 1:1; 2 Tim 4:9, 21
Ministers independently, Acts 17:14, 15; 19:22; 1 Cor 4:17; Phil 2:19, 23; 1 Thess 3:1–6; 1 Tim 1:1–3; 4:14

TINGLE
who hears it will *t* ..... 1 Sam 3:11
hears of it, his ears will *t* .... Jer 19:3

TIP
on the *t* of the right ear of .. Ex 29:20
the *t* of his finger in ..... Luke 16:24

TIRZAH
Seat of Jeroboam's rule, 1 Kin 14:17
Capital of Israel until Omri's reign, 1 Kin 16:6–23

TITHE
And he gave him a *t* ..... Gen 14:20
LORD, a tenth of the *t* ..... Num 18:26
*t* of your grain or your .... Deut 12:17
"You shall truly *t* ..... Deut 14:22
shall bring out the *t* ..... Deut 14:28
laying aside all the *t* ..... Deut 26:12
in abundantly the *t* ..... 2 Chr 31:5
Judah brought the *t* ..... Neh 13:12
For you pay *t* of mint ..... Matt 23:23

TITHES
to redeem any of his *t* ..... Lev 27:31
*t* which you receive ..... Num 18:28
and to bring the *t* ..... Neh 10:37
firstfruits, and the *t* ..... Neh 12:44
the articles, the *t* ..... Neh 13:5
Bring all the *t* ..... Mal 3:10
I give *t* of all that I ..... Luke 18:12
to receive *t* from the ..... Heb 7:5
mortal men receive *t* ..... Heb 7:8
Levi, who receives *t* ..... Heb 7:9

TITHING
the year of *t* ..... Deut 26:12

TITLE
Now Pilate wrote a *t* ..... John 19:19

TITTLE
away, one jot or one *t* ..... Matt 5:18

TITUS
Ministers in Crete, Titus 1:4, 5
Paul's representative in Corinth, 2 Cor 7:6, 7, 13, 14; 8:6–23

TOBIAH
Ammonite servant; ridicules the Jews, Neh 2:10

TODAY
Bake what you will bake *t* .. Ex 16:23
yourselves *t* to the LORD, .... Ex 32:29
for *t* the LORD will appear .... Lev 9:4
*t* shall be in your heart ..... Deut 6:6
God makes with you *t* .... Deut 29:12
have departed from me *t* .. 1 Sam 10:2
you have *t* rejected ..... 1 Sam 10:19
this day, for *t* the LORD .. 1 Sam 11:13
*t* I have begotten You ..... Ps 2:7
of the field, which *t* ..... Matt 6:30
work *t* in my vineyard .... Matt 21:28
*T* this Scripture is ..... Luke 4:21
the grass, which *t* ..... Luke 12:28
*T* salvation has come to ... Luke 19:9
*t* you will be with Me ..... Luke 23:43
*t* I have begotten You ..... Heb 1:5
"*T*, if you will hear ..... Heb 3:7
the same yesterday, *t* ..... Heb 13:8

TOGARMAH
Northern country inhabited by descendants of Gomer, Gen 10:3
Supplied horses to Tyrians and soldiers to the army of Gog, Ezek 27:14; 38:6

TOIL
*t* you shall eat of ..... Gen 3:17
whom do I *t* and deprive .... Eccl 4:8
they neither *t* nor ..... Matt 6:28
our labor and *t* ..... 1 Thess 2:9

TOILED
I had *t* under the sun ..... Eccl 2:18
"Master, we have *t* ..... Luke 5:5

TOLD
Behold, I have *t* ..... Matt 28:7
things which were *t* ..... Luke 2:18
*t* me all things that I ..... John 4:29
*t* you the truth which ..... John 8:40
so, I would have *t* ..... John 14:2
"And now I have *t* ..... John 14:29

TOLERABLE
you, it will be more *t* ..... Matt 10:15

TOMB
throat is an open *t* ..... Ps 5:9
sitting opposite the *t* ..... Matt 27:61
corpse and laid it in a *t* .... Mark 6:29
laid Him in a *t* which .... Mark 15:46
rolled away from the *t* ..... Luke 24:2
been in the *t* four days .... John 11:17
Lazarus out of his *t* ..... John 12:17
in the garden a new *t* ..... John 19:41
Magadalene went to the *t* .. John 20:1
throat is an open *t* ..... Rom 3:13

TOMBS
like whitewashed *t* ..... Matt 23:27
you build the *t* ..... Matt 23:29
For you build the *t* ..... Luke 11:47

TOMORROW
yourselves for *t* ..... Num 11:18
Sanctify yourselves for *t* ... Josh 7:13
Do not boast about *t*, for ... Prov 27:1
drink, for *t* we die ..... Is 22:13
*t* will be as today ..... Is 56:12
*t* is thrown into the ..... Matt 6:30
do not worry about *t* ..... Matt 6:34
I must journey today, *t*, ... Luke 13:33
drink, for *t* we die ..... 1 Cor 15:32
what will happen *t* ..... James 4:14

TONGUE
of speech and slow of *t* ..... Ex 4:10
the scourge of the *t* ..... Job 5:21
me, and I will hold my *t* .... Job 6:24
hides it under his *t* ..... Job 20:12
the *t* that speaks proud ..... Ps 12:3
Keep your *t* from evil ..... Ps 34:13
*t* shall speak of Your ..... Ps 35:28
lest I sin with my *t* ..... Ps 39:1
*t* shall sing aloud of Your ... Ps 51:14
and their *t* a sharp sword .... Ps 57:4
to you, you false *t* ..... Ps 120:3
laughter, and our *t* ..... Ps 126:2
remember you, let my *t* ..... Ps 137:6
is not a word on my *t* ..... Ps 139:4
The *t* of the righteous is .. Prov 10:20
but the perverse *t* ..... Prov 10:31
forever, but a lying *t* ..... Prov 12:19
The *t* of the wise uses ..... Prov 15:2
A wholesome *t* is a ..... Prov 15:4
perverse *t* falls into evil ... Prov 17:20
*t* keeps his soul ..... Prov 21:23
*t* breaks a bone ..... Prov 25:15
who flatters with the *t* .... Prov 28:23
and on her *t* is the law .... Prov 31:26
another *t* He will speak to ... Is 28:11
*t* shall take an oath ..... Is 45:23
GOD has given Me the *t* ..... Is 50:4
of his *t* was loosed ..... Mark 7:35
his *t* loosed, and he ..... Luke 1:64
in water and cool my *t* ... Luke 16:24
*t* shall confess to God ..... Rom 14:11
he who speaks in a *t* ..... 1 Cor 14:2
*t* should confess that ..... Phil 2:11
does not bridle his *t* ..... James 1:26
*t* is a little member ..... James 3:5
And the *t* is a fire ..... James 3:6
no man can tame the *t* .... James 3:8
love in word or in *t* ..... 1 John 3:18
every nation, tribe, *t* ..... Rev 14:6

TONGUES
From the strife of *t* ..... Ps 31:20
speak with new *t* ..... Mark 16:17
to them divided *t*, as of fire .. Acts 2:3
speaking in our own *t* ..... Acts 2:11
and they spoke with *t* ..... Acts 19:6
I speak with the *t* ..... 1 Cor 13:1
Therefore *t* are for a ..... 1 Cor 14:22
many peoples, nations, *t*, .. Rev 10:11

TOOK
He *t* one of his ribs, and .... Gen 2:21
*t* of every clean animal ..... Gen 8:20
Abram *t* Sarai his wife ..... Gen 12:5
they *t* stones and made a .. Gen 31:46
Then Joseph *t* an oath ..... Gen 50:25
Then Moses *t* his wife and ... Ex 4:20
Moses *t* the rod of God in .... Ex 4:20
Then they *t* ashes from the ... Ex 9:10
*t* the bones of Joseph ..... Ex 13:19
*t* outside the camp him .... Lev 24:23
Moses *t* the redemption .... Num 3:49
*t* of the Spirit that was .... Num 11:25
Israel *t* all these cities .... Num 21:25
they *t* all the spoil and .... Num 31:11
Then I *t* the two tablets .... Deut 9:17
Then I *t* your sin, the calf .. Deut 9:21
*t* up twelve stones from the .. Josh 4:8
Samson *t* hold of the ..... Judg 16:29
Tamar *t* the cakes ..... 2 Sam 13:10
he *t* hold of her and ..... 2 Sam 13:11
Jehu *t* no heed to walk ... 2 Kin 10:31
Then David *t* more wives .. 1 Chr 14:3
He *t* away the foreign .... 2 Chr 33:15
You are He who *t* me out of .. Ps 71:6
*t* all the remnant of Judah ... Jer 43:5
Then the Spirit *t* me up ... Ezek 11:24
he *t* the young Child and ... Matt 2:14
Then the devil *t* Him up ..... Matt 4:5
Himself *t* our infirmities .... Matt 8:17
He *t* the five loaves and ... Matt 14:19
they *t* up twelve baskets .. Matt 14:20
He *t* the seven loaves ..... Matt 15:36
*t* up seven large baskets .. Matt 15:37
Then Peter *t* Him aside ... Matt 16:22
virgins who *t* their lamps .. Matt 25:1
a stranger and you *t* Me .. Matt 25:35

Then He *t* the cup, and ... Matt 26:27
Peter *t* Him aside and ..... Mark 8:32
Then He *t* a little child .... Mark 9:36
He *t* the cup, and gave ... Luke 22:17

TOOTH
eye for eye, *t* ..... Ex 21:24
eye for eye, *t* for *t* ..... Lev 24:20
*t* for *t*, hand for hand, .... Deut 19:21
is like a bad *t* ..... Prov 25:19
eye for an eye and a *t* ..... Matt 5:38

TOP
a tower whose *t* is in the .... Gen 11:4
consuming fire on the *t* of .. Ex 24:17
mercy seat on *t* of the ark .. Ex 25:21
in two from *t* to bottom ... Matt 27:51
torn in two from *t* to ..... Mark 15:38

TOPHET
*See* HINNOM, VALLEY OF THE SON OF
*T* was established ..... Is 30:33
the high places of *T* ..... Jer 7:31
make this city like *T* ..... Jer 19:12
like the place of *T* ..... Jer 19:13

TORCH
and a burning *t* that ..... Gen 15:17
and like a fiery *t* ..... Zech 12:6

TORCHES
When he had set the *t* ..... Judg 15:5
his eyes like *t* ..... Dan 10:6
come with flaming *t* ..... Nah 2:3

TORE
that he *t* his clothes, and .. Judg 11:35
*t* his garments and lay ... 2 Sam 13:31
*t* it into twelve pieces .... 1 Kin 11:30
*t* down the temple of ..... 2 Kin 10:27
temple of Baal, and *t* it ... 2 Chr 23:17
*t* his robe, and shaved his ... Job 1:20
and each one *t* his robe ..... Job 2:12

TORE HIS CLOTHES
in the pit, and he *t* ..... Gen 37:29
Then Jacob *t*, put ..... Gen 37:34
Then Joshua *t*, and fell ..... Josh 7:6
he *t* and put sackcloth .... 1 Kin 21:27
the letter, that he *t* ..... 2 Kin 5:7
of the Law, that he *t* ..... 2 Kin 22:11
of the Law, that he *t* ..... 2 Chr 34:19
he *t* and put on sackcloth .... Esth 4:1
heard it, that he *t* ..... Is 37:1
Then the high priest *t* ..... Matt 26:65
Then the high priest *t* .... Mark 14:63

TORMENT
"How long will you *t* ..... Job 19:2
shall lie down in *t* ..... Is 50:11
You come here to *t* ..... Matt 8:29
to this place of *t* ..... Luke 16:28
fear involves *t* ..... 1 John 4:18
to *t* them for five months .... Rev 9:5
*t* ascends forever ..... Rev 14:11

TORMENTED
*t* with unclean spirits ..... Luke 6:18
for I am *t* in this ..... Luke 16:24
He shall be *t* with fire ..... Rev 14:10
And they will be *t* ..... Rev 20:10

TORMENTS
And being in *t* ..... Luke 16:23

TORN
Joseph is *t* to pieces ..... Gen 37:33
the altar of Baal, *t* down ... Judg 6:28
has *t* the kingdom ..... 1 Sam 15:28
lion, which has *t* him ..... 1 Kin 13:26
aside my ways and *t* ..... Lam 3:11
for He has *t* ..... Hos 6:1
of the temple was *t* ..... Matt 27:51
*t* in two from top to ..... Mark 15:38

TORTURED
Others were *t* ..... Heb 11:35

TOSSED
*t* with tempest ..... Is 54:11
*t* to and fro and ..... Eph 4:14

TOTTER
drunkard, and shall *t* ..... Is 24:20

TOUCH
eat it, nor shall you *t* it ..... Gen 3:3
the mountain or *t* its base ... Ex 19:12
carcasses you shall not *t* .... Lev 11:8
seven no evil shall *t* ..... Job 5:19
*t* no unclean thing ..... Is 52:11
"If only I may *t* ..... Matt 9:21
that they might only *t* .... Matt 14:36
If only I may *t* His ..... Mark 5:28
and begged Him to *t* him .. Mark 8:22
that He might *t* them ..... Luke 18:15
a man not to *t* a woman .... 1 Cor 7:1
Do not *t* what is unclean, .. 2 Cor 6:17
wicked one does not *t* .... 1 John 5:18

TOUCHED
whoever has *t* any slain .. Num 31:19
whose hearts God had *t* . 1 Sam 10:26
*t* my mouth with it ..... Is 6:7
hand and *t* my mouth ..... Jer 1:9
but he *t* me, and stood me .. Dan 8:18
said, "Who *t* My clothes .. Mark 5:30
*t* the open coffin, and ..... Luke 7:14
Jesus said, "Who *t* Me? .... Luke 8:45
mountain that may be *t* ... Heb 12:18

TOUCHES
if a person *t* any unclean ..... Lev 5:2
whoever *t* the carcass of ... Lev 11:24
Whoever *t* those things .... Lev 15:27
whoever *t* anything made ... Lev 22:4
He *t* the hills ..... Ps 104:32
*t* you *t* the ..... Zech 2:8

TOWEL
His garments, took a *t* ..... John 13:4

TOWER
*t* whose top is in the ..... Gen 11:4
*t* which the sons of men .... Gen 11:5
the *t* of salvation to ..... 2 Sam 22:51
for me, a strong *t* ..... Ps 61:3
my fortress, my high *t* ..... Ps 144:2
like an ivory *t* ..... Song 7:4
a watchman in the *t* ..... Is 21:5
in it and built a *t* ..... Matt 21:33
whom the *t* in Siloam fell .. Luke 13:4
intending to build a *t* ..... Luke 14:28

TOWN
Neither go into the *t* ..... Mark 8:26
from the *t* of Bethlehem. ... John 7:42

TOWNS
of Megiddo and its *t* ..... Josh 17:11
as *t* without walls ..... Zech 2:4

TRACE
no *t* of them was found ..... Dan 2:35

TRACKED
*t* our steps so that we ..... Lam 4:18

TRADERS
Then Midianite *t* passed ... Gen 37:28
are princes, whose *t* ..... Is 23:8

TRADITION
transgress the *t* ..... Matt 15:2
of no effect by your *t* ..... Matt 15:6
holding the *t* of the elders .. Mark 7:3
according to the *t* ..... Col 2:8
*t* which he received ..... 2 Thess 3:6
conduct received by *t* ..... 1 Pet 1:18

TRADITIONS
zealous for the *t* ..... Gal 1:14
*t* which you were ..... 2 Thess 2:15

TRAIN
*T* up a child in the ..... Prov 22:6
*t* of His robe filled ..... Is 6:1

TRAINED
who is perfectly *t* ..... Luke 6:40
those who have been *t* .... Heb 12:11

TRAINING
bring them up in the *t* ..... Eph 6:4

TRAITOR
also became a *t* ..... Luke 6:16

TRAITORS
*t*, headstrong ..... 2 Tim 3:4

TRAMPLE
Your name we will *t* ..... Ps 44:5
serpent you shall *t* ..... Ps 91:13
hand, to *t* My courts ..... Is 1:12
You shall *t* the wicked ..... Mal 4:3
swine, lest they *t* ..... Matt 7:6
you the authority to *t* ..... Lk 10:19

TRAMPLED
wall, and it shall be *t* down .... Is 5:5
as straw is *t* down for the .... Is 25:10
*t* them in My fury ..... Is 63:3
The Lord has *t* underfoot .. Lam 1:15
now she will be *t* ..... Mic 7:10
*t* the nations in anger ..... Hab 3:12
Jerusalem will be *t* ..... Luke 21:24
*t* the Son of God ..... Heb 10:29
the winepress was *t* ..... Rev 14:20

TRANCE
he fell into a *t* ..... Acts 10:10
*t* I saw a vision ..... Acts 11:5

TRANSFIGURED
and was *t* before them ..... Matt 17:2

TRANSFORMED
this world, but be *t* ..... Rom 12:2
the Lord, are being *t* ..... 2 Cor 3:18

TRANSFORMING
*t* themselves into ..... 2 Cor 11:13

TRANSFORMS
Satan himself *t* himself ... 2 Cor 11:14

TRANSGRESS
*t* the command of the ..... Num 14:41
the LORD'S people *t* ..... 1 Sam 2:24
my mouth shall not *t* ..... Ps 17:3
his mouth must not *t* ..... Prov 16:10
of bread a man will *t* ..... Prov 28:21
those who *t* against Me ... Ezek 20:38
in which you *t* against ..... Zeph 3:11
do Your disciples *t* ..... Matt 15:2

TRANSGRESSED
*t* My covenant ..... Josh 7:11
they had *t* against the ..... 2 Chr 12:2
your mediators have *t* ..... Is 43:27
the rulers also *t* ..... Jer 2:8
who have *t* My covenant ... Jer 34:18
their fathers have *t* ..... Ezek 2:3
Yes, all Israel has *t* ..... Dan 9:11
*t* your commandment .... Luke 15:29

TRANSGRESSES
"Indeed, because he *t* ..... Hab 2:5
Whoever *t* and does not ..... 2 John 9

TRANSGRESSING
God, in *t* His covenant, .... Deut 17:2
*t* against our God by ..... Neh 13:27

TRANSGRESSION
iniquity and *t* and sin ..... Ex 34:7
Make me know my *t* ..... Job 13:23
*t* is sealed up in a ..... Job 14:17
I am pure, without *t* ..... Job 33:9
though I am without *t* ..... Job 34:6
be innocent of great *t* ..... Ps 19:13
is he whose *t* is forgiven ..... Ps 32:1
their *t* with the rod ..... Ps 89:32
because of their *t* ..... Ps 107:17
He who covers a *t* ..... Prov 17:9
He who loves *t* loves ..... Prov 17:19
By *t* an evil man is ..... Prov 29:6
man abounds in *t* ..... Prov 29:22
tell My people their *t* ..... Is 58:1
and the *t* of desolation ..... Dan 8:13
at Gilgal multiply *t* ..... Amos 4:4
my firstborn for my *t* ..... Mic 6:7

and passing over the *t* ..... Mic 7:18
no law there is no *t* ..... Rom 4:15
deceived, fell into *t* ..... 1 Tim 2:14
steadfast, and every *t* ..... Heb 2:2

## TRANSGRESSIONS
He will not pardon your *t* ... Ex 23:21
forgive your *t* nor your .... Josh 24:19
if I have covered my *t* ..... Job 31:33
"I will confess my *t* ..... Ps 32:5
me from all my *t* ..... Ps 39:8
mercies, blot out my *t* ..... Ps 51:1
For I acknowledge my *t* ..... Ps 51:3
has He removed our *t* ..... Ps 103:12
who blots out your *t* ..... Is 43:25
was wounded for our *t* ..... Is 53:5
for the *t* of My people ..... Is 53:8
for our *t* are with us, and .... Is 59:12
yoke of my *t* was bound ... Lam 1:14
from you all the *t* ..... Ezek 18:31
I punish Israel for their *t* .. Amos 3:14
was added because of *t* ..... Gal 3:19
redemption of the *t* ..... Heb 9:15

## TRANSGRESSOR
and were called a *t* ..... Is 48:8
are a *t* of the law ..... Rom 2:27
I make myself a *t* ..... Gal 2:18
become a *t* of the law .... James 2:11

## TRANSGRESSORS
the *t* shall be destroyed ..... Ps 37:38
Then I will teach *t* ..... Ps 51:13
to any wicked *t* ..... Ps 59:5
The destruction of *t* and of .... Is 1:28
numbered with the *t* ..... Is 53:12
when the *t* have reached ... Dan 8:23
numbered with the *t* ..... Mark 15:28
numbered with the *t* ..... Luke 22:37
convicted by the law as *t* .. James 2:9

## TRANSLATED
Immanuel," which is *t* ..... Matt 1:23
cumi," which is *t* ..... Mark 5:41
Golgotha, which is *t* ..... Mark 15:22
which is *t*, "My God ..... Mark 15:34
the Messiah" (which is *t* ... John 1:41
Cephas" (which is *t* ..... John 1:42

## TRAP
of Israel, as a *t* ..... Is 8:14
where there is no *t* ..... Amos 3:5
become a snare and a *t* .... Rom 11:9

## TRAPS
they have set *t* ..... Ps 140:5
for me, and from the *t* ..... Ps 141:9

## TRAVEL
For you *t* land and sea .... Matt 23:15
Paul's *t* companions ..... Acts 19:29

## TRAVELER
*t* who turns aside ..... Jer 14:8

## TRAVELING
lodge, O you *t* companies .... Is 21:13
lie waste, the *t* ..... Is 33:8
*t* in the greatness of His ..... Is 63:1
a man *t* to a far country .. Matt 25:14
two of them were *t* that .. Luke 24:13

## TRAVERSE
*t* the way of ..... Prov 8:20

## TREACHEROUS
the *t* dealer deals ..... Is 21:2
The *t* dealers have dealt ..... Is 24:16
yet her *t* sister Judah did ..... Jer 3:8
an assembly of *t* men ..... Jer 9:2
are insolent, *t* ..... Zeph 3:4

## TREACHEROUSLY
and you who deal *t* ..... Is 33:1
have you dealt *t* with Me .... Jer 3:20
happy who deal so *t* ..... Jer 12:1
even they have dealt *t* ..... Jer 12:6
They have dealt *t* ..... Hos 5:7
Why do we deal *t* ..... Mal 2:10
that you do not deal *t* ..... Mal 2:16
This man dealt *t* ..... Acts 7:19

## TREAD
*t* down the wicked in ..... Job 40:12
it is He who shall *t* ..... Ps 60:12
You shall *t* upon the ..... Ps 91:13
shout, as those who *t* ..... Jer 25:30
because you *t* down the ... Amos 5:11
will come down and *t* ..... Mic 1:3
And they will *t* ..... Rev 11:2

## TREADS
like one who *t* in the ..... Is 63:2
*t* the high places ..... Amos 4:13
an ox while it *t* ..... 1 Tim 5:18
*t* the winepress ..... Rev 19:15

## TREASURE
a special *t* above all the ..... Deut 7:6
to you His good *t* ..... Deut 28:12
one who finds great *t* ..... Ps 119:162
for His special *t* ..... Ps 135:4
*t* my commands within ..... Prov 2:1
there is much *t* ..... Prov 15:6
There is desirable *t* ..... Prov 21:20
of the LORD is His *t* ..... Is 33:6
For where your *t* ..... Matt 6:21
*t* brings forth evil ..... Matt 12:35
is like *t* hidden in a field .. Matt 13:44
*t* things new and old ..... Matt 13:52
and you will have *t* ..... Matt 19:21
will have *t* in heaven ..... Mark 10:21
So is he who lays up *t* .... Luke 12:21
*t* in the heavens that ..... Luke 12:33
For where your *t* is ..... Luke 12:34
will have *t* in heaven ..... Luke 18:22
But we have this *t* ..... 2 Cor 4:7
You have heaped up *t* ..... James 5:3

## TREASURED
*t* the words of His ..... Job 23:12

## TREASURER
Erastus, the *t* of the ..... Rom 16:23

## TREASURES
sealed up among My *t* .... Deut 32:34
*t* hidden in the sand ..... Deut 33:19
it more than hidden *t* ..... Job 3:21
her as for hidden *t* ..... Prov 2:4
*t* of wickedness profit ..... Prov 10:2
Getting *t* by a lying ..... Prov 21:6
is no end to their *t* ..... Is 2:7
I will give you the *t* ..... Is 45:3
in your works and your *t*, .... Jer 48:7
Are there yet the *t* ..... Mic 6:10
for yourselves *t* ..... Matt 6:19
are hidden all the *t* ..... Col 2:3
riches than the *t* ..... Heb 11:26

## TREASURIES
that I may fill their *t* ..... Prov 8:21

## TREASURING
*t* up for yourself wrath in ... Rom 2:5

## TREASURY
you entered the *t* of snow .. Job 38:22
who have given to the *t* .. Mark 12:43
their gifts into the *t* ..... Luke 21:1

## TREAT
Should he *t* our sister ..... Gen 34:31
not *t* her brutally ..... Deut 21:14

## TREATED
He *t* Abram well for her ... Gen 12:16
*t* them spitefully, and ..... Matt 22:6
and be *t* with contempt .... Mark 9:12
were spitefully *t* at ..... 1 Thess 2:2

## TREATS
Cursed is the one who *t* ... Deut 27:16

## TREATY
Now Solomon made a *t* ..... 1 Kin 3:1
Let there be a *t* between .. 1 Kin 15:19
So he made a *t* with ..... 1 Kin 20:34
Let there be a *t* between .. 2 Chr 16:3

## TREE
LORD God made every *t* ..... Gen 2:9
but of the *t* ..... Gen 2:17
you eaten from the *t* ..... Gen 3:11
tamarisk *t* in Beersheba ... Gen 21:33
for the *t* of the field is .... Deut 20:19
they said to the olive *t* ..... Judg 9:8
the Diviners' Terebinth *T* .. Judg 9:37
the cedar *t* of Lebanon .... 1 Kin 4:33
down under a broom *t* .... 1 Kin 19:4
there is hope for a *t* ..... Job 14:7
*t* planted by the ..... Ps 1:3
like a native green *t* ..... Ps 37:35
shall flourish like a palm *t* .. Ps 92:12
*t* falls to the south ..... Eccl 11:3
Like an apple *t* ..... Song 2:3
the cedar and the acacia *t* .... Is 41:19
for as the days of a *t* ..... Is 65:22
are upright, like a palm *t* .... Jer 10:5
your name, Green Olive *T*, .. Jer 11:16
*t* planted by the ..... Jer 17:8
and set it like a willow *t* ... Ezek 17:5
brought down the high *t* .. Ezek 17:24
The *t* that you saw, which .. Dan 4:20
and the fig *t* has withered .. Joel 1:12
*t* bears good fruit ..... Matt 7:17
*t* is known by its fruit ..... Matt 12:33
And seeing a fig *t* by the .. Matt 21:19
fig *t* which You cursed ... Mark 11:21
For every *t* is known by ... Luke 6:44
a sycamore *t* to see Him ... Luke 19:4
everyone who hangs on a *t* .. Gal 3:13
His own body on the *t* ..... 1 Pet 2:24
as a fig *t* drops its late ..... Rev 6:13

## TREE OF LIFE
The *t* was also in the midst .. Gen 2:9
and take also of the *t* ..... Gen 3:22
guard the way to the *t* ..... Gen 3:24
She is a *t* to those ..... Prov 3:18
of the righteous is a *t* ..... Prov 11:30
desire comes, it is a *t* ..... Prov 13:12
wholesome tongue is a *t* ... Prov 15:4
to eat from the *t* ..... Rev 2:7
*t*, which bore twelve fruits .. Rev 22:2
have the right to the *t* ..... Rev 22:14

## TREES
and the *t* of the field shall ... Lev 26:4
*t* once went forth ..... Judg 9:8
Then all the *t* said to the ... Judg 9:14
Also he spoke of *t* ..... 1 Kin 4:33
Then all the *t* of the ..... Ps 96:12
The *t* of the LORD are ..... Ps 104:16
all kinds of fruit *t* ..... Eccl 2:5
all the *t* of the field shall ..... Is 55:12
they may be called *t* ..... Is 61:3
and on beast, on the *t* ..... Jer 7:20
all the *t* of the field shall .. Ezek 17:24
so that all the *t* ..... Ezek 31:9
"I see men like *t* ..... Mark 8:24
took branches of palm *t* .. John 12:13
late autumn *t* without ..... Jude 12
the sea, or the *t* ..... Rev 7:3
third of the *t* were burned .... Rev 8:7

## TREMBLE
*T* before Him ..... 1 Chr 16:30
The dead *t*, those under ..... Job 26:5
have made the earth *t* ..... Ps 60:2
*T* before Him, all the earth ... Ps 96:9
let the peoples *t* ..... Ps 99:1
*T*, O earth, at the presence .. Ps 114:7
who made the earth *t* ..... Is 14:16
That the nations may *t* ..... Is 64:2
LORD, you who *t* at His ..... Is 66:5
'Will you not *t* ..... Jer 5:22
wrath the earth will *t* ..... Jer 10:10
they shall fear and *t* ..... Jer 33:9
my kingdom men must *t* .... Dan 6:26
the inhabitants of the land *t* .. Joel 2:1
before them, the heavens *t* .. Joel 2:10
demons believe—and *t*! ... James 2:19

TREMBLED
the people saw it, they *t* ....Ex 20:18
of Edom, the earth *t* .....Judg 5:4
for his heart *t* .....1 Sam 4:13
Then everyone who *t* .....Ezra 9:4
the earth shook and *t* .....Ps 18:7
and indeed they *t* .....Jer 4:24
whole land *t* at the sound ....Jer 8:16
mountains saw You and *t* ..Hab 3:10
When I heard, my body *t* ...Hab 3:16

TREMBLES
the earth sees and *t* .....Ps 97:4
flesh *t* for fear of You .....Ps 119:120

TREMBLING
*t* will take hold of them .....Ex 15:15
will give you a *t* heart ....Deut 28:65
it was a very great *t* .....1 Sam 14:15
your water with *t* .....Ezek 12:18
in fear, and in much *t* .....1 Cor 2:3
*t* you received .....2 Cor 7:15
flesh, with fear and *t* .....Eph 6:5
with fear and *t* .....Phil 2:12

TRENCH
and he made a *t* .....1 Kin 18:32

TRESPASS
he shall bring his *t* offering ..Lev 5:6
If a person commits a *t*, .....Lev 5:15
commits a *t* against the .....Lev 6:2
this is the law of the *t* .....Lev 7:1
and offer it as a *t* offering ..Lev 14:12
bring his *t* offering .....Lev 19:21
to *t* against the LORD in ...Num 31:16
forgive the *t* of your .....1 Sam 25:28
a man is overtaken in any *t* ..Gal 6:1

TRESPASSED
*t* against the LORD God ....2 Chr 30:7
We have *t* against our .....Ezra 10:2

TRESPASSES
still goes on in his *t* .....Ps 68:21
forgive men their *t* .....Matt 6:14
forgive his brother his *t* ...Matt 18:35
forgive you your *t* .....Mark 11:25
not imputing their *t* .....2 Cor 5:19
who were dead in *t* .....Eph 2:1
forgiven you all *t* .....Col 2:13
Confess your *t* to one ....James 5:16

TRIAL
as in the day of *t* .....Ps 95:8
in the day of *t* .....Heb 3:8
concerning the fiery *t* .....1 Pet 4:12
*t* which shall come .....Rev 3:10

TRIALS
with Me in My *t* .....Luke 22:28
fall into various *t* .....James 1:2

TRIBE
a man from every *t* .....Num 1:4
Only the *t* of Levi you .....Num 1:49
Do not cut off the *t* of the ..Num 4:18
one thousand from each *t* ..Num 31:6
one leader of every *t* .....Num 34:18
One *t* is cut off from .....Judg 21:6
of old, the *t* of Your .....Ps 74:2
belongs to another *t* .....Heb 7:13
the Lion of the *t* .....Rev 5:5
blood out of every *t* .....Rev 5:9
given him over every *t* .....Rev 13:7

TRIBES
*See* TWELVE TRIBES
are the twelve *t* of Israel ..Gen 49:28
where the *t* go up .....Ps 122:4
to raise up the *t* .....Is 49:6
the *t* of Your inheritance ....Is 63:17
promise our twelve *t* .....Acts 26:7
*t* which are scattered .....James 1:1

TRIBULATION
when *t* or persecution ....Matt 13:21
there will be great *t* .....Matt 24:21
*t* or persecution arises ....Mark 4:17
world you will have *t* .....John 16:33
Shall *t*, or distress, or .....Rom 8:35
in hope, patient in *t* .....Rom 12:12
comforts us in all our *t* .....2 Cor 1:4
joyful in all our *t* .....2 Cor 7:4
that we would suffer *t* ....1 Thess 3:4
*t* those who .....2 Thess 1:6
and you will have *t* .....Rev 2:10
with her into great *t* .....Rev 2:22
out of the great *t* .....Rev 7:14

TRIBULATIONS
*t* enter the kingdom .....Acts 14:22
but we also glory in *t* .....Rom 5:3
in much patience, in *t*, in ...2 Cor 6:4
not lose heart at my *t* .....Eph 3:13
*t* that you endure .....2 Thess 1:4

TRICKERY
plotted to take Jesus by *t* ...Matt 26:4
they might take Him by *t* ..Mark 14:1
doctrine, by the *t* of men ....Eph 4:14

TRIED
like silver *t* in a furnace of ...Ps 12:6
You have *t* me and have .....Ps 17:3
a *t* stone, a precious .....Is 28:16

TRIMMED
and *t* their lamps .....Matt 25:7

TRIUMPH
Let not my enemies *t* .....Ps 25:2
I will *t* in the works .....Ps 92:4
how long will the wicked *t* ...Ps 94:3
always leads us in *t* .....2 Cor 2:14

TRIUMPHED
the LORD, for He has *t* .....Ex 15:1

TRIUMPHING
that the *t* of the wicked is ...Job 20:5
of them, *t* over them in it ....Col 2:15

TRIUMPHS
Mercy *t* over judgment ...James 2:13

TROAS
Paul receives vision at, Acts 16:8–11

TRODDEN
*t* the winepress alone .....Is 63:3

TROOP
Then Leah said, "A *t* .....Gen 30:11
a *t* shall tramp upon him, ..Gen 49:19
I can run against a *t* .....2 Sam 22:30

TROUBLE
*See* TIME OF TROUBLE
that they were in *t* .....Ex 5:19
The LORD will *t* you this....Josh 7:25
This day is a day of *t* .....2 Kin 19:3
no rest, for *t* comes .....Job 3:26
yet man is born to *t*, as the ...Job 5:7
few days and full of *t* .....Job 14:1
for the time of *t* .....Job 38:23
have increased who *t* .....Ps 3:1
a refuge in times of *t* .....Ps 9:9
under his tongue is *t* .....Ps 10:7
from Me, for *t* is near .....Ps 22:11
*t* He shall hide me .....Ps 27:5
You have considered my *t* ....Ps 31:7
O LORD, for I am in *t* .....Ps 31:9
shall preserve me from *t* .....Ps 32:7
strength in the time of *t* .....Ps 37:39
Your servant, for I am in *t* ..Ps 69:17
not in *t* as other men .....Ps 73:5
will be with him in *t* .....Ps 91:15
walk in the midst of *t* .....Ps 138:7
is delivered from *t* .....Prov 11:8
but *t* will come to him ....Prov 11:27
of the wicked is *t* .....Prov 15:6
*t* is like a bad tooth .....Prov 25:19
they are a *t* to Me, I am .....Is 1:14
*t* they have .....Is 26:16
also in the time of *t* .....Is 33:2
and there was *t* .....Jer 8:15
Savior in time of *t* .....Jer 14:8
I will hand them over to *t* ....Jer 15:4
I will deliver them to *t* .....Jer 29:18
there shall be a time of .....Dan 12:1
for the day is its own *t* .....Matt 6:34
do not *t* Yourself, for I am ..Luke 7:6
such will have *t* .....1 Cor 7:28
there are some who *t* .....Gal 1:7
and widows in their *t* .....James 1:27

TROUBLED
Your face, and I was *t* .....Ps 30:7
God, and was *t* .....Ps 77:3
Your face, they are *t* .....Ps 104:29
wicked are like the *t* .....Is 57:20
in distress; my soul is *t* ....Lam 1:20
with tears, my heart is *t* ....Lam 2:11
heard this, he was *t* .....Matt 2:3
on the sea, they were *t*, ...Matt 14:26
You are worried and *t* ....Luke 10:41
to give you who are *t* .....2 Thess 1:7
shaken in mind or *t* .....2 Thess 2:2

TROUBLES
*t* shall befall them, so .....Deut 31:17
"What *t* the people .....1 Sam 11:5
deliver you in six *t* .....Job 5:19
The *t* of my heart have .....Ps 25:17
out of all their *t* .....Ps 25:22
my soul is full of *t* .....Ps 88:3
He who *t* his own house ..Prov 11:29
for gain *t* his own house, ..Prov 15:27
keeps his soul from *t* .....Prov 21:23
because the former *t* .....Is 65:16
will be famines and *t* .....Mark 13:8
him out of all his *t* .....Acts 7:10
but he who *t* you shall .....Gal 5:10

TROUBLING
spirit from God is *t* .....1 Sam 16:15
wicked cease from *t* .....Job 3:17

TRUE
and Your words are *t* .....2 Sam 7:28
let Your word come *t* .....1 Kin 8:26
been without the *t* God ....2 Chr 15:3
*t* before the LORD his.....2 Chr 31:20
and *t* laws, good statutes ...Neh 9:13
it is *t*. Hear it, and know ....Job 5:27
judgments of the LORD are *t* ..Ps 19:9
A *t* witness delivers.....Prov 14:25
But the LORD is the *t* .....Jer 10:10
"Let the LORD be a *t* .....Jer 42:5
executed *t* judgment .....Ezek 18:8
Execute *t* justice, show .....Zech 7:9
we know that You are *t* ...Matt 22:16
That was the *t* Light .....John 1:9
He witnesses of Me is *t* ....John 5:32
the *t* bread from heaven ...John 6:32
One who sent Him is *t* .....John 7:18
He who sent Me is *t* .....John 7:28
judge, My judgment is *t* ....John 8:16
testimony of two men is *t* ..John 8:17
about this Man were *t* .....John 10:41
I am the *t* vine, and My ....John 15:1
You, the only *t* God .....John 17:3
Indeed, let God be *t* .....Rom 3:4
whatever things are *t* .....Phil 4:8
which are copies of the *t* ....Heb 9:24
let us draw near with a *t* ..Heb 10:22
which thing is *t* in Him ....1 John 2:8
may know Him who is *t* ..1 John 5:20
is holy, He who is *t* .....Rev 3:7
*t* are Your ways, O King ....Rev 15:3
For *t* and righteous are .....Rev 19:2
"These are the *t* .....Rev 19:9
was called Faithful and *T* ..Rev 19:11
for these words are *t* .....Rev 21:5

TRULY
It *t* flows with milk and ...Num 13:27
You shall *t* tithe all the ...Deut 14:22
*t* my words are not false ....Job 36:4
*T* God is good to Israel, to ....Ps 73:1
LORD, *t* I am Your servant ..Ps 116:16
*T* You are God, who hide ....Is 45:15

*T* You are the Son of ..... Matt 14:33
*T* this was the Son of ..... Matt 27:54
*T* this Man was the Son .. Mark 15:39
*T*, I say to you that he .... Luke 12:44
*t* the Son of Man goes .... Luke 22:22
that this is *t* the Christ ..... John 7:26
"*T* this is the Prophet ..... John 7:40
that God is *t* among you .. 1 Cor 14:25
*T* the signs of an ..... 2 Cor 12:12
*t* righteousness would have .. Gal 3:21
*t* the love of God is ..... 1 John 2:5

TRUMPET
When the *t* sounds long, .... Ex 19:13
you hear the sound of the *t* .. Josh 6:5
LORD with the sound of a *t* ... Ps 47:5
Blow the *t* at the time ..... Ps 81:3
and when he blows a *t*, you ... Is 18:3
"Blow the *t* in the ..... Jer 4:5
Lord GOD will blow the *t* ... Zech 9:14
deed, do not sound a *t* ..... Matt 6:2
*t* makes an uncertain ..... 1 Cor 14:8
For the *t* will sound ..... 1 Cor 15:52
and with the *t* of God ... 1 Thess 4:16
loud voice, as of a *t* ..... Rev 1:10
*t* of the three angels who ... Rev 8:13
sixth angel who had the *t* ... Rev 9:14

TRUMPETS
the priests shall blow the *t* .. Josh 6:4
and their *t* in their hands .... Judg 7:8
With *t* and the sound of a .... Ps 98:6
to them were given seven *t* .. Rev 8:2

TRUST
in whom I will *t* ..... 2 Sam 22:3
a shield to all who *t* in ... 2 Sam 22:31
We *t* in the LORD our ..... 2 Kin 18:22
they put their *t* in Him .... 1 Chr 5:20
*t* is a spider's web ..... Job 8:14
He slay me, yet will I *t* ..... Job 13:15
If God puts no *t* ..... Job 15:15
and put your *t* in the LORD .... Ps 4:5
who put their *t* in You ..... Ps 5:11
strength, in whom I will *t* .... Ps 18:2
shield to all who *t* in Him ... Ps 18:30
you made Me *t* ..... Ps 22:9
as for me, I *t* in You, O ..... Ps 31:14
*T* in the LORD ..... Ps 37:3
*t* also in Him, and He shall ... Ps 37:5
I *t* in the mercy of God ..... Ps 52:8
In You, O LORD, I put my *t* ... Ps 71:1
You are my *t* from my ..... Ps 71:5
my God, in Him I will *t* ..... Ps 91:2
It is better to *t* in the LORD .. Ps 118:8
*T* in the LORD with all ..... Prov 3:5
that your *t* may be in ..... Prov 22:19
who put their *t* in Him ..... Prov 30:5
my salvation, I will *t* ..... Is 12:2
*T* in the LORD forever, for in .. Is 26:4
We *t* in the LORD our God,' .... Is 36:7
Let him *t* in the name ..... Is 50:10
But he who puts his *t* in Me .. Is 57:13
Do not *t* in these ..... Jer 7:4
My name, in which you *t* .... Jer 7:14
you have put your *t* in Me .. Jer 39:18
Do not *t* in a friend ..... Mic 7:5
He knows those who *t* in .... Nah 1:7
name Gentiles will *t* ..... Matt 12:21
those who *t* in riches ..... Mark 10:24
such *t* through Christ ..... 2 Cor 3:4
committed to your *t* ..... 1 Tim 6:20
I will put My *t* in Him ..... Heb 2:13

TRUSTED
He *t* in the LORD God of ... 2 Kin 18:5
"He *t* in the LORD ..... Ps 22:8
Because we have *t* in His .... Ps 33:21
*t* in the abundance of his ..... Ps 52:7
He *t* in God ..... Matt 27:43
that we who first *t* ..... Eph 1:12
the holy women who *t* ..... 1 Pet 3:5

TRUSTS
But he who *t* in the ..... Ps 32:10
is the man who *t* in Him ..... Ps 34:8
whoever *t* in the LORD, .... Prov 16:20
he who *t* in the LORD ..... Prov 28:25
He who *t* in his own ..... Prov 28:26
whoever *t* in the LORD .... Prov 29:25
the man who *t* in the LORD .. Jer 17:7

TRUTH
*See* SPIRIT OF TRUTH; WORD OF TRUTH
led me in the way of *t* ..... Gen 24:48
justice, a God of *t* ..... Deut 32:4
Him in sincerity and in *t*, .. Josh 24:14
serve Him in *t* with all ... 1 Sam 12:24
the *t* in the name of the .. 2 Chr 18:15
and speaks the *t* ..... Ps 15:2
me in Your *t* and teach me ... Ps 25:5
all His work is done in *t* ..... Ps 33:4
*t* continually preserve ..... Ps 40:11
Behold, You desire *t* ..... Ps 51:6
*T* shall spring out of ..... Ps 85:11
*t* shall be your shield ..... Ps 91:4
And His *t* endures to all ..... Ps 100:5
the *t* of the LORD endures.... Ps 117:2
*t* utterly out of my ..... Ps 119:43
and Your law is *t* ..... Ps 119:142
commandments are *t* ..... Ps 119:151
of Your word is *t* ..... Ps 119:160
who speaks *t* declares .... Prov 12:17
*t* belong to those who ..... Prov 14:22
*t* atonement is provided .... Prov 16:6
walked before You in *t* ..... Is 38:3
*t* is fallen in the ..... Is 59:14
not valiant for the *t* ..... Jer 9:3
cast *t* down to the ground .. Dan 8:12
in the Scripture of *T* ..... Dan 10:21
"There is no *t* ..... Hos 4:1
called the City of *T* ..... Zech 8:3
speak each man the *t* ..... Zech 8:16
love *t* and peace ..... Zech 8:19
*t* was in his mouth ..... Mal 2:6
*t* came through Jesus ..... John 1:17
worship in spirit and *t* ..... John 4:24
you shall know the *t* ..... John 8:32
"I am the way, the *t* ..... John 14:6
He, the Spirit of *t* ..... John 16:13
Your word is *t* ..... John 17:17
be sanctified by the *t* ..... John 17:19
to Him, "What is *t* ..... John 18:38
speak the words of *t* ..... Acts 26:25
who suppress the *t* ..... Rom 1:18
of sincerity and *t* ..... 1 Cor 5:8
but rejoices in the *t* ..... 1 Cor 13:6
but, speaking the *t* ..... Eph 4:15
each one speak *t* with his ... Eph 4:25
your waist with *t* ..... Eph 6:14
in the word of the *t* ..... Col 1:5
the love of the *t* ..... 2 Thess 2:10
I am speaking the *t* ..... 1 Tim 2:7
they may know the *t* ..... 2 Tim 2:25
the knowledge of the *t* ..... 2 Tim 3:7
in the present *t* ..... 2 Pet 1:12
way of *t* will be ..... 2 Pet 2:2
but in deed and in *t* ..... 1 John 3:18
that we are of the *t* ..... 1 John 3:19
we know the spirit of *t* .... 1 John 4:6
the Spirit is *t* ..... 1 John 5:6
*t* that is in you ..... 3 John 3

TRUTHFUL
The *t* lip shall be ..... Prov 12:19

TRUTHFULLY
deal *t* are His delight ..... Prov 12:22

TRY
*t* my mind and my heart ..... Ps 26:2
*t* me, and know my ..... Ps 139:23
refine them and *t* them ..... Jer 9:7
*t* Me now in this ..... Mal 3:10
which is to *t* you ..... 1 Pet 4:12

TUBAL
Son of Japheth, Gen 10:2
—— Tribe associated with Javan and Meshech, Is 66:19
In Gog's army, Ezek 38:2, 3
Punishment of, Ezek 32:26, 27

TUBAL-CAIN
Son of Lamech, Gen 4:19–22

TUMORS
the boils of Egypt, with *t* .. Deut 28:27
and struck them with *t* .... 1 Sam 5:6
Five golden *t* and five ..... 1 Sam 6:4

TUMULT
their waves, and the *t* ..... Ps 65:7
Your enemies make a *t* ..... Ps 83:2

TUNIC
Also he made him a *t* ..... Gen 37:3
and take away your *t* ..... Matt 5:40
not withhold your *t* ..... Luke 6:29
the *t* was without seam, .. John 19:23

TUNICS
the LORD God made *t* ..... Gen 3:21
not to put on two *t* ..... Mark 6:9
He who has two *t*, let him . Luke 3:11
weeping, showing the *t* ..... Acts 9:39

TURBAN
like a robe and a *t* ..... Job 29:14
"Remove the *t* ..... Ezek 21:26

TURN
*T* from Your fierce wrath, ... Ex 32:12
Do not *t* to idols, nor make .. Lev 19:4
you shall not *t* ..... Deut 17:11
LORD may *t* away from .... Num 25:4
do not *t* from it to the right .. Josh 1:7
*t* from their sin because ... 1 Kin 8:35
*T* from your evil ways, ... 2 Kin 17:13
do not *t* to iniquity, for ..... Job 36:21
*t* to the LORD, and all the .... Ps 22:27
*T* Yourself to me, and have .. Ps 25:16
do not *t* Your servant away .. Ps 27:9
Then we will not *t* ..... Ps 80:18
but let them not *t* ..... Ps 85:8
*t* to me, and have mercy .... Ps 86:16
yet I do not *t* ..... Ps 119:51
*T* at my rebuke ..... Prov 1:23
Do not *t* to the right or .... Prov 4:27
not let your heart *t* ..... Prov 7:25
I will *t* My hand against you, .. Is 1:25
every man will *t* to his own .. Is 13:14
'*T* now everyone from ..... Jer 35:15
*T* us back to You, O ..... Lam 5:21
"Repent, *t* away from ..... Ezek 14:6
Repent, and *t* from all .... Ezek 18:30
*T*, *t* from your evil ways .. Ezek 33:11
*T* to me with all your ..... Joel 2:12
yes, let every one *t* ..... Jon 3:8
"*T* now from your evil ..... Zech 1:4
those who *t* away an alien ... Mal 3:5
he will *t* the hearts of the .... Mal 4:6
on your right cheek, *t* ..... Matt 5:39
*t* the hearts of the ..... Luke 1:17
you that you should *t* ..... Acts 14:15
*t* them from darkness ..... Acts 26:18
repent, *t* to God, and do ... Acts 26:20
Let him *t* away from ..... 1 Pet 3:11
waters to *t* them to blood ... Rev 11:6

TURN ASIDE
*t* and see this great ..... Ex 3:3
*t* after many to pervert ..... Ex 23:2
*t* and serve other gods .... Deut 11:16
So you shall not *t* ..... Deut 28:14
Law of Moses, lest you *t* ... Josh 23:6
they went, and did not *t* .. 1 Sam 6:12
*t* from following the ..... 1 Sam 12:20
He did not *t* from them ... 1 Kin 22:43
did not *t* from it ..... 2 Chr 20:32
The paths of their way *t* .... Job 6:18
nor such as *t* to lies ..... Ps 40:4
I do not *t* from Your law ... Ps 119:51
such as *t* to their crooked ... Ps 125:5
Do not let your heart *t* ..... Prov 7:25
to *t* the justice due ..... Lam 3:35

did not *t* when they went ..Ezek 1:17
did not *t* when they .....Ezek 10:11

TURNED
in the river were *t* to blood ...Ex 7:20
who *t* to the LORD with ...2 Kin 23:25
*t* to the LORD God of .....2 Chr 15:4
and *t* their backs on .....2 Chr 29:6
*t* me over to the hands of ..Job 16:11
I love have *t* against .....Job 19:19
kept His way and not *t* ....Job 23:11
The wicked shall be *t* .....Ps 9:17
let them be *t* back and .....Ps 70:2
*t* my feet to Your .....Ps 119:59
of Israel, they have *t* .....Is 1:4
LORD has not *t* back from.....Jer 4:8
shall be *t* into darkness .....Joel 2:31
that they *t* from their evil ...Jon 3:10
Then He *t* to the woman ...Luke 7:44
sorrow will be *t* into joy ..John 16:20
sun shall be *t* into .....Acts 2:20
saw him and *t* to the Lord ..Acts 9:35
number believed and *t* ....Acts 11:21
and how you *t* to God ....1 Thess 1:9

TURNING
Gentiles who are *t* to .....Acts 15:19
marvel that you are *t* .....Gal 1:6
or shadow of *t* .....James 1:17
and *t* the cities of Sodom ....2 Pet 2:6

TURNS
of the wicked He *t* .....Ps 146:9
A soft answer *t* .....Prov 15:1
he *t*, he prospers .....Prov 17:8
One who *t* away his ear ....Prov 28:9
when a righteous man *t* ....Ezek 3:20
But if a wicked man *t* ....Ezek 18:21
a wicked man *t* away .....Ezek 18:27
he *t* from his sin and .....Ezek 33:14
*t* from his wickedness ....Ezek 33:19
but no one *t* back .....Nah 2:8
that he who *t* .....James 5:20

TURTLEDOVE
the life of Your *t* .....Ps 74:19
*t* is heard in our land .....Song 2:12

TURTLEDOVES
of *t* or young pigeons .....Lev 1:14
A pair of *t* or two young ...Luke 2:24

TUTOR
the law was our *t* .....Gal 3:24
no longer under a *t* .....Gal 3:25

TWELVE
the sons of Jacob were *t* ...Gen 35:22
are the *t* tribes of Israel ...Gen 49:28
were *t* stones according .....Ex 39:14
*t* men, each one .....Num 1:44
Joshua set up *t* stones .....Josh 4:9
Solomon had *t* governors ...1 Kin 4:7
Elijah took *t* stones, .....1 Kin 18:31
Manasseh was *t* years .....2 Kin 21:1
called His *t* disciples to ....Matt 10:1
These *t* Jesus sent out .....Matt 10:5
they took up *t* baskets ....Matt 14:20
more than *t* legions of ....Matt 26:53
Then He appointed *t* .....Mark 3:14
of blood for *t* years .....Mark 5:25
took up *t* baskets full .....Mark 6:43
when He was *t* years old ..Luke 2:42
He chose *t* whom He .....Luke 6:13
a flow of blood for *t* .....Luke 8:43
*t* baskets of the leftover ...Luke 9:17
filled *t* baskets with the ....John 6:13
I not choose you, the *t* .....John 6:70
head a garland of *t* stars ....Rev 12:1
*t* gates were *t* pearls .....Rev 21:21

TWELVE APOSTLES
Now the names of the *t* ....Matt 10:2
and the *t* with Him .....Luke 22:14
the names of the *t* .....Rev 21:14

TWELVE DISCIPLES
when He had called His *t* ..Matt 10:1
commanding His *t* .....Matt 11:1
took the *t* aside on the ....Matt 20:17
Then He called His *t* .....Luke 9:1

TWELVE TRIBES
these are the *t* of Israel ....Gen 49:28
pillars according to the *t* .....Ex 24:4
name according to the *t* .....Ex 39:14
inheritance among the *t* ..Ezek 47:13
judging the *t* .....Matt 19:28
To this promise our *t* .....Acts 26:7
the *t* which are scattered ..James 1:1
the names of the *t* .....Rev 21:12

TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS
on the thrones I saw *t* .....Rev 4:4
*t* fall down before Him .....Rev 4:10
*t* fell down before the .....Rev 5:8
*t* fell down and worshiped ..Rev 5:14
*t* who sat before God .....Rev 11:16
*t* and the four living .....Rev 19:4

TWICE
the rock *t* with his rod ....Num 20:11
*t* as much as he had .....Job 42:10
the rooster crows *t* .....Mark 14:30
the rooster crows *t* .....Mark 14:72

TWILIGHT
at *t* is the LORD's Passover ..Lev 23:5
sacrifice the Passover at *t* ..Deut 16:6

TWIN
figurehead was the *T* .....Acts 28:11

TWINS
there were *t* in her womb ..Gen 25:24
behold, *t* were in her .....Gen 38:27
two fawns, *t* of a gazelle ....Song 7:3

TWIST
All day they *t* my .....Ps 56:5
unstable people *t* to .....2 Pet 3:16

TWO
God made *t* great lights .....Gen 1:16
*t* each of animals that are ....Gen 7:2
the ark to Noah, *t* .....Gen 7:15
*T* nations are in your .....Gen 25:23
*t* rams without blemish, .....Ex 29:1
He gave Moses *t* tablets of ..Ex 31:18
shall be unclean *t* weeks ....Lev 12:5
*t* young pigeons .....Lev 12:8
*t* tablets of the covenant ...Deut 9:15
hewed *t* tablets of stone ....Deut 10:3
by the mouth of *t* or .....Deut 19:15
the *t* middle pillars .....Judg 16:29
divided the Red Sea in *t* ....Ps 136:13
*T* are better than one .....Eccl 4:9
*t* he covered his .....Is 6:2
a ram which had *t* horns ....Dan 8:3
saw, having the *t* horns ....Dan 8:20
there stood *t* others, one ....Dan 12:5
one mile, go with him *t* ....Matt 5:41
five loaves and *t* fish .....Matt 14:17
'by the mouth of *t* or .....Matt 18:16
For where *t* or three are ..Matt 18:20
*t* shall become one .....Matt 19:5
A man had *t* sons, and ....Matt 21:28
five talents, to another *t* ..Matt 25:15
*t* robbers were crucified ..Matt 27:38
in *t* from top to bottom ...Matt 27:51
said, "Five, and *t* fish .....Mark 6:38
*t* shall become one flesh' ..Mark 10:8
and threw in *t* mites, .....Mark 12:42
also crucified *t* robbers ...Mark 15:27
in *t* from top to bottom ...Mark 15:38
*t* young pigeons .....Luke 2:24
*t* fish, unless we go and ....Luke 9:13
certain man had *t* sons ...Luke 15:11
servant can serve *t* .....Luke 16:13
widow putting in *t* mites ...Luke 21:2
were also *t* others, .....Luke 23:32
temple was torn in *t* .....Luke 23:45
*t* of them were traveling ..Luke 24:13
*T* hundred denarii worth ....John 6:7
*t* small fish, but what are ...John 6:9
these are the *t* covenants ....Gal 4:24
new man from the *t* .....Eph 2:15
*t* shall become one flesh ....Eph 5:31
from *t* or three witnesses ..1 Tim 5:19
was *t* hundred million; I ....Rev 9:16
power to my *t* witnesses ....Rev 11:3
had *t* horns like a lamb ....Rev 13:11

TWO-EDGED SWORD
and a *t* in their hand .....Ps 149:6
as wormwood, sharp as a *t* ..Prov 5:4
sharper than any *t* .....Heb 4:12
His mouth went a sharp *t* ...Rev 1:16
He who has the sharp *t* .....Rev 2:12

TYCHICUS
Paul's companion, Acts 20:1, 4
Paul's messenger, Eph 6:21, 22; Col 4:7–9; 2 Tim 4:12

TYPE
of Adam, who is a *t* .....Rom 5:14

TYRE
City of Phoenicia noted for its commerce, Josh 19:29; 2 Sam 5:11; Jer 25:22

TYRE AND SIDON
cut off from *T* every helper ..Jer 47:4
you to do with Me, O *T* .....Joel 3:4
had been done in *T* .....Matt 11:21
to the region of *T* .....Matt 15:21
more tolerable for *T* at ...Luke 10:14
with the people of *T* .....Acts 12:20

UGLY
And the *u* and gaunt cows ..Gen 41:4

ULAI
Scene of Daniel's visions, Dan 8:2–16

UNAFRAID
Do you want to be *u* .....Rom 13:3

UNAWARE
I do not want you to be *u* ..Rom 1:13
not want you to be *u* .....1 Cor 10:11

UNBELIEF
because of their *u* .....Matt 13:58
Because of your *u* .....Matt 17:20
help my *u* .....Mark 9:24
and He rebuked their *u* ..Mark 16:14
promise of God through *u* ..Rom 4:20
did it ignorantly in *u* .....1 Tim 1:13
you an evil heart of *u* .....Heb 3:12
enter in because of *u* .....Heb 3:19

UNBELIEVER
But if the *u* departs, let ....1 Cor 7:15
has a believer with an *u* ...2 Cor 6:15
and is worse than an *u* .....1 Tim 5:8

UNBELIEVERS
his portion with the *u* ....Luke 12:46
who believe but to *u* .....1 Cor 14:22
are uninformed or *u* .....1 Cor 14:23
yoked together with *u* .....2 Cor 6:14

UNBELIEVING
Do not be *u* .....John 20:27
*u* Jews stirred up the .....Acts 14:2
For the *u* husband is .....1 Cor 7:14
*u* nothing is pure .....Titus 1:15
But the cowardly, *u* .....Rev 21:8

UNCIRCUMCISED
heed me, for I am of *u* lips ...Ex 6:12
Behold, I am of *u* lips, and ...Ex 6:30
For no *u* person shall eat it ..Ex 12:48
*u* hearts are humbled .....Lev 26:41
is this *u* Philistine .....1 Sam 17:26
of Israel are *u* in the heart ...Jer 9:26
*u* in heart and *u* in flesh ...Ezek 44:7
You stiff-necked and *u* .....Acts 7:51
not the physically *u* .....Rom 2:27
by faith and the *u* .....Rom 3:30
only, or upon the *u* also .....Rom 4:9

*u* had been committed ..... Gal 2:7
nor Jew, circumcised nor *u* .. Col 3:11

UNCIRCUMCISION
has become *u* ..... Rom 2:25
*u* is nothing, but keeping .. 1 Cor 7:19
who are called *U* by ..... Eph 2:11

UNCLEAN
of animals that are *u* ..... Gen 7:2
person touches any *u* thing ... Lev 5:2
*u* thing shall not be eaten ... Lev 7:19
to the LORD, while he is *u* ... Lev 7:20
who touches any *u* ..... Lev 7:21
They are *u* to you ..... Lev 11:8
these you shall become *u* .. Lev 11:24
I am a man of *u* lips ..... Is 6:5
*u* shall no longer come ..... Is 52:1
we are all like an *u* thing ..... Is 64:6
I pronounced them *u* ..... Ezek 20:26
He commands even the *u* .. Mark 1:27
commands the *u* spirits .... Luke 4:36
any man common or *u* .... Acts 10:28
there is nothing *u* ..... Rom 14:14
your children would be *u* .. 1 Cor 7:14
Do not touch what is *u* .... 2 Cor 6:17
that no fornicator, *u* ..... Eph 5:5

UNCLEAN SPIRIT
*u* to depart from the land .. Zech 13:2
*u* goes out of a man ..... Matt 12:43
synagogue with an *u* ..... Mark 1:23
*u* had convulsed him ..... Mark 1:26
"He has an *u* ..... Mark 3:30
a man with an *u* ..... Mark 5:2
daughter had an *u* ..... Mark 7:25
He rebuked the *u* ..... Mark 9:25
He had commanded the *u* .. Luke 8:29
Jesus rebuked the *u* ..... Luke 9:42
*u* goes out of a man ..... Luke 11:24

UNCLEAN SPIRITS
them power over *u* ..... Matt 10:1
He commands even the *u* .. Mark 1:27
*u*, whenever they saw ..... Mark 3:11
*u* went out and entered .... Mark 5:13
tormented with *u* ..... Luke 6:18
who were tormented by *u* .. Acts 5:16
*u*, crying with a loud ..... Acts 8:7
three *u* like frogs ..... Rev 16:13

UNCLEANNESS
of Israel from their *u*, lest .. Lev 15:31
for sin and for *u* ..... Zech 13:1
men's bones and all *u* ..... Matt 23:27
also gave them up to *u* ..... Rom 1:24
members as slaves of *u* .... Rom 6:19
adultery, fornication, *u*, ..... Gal 5:19
fornication, *u*, passion, evil ... Col 3:5
did not call us to *u* ..... 1 Thess 4:7
flesh in the lust of *u* ..... 2 Pet 2:10

UNCLEANNESSES
from all your *u* ..... Ezek 36:29

UNCLOTHED
we want to be *u* ..... 2 Cor 5:4

UNCOVER
Do not *u* your heads nor .... Lev 10:6
shall not *u* her nakedness ... Lev 18:7
*u* the woman's head, and .. Num 5:18
the LORD will *u* their secret.... Is 3:17
skirt, *u* the thigh ..... Is 47:2
he will *u* your sins ..... Lam 4:22

UNCOVERED
and became *u* in his tent .... Gen 9:21
of the world were *u* ..... 2 Sam 22:16
I have *u* his secret places, .. Jer 49:10
its foundation will be *u* ... Ezek 13:14
transgressions are *u* ..... Ezek 21:24
they *u* the roof where He ... Mark 2:4
head *u* dishonors her ..... 1 Cor 11:5
to God with her head *u* ... 1 Cor 11:13

UNCOVERS
*u* her nakedness, he has ... Lev 20:18
*u* deep things out of ..... Job 12:22

UNDEFILED
Blessed are the *u* ..... Ps 119:1
all, and the bed *u* ..... Heb 13:4
*u* religion before God ..... James 1:27
incorruptible and *u* ..... 1 Pet 1:4

UNDER HIS FEET
And there was *u* ..... Ex 24:10
down with darkness *u* ... 2 Sam 22:10
You have put all things *u* ..... Ps 8:6
has put all enemies *u* .... 1 Cor 15:25
And He put all things *u* ..... Eph 1:22
things in subjection *u* ..... Heb 2:8

UNDER THE LAW
to those who are *u* ..... Rom 3:19
to those who are *u* ..... 1 Cor 9:20
of a woman, born *u* ..... Gal 4:4
you who desire to be *u* ..... Gal 4:21
Spirit, you are not *u* ..... Gal 5:18

UNDERFOOT
Lord has trampled *u* all .... Lam 1:15
the Son of God *u* ..... Heb 10:29

UNDERMINE
And you *u* your friend ..... Job 6:27

UNDERSTAND
*u* one another's speech ..... Gen 11:7
cause me to *u* wherein I ..... Job 6:24
of His power who can *u* .... Job 26:14
can anyone *u* the ..... Job 36:29
uttered what I did not *u* ..... Job 42:3
if there are any who *u* ..... Ps 14:2
Who can *u* his errors ..... Ps 19:12
in Egypt did not *u* ..... Ps 106:7
Make me *u* the way of ..... Ps 119:27
then you will *u* the fear of ... Prov 2:5
you will *u* righteousness .... Prov 2:9
is to *u* his way ..... Prov 14:8
Evil men do not *u* ..... Prov 28:5
hearing, but do not *u* ..... Is 6:9
so that they cannot *u* ..... Is 44:18
and quick to *u* ..... Dan 1:4
set your heart to *u* ..... Dan 10:12
*u* shall instruct many ..... Dan 11:33
of the wicked shall *u* ..... Dan 12:10
people who do not *u* ..... Hos 4:14
Let him *u* these things ..... Hos 14:9
nor do they *u* His counsel ... Mic 4:12
will hear and shall not *u* .. Matt 13:14
should *u* with their heart .. Matt 13:15
they may hear and not *u* .. Mark 4:12
hearing they may not *u* .... Luke 8:10
Why do you not *u* ..... John 8:43
*u* with their hearts and ... John 12:40
I am doing you do not *u* ... John 13:7
*u* what you are reading ..... Acts 8:30
lest they should *u* ..... Acts 28:27
I am doing, I do not *u* ..... Rom 7:15
have not heard shall *u* .... Rom 15:21
*u* all mysteries ..... 1 Cor 13:2
some things hard to *u* ..... 2 Pet 3:16

UNDERSTANDING
of God, in wisdom, in *u*, in ... Ex 31:3
a woman of good *u* ..... 1 Sam 25:3
asked for yourself *u* ..... 1 Kin 3:11
and exceedingly great *u* ... 1 Kin 4:29
filled with wisdom and *u* .. 1 Kin 7:14
He has counsel and *u* ..... Job 12:13
He takes away the *u* of .... Job 12:24
by His *u* He breaks up ..... Job 26:12
is the place of *u* ..... Job 28:12
depart from evil is *u* ..... Job 28:28
Almighty gives him *u* ..... Job 32:8
If you have *u*, hear this .... Job 34:16
has given *u* to the heart .... Job 38:36
not endow her with *u* ..... Job 39:17
my heart shall give *u* ..... Ps 49:3
a good *u* have all those ..... Ps 111:10
Give me *u* ..... Ps 119:34
give me *u*, that I may ..... Ps 119:73
Your precepts I get *u* ..... Ps 119:104
give me *u*, that I may ..... Ps 119:125
give me *u*, and I shall ..... Ps 119:144
give me *u* according to .... Ps 119:169
His *u* is infinite ..... Ps 147:5
a man of *u* will attain wise .. Prov 1:5
apply your heart to *u* ..... Prov 2:2
*u* will keep you ..... Prov 2:11
lean not on your own *u* ..... Prov 3:5
*u* He established ..... Prov 3:19
with a woman lacks *u* ..... Prov 6:32
As for him who lacks *u*, ..... Prov 9:4
and go in the way of *u* ..... Prov 9:6
of the Holy One is *u* ..... Prov 9:10
a man of *u* has wisdom ... Prov 10:23
but a man of *u* holds his .. Prov 11:12
frivolity is devoid of *u* .... Prov 12:11
Good *u* gains favor, but ... Prov 13:15
to wrath has great *u* ..... Prov 14:29
him who has *u* seeks ..... Prov 15:14
but a man of *u* walks ..... Prov 15:21
who heeds rebuke gets *u* .. Prov 15:32
And to get *u* is to be ..... Prov 16:16
*U* is a wellspring ..... Prov 16:22
A man devoid of *u* ..... Prov 17:18
A fool has no delight in *u* .. Prov 18:2
*u* will find good ..... Prov 19:8
the way of *u* will rest in ... Prov 21:16
and instruction and *u* ..... Prov 23:23
but the poor who has *u* ... Prov 28:11
A ruler who lacks *u* is a .. Prov 28:16
Spirit of wisdom and *u* ..... Is 11:2
For it is a people of no *u* ..... Is 27:11
His *u* is unsearchable ..... Is 40:28
the heaven by His *u* ..... Jer 51:15
also still without *u* ..... Matt 15:16
heart, with all the *u* ..... Mark 12:33
And He opened their *u* ... Luke 24:45
also pray with the *u* ..... 1 Cor 14:15
five words with my *u* ..... 1 Cor 14:19
but in *u* be mature ..... 1 Cor 14:20
having their *u* darkened, .... Eph 4:18
God, which surpasses all *u* ... Phil 4:7
and spiritual *u* ..... Col 1:9
the Lord give you *u* ..... 2 Tim 2:7
Who is wise and *u* ..... James 3:13
and has given us an *u* .... 1 John 5:20
him who has *u* calculate ... Rev 13:18

UNDERSTANDS
God *u* its way, and He ..... Job 28:23
all plain to him who *u* ..... Prov 8:9
is easy to him who *u* ..... Prov 14:6
there is none who *u* ..... Rom 3:11

UNDERSTOOD
all Israel *u* that day ..... 2 Sam 3:37
my ear has heard and *u* it ... Job 13:1
Then I *u* their end ..... Ps 73:17
My heart has *u* great ..... Eccl 1:16
Have you not *u* from ..... Is 40:21
*u* all these things ..... Matt 13:51
clearly seen, being *u* ..... Rom 1:20
I *u* as a child, I thought .. 1 Cor 13:11

UNDESIRABLE
gather together, O *u* ..... Zeph 2:1

UNDIGNIFIED
I will be even more *u* ..... 2 Sam 6:22

UNDISCERNING
*u*, untrustworthy ..... Rom 1:31

UNDONE
He left nothing *u* of all .... Josh 11:15
"Woe is me, for I am *u* ..... Is 6:5
leaving the others *u* ..... Matt 23:23

UNEDUCATED
that they were *u* ..... Acts 4:13

UNEQUALLY
Do not be *u* yoked ..... 2 Cor 6:14

UNEXPECTEDLY
that Day come on you *u* .. Luke 21:34

UNFAITHFUL
they were *u* to the God .... 1 Chr 5:25
*u* will be uprooted ..... Prov 2:22
but the *u* will be taken by .. Prov 11:6
way of the *u* is hard ..... Prov 13:15
they were *u* to Me ..... Ezek 39:23

UNFAITHFULLY
back and acted *u* ..... Ps 78:57

UNFAITHFULNESS
because of their *u* ..... 1 Chr 9:1
So Saul died for his *u* .... 1 Chr 10:13
they have persisted in *u*.' .. Ezek 15:8

UNFAMILIAR
to a people of *u* speech ..... Ezek 3:5

UNFORGIVING
unloving, *u* ..... Rom 1:31
unloving, *u*, slanderers, .... 2 Tim 3:3

UNFORMED
substance, being yet *u* ..... Ps 139:16

UNFRUITFUL
and it becomes *u* ..... Mark 4:19
my understanding is *u* ... 1 Cor 14:14
the *u* works of darkness .... Eph 5:11
that they may not be *u* .... Titus 3:14

UNGODLINESS
*u* made me afraid ..... Ps 18:4
heaven against all *u* ..... Rom 1:18
He will turn away *u* ..... Rom 11:26

UNGODLY
delivered me to the *u* ..... Job 16:11
*u* shall not stand ..... Ps 1:5
of the *u* shall perish ..... Ps 1:6
my cause against an *u* ..... Ps 43:1
*u* man digs up evil ..... Prov 16:27
who justifies the *u* ..... Rom 4:5
Christ died for the *u* ..... Rom 5:6
and perdition of *u* men ..... 2 Pet 3:7
convict all who are *u* ..... Jude 15

UNHOLY
the holy and *u* ..... Ezek 22:26
for sinners, for the *u* ..... 1 Tim 1:9

UNINFORMED
the place of the *u* ..... 1 Cor 14:16

UNINHABITED
shall be *u* forty years ..... Ezek 29:11
and your cities shall be *u* .. Ezek 35:9

UNINTENDED
the LORD, for their *u* sin .. Num 15:25

UNINTENTIONAL
them, for it was *u* ..... Num 15:25

UNINTENTIONALLY
If a person sins *u* against ..... Lev 4:2
If you sin *u*, and do not ... Num 15:22
kills his neighbor *u* ..... Deut 4:42
sinned *u* or in ignorance .. Ezek 45:20

UNITE
*U* my heart to fear ..... Ps 86:11

UNITY
to dwell together in *u* ..... Ps 133:1
to keep the *u* of the ..... Eph 4:3
we all come to the *u* ..... Eph 4:13

UNJUST
hope of the *u* perishes ..... Prov 11:7
*u* knows no shame ..... Zeph 3:5
on the just and on the *u* .... Matt 5:45
commended the *u* ..... Luke 16:8
he who is *u* in what is .... Luke 16:10
extortioners, *u* ..... Luke 18:11
of the just and the *u* ..... Acts 24:15
*u* who inflicts wrath ..... Rom 3:5
For God is not *u* ..... Heb 6:10
the just for the *u* ..... 1 Pet 3:18
let him be *u* still ..... Rev 22:11

UNJUSTLY
long will you judge *u* ..... Ps 82:2
he will deal *u* ..... Is 26:10

UNKNOWN
not stand before *u* ..... Prov 22:29
To The *U* God ..... Acts 17:23
And I was *u* by face to ..... Gal 1:22

UNLAWFUL
You know how *u* it is ..... Acts 10:28

UNLEAVENED
*See* FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
the Feast of *U* Bread ..... Mark 14:1
since you truly are *u* ..... 1 Cor 5:7

UNLEAVENED BREAD
feast, and baked *u* ..... Gen 19:3
roasted in fire, with *u* ..... Ex 12:8
observe the Feast of *U* ..... Ex 12:17
*u* and parched grain ..... Josh 5:11
the meat and the *u* ..... Judg 6:20
*u* among their brethren .... 2 Kin 23:9
to keep the Feast of *U* .... 2 Chr 30:13
they kept the Feast of *U* .... Ezra 6:22
day of the Feast of the *U* .. Matt 26:17
Feast of *U* ..... Luke 22:1
during the Days of *U* ..... Acts 12:3
*u* of sincerity and truth ..... 1 Cor 5:8

UNLOVED
saw that Leah was *u* ..... Gen 29:31
both the loved and the *u*. .. Deut 21:15

UNLOVING
untrustworthy, *u* ..... Rom 1:31

UNMARRIED
But I say to the *u* and ..... 1 Cor 7:8

UNMERCIFUL
unforgiving, *u* ..... Rom 1:31

UNPREPARED
with me and find you *u* ..... 2 Cor 9:4

UNPRESENTABLE
*u* parts have greater ..... 1 Cor 12:23

UNPROFITABLE
And cast the *u* ..... Matt 25:30
'We are *u* servants ..... Luke 17:10
have together become *u* .... Rom 3:12
who once was *u* to you .... Philem 11
for that would be *u* ..... Heb 13:17

UNPROFITABLENESS
of its weakness and *u* ..... Heb 7:18

UNPUNISHED
wicked will not go *u* ..... Prov 11:21
witness will not go *u* ..... Prov 19:9
be rich will not go *u* ..... Prov 28:20
You shall not go *u*, but ..... Jer 49:12

UNQUENCHABLE
up the chaff with *u* ..... Matt 3:12
He will burn with *u* ..... Luke 3:17

UNRESTRAINED
that the people were *u* ..... Ex 32:25

UNRIGHTEOUS
*u* man his thoughts ..... Is 55:7
been faithful in the *u* ..... Luke 16:11
*u* will not inherit the ..... 1 Cor 6:9

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
and there is no *u* ..... Ps 92:15
builds his house by *u* ..... Jer 22:13
Him is true, and no *u* ..... John 7:18
all ungodliness and *u* ..... Rom 1:18
the truth, but obey *u* ..... Rom 2:8
as instruments of *u* to sin .. Rom 6:13
Is there *u* with God ..... Rom 9:14
but had pleasure in *u* .... 2 Thess 2:12
will be merciful to their *u* ... Heb 8:12
receive the wages of *u* ..... 2 Pet 2:13
cleanse us from all *u* ..... 1 John 1:9
All *u* is sin ..... 1 John 5:17

UNRULY
those who are *u* ..... 1 Thess 5:14
It is an *u* evil ..... James 3:8

UNSEARCHABLE
does great things, and *u* ..... Job 5:9
heart of kings is *u* ..... Prov 25:3
*u* are His judgments ..... Rom 11:33

UNSHRUNK
No one puts a piece of *u* ... Matt 9:16

UNSKILLED
only of milk is *u* ..... Heb 5:13

UNSPOTTED
to keep oneself *u* ..... James 1:27

UNSTABLE
*U* as water ..... Gen 49:4
man, *u* in all his ways ..... James 1:8
from sin, enticing *u* souls .. 2 Pet 2:14

UNSTOPPED
of the deaf shall be *u* ..... Is 35:5

UNTAUGHT
which *u* and unstable ..... 2 Pet 3:16

UNTHANKFUL
disobedient to parents, *u* ... 2 Tim 3:2

UNTRAINED
and *u* men, they marveled .. Acts 4:13
Even though I am *u* in .... 2 Cor 11:6

UNTRUSTWORTHY
undiscerning, *u* ..... Rom 1:31

UNUSUAL
to pass His act, His *u* act ..... Is 28:21
God worked *u* miracles ... Acts 19:11

UNVEILED
But we all, with *u* face, .... 2 Cor 3:18

UNWASHED
but to eat with *u* hands ... Matt 15:20
eat bread with *u* hands ..... Mark 7:5

UNWISE
He is an *u* son ..... Hos 13:13
both to wise and to *u* ..... Rom 1:14
Therefore do not be *u* ..... Eph 5:17

UNWITTINGLY
have *u* entertained angels ... Heb 13:2

UNWORTHY
and judge yourselves *u* .... Acts 13:46
*u* manner will be ..... 1 Cor 11:27

UPHOLD
*u* the evildoers ..... Job 8:20
*u* me with Your generous .... Ps 51:12
*U* me according to ..... Ps 119:116
you, I will *u* you with My .... Is 41:10
My Servant whom I *u* ..... Is 42:1
there was no one to *u* ..... Is 63:5
*u* the weak, be patient ... 1 Thess 5:14

UPHOLDING
*u* all things by the ..... Heb 1:3

UPHOLDS
the LORD *u* the righteous .... Ps 37:17
Your right hand *u* ..... Ps 63:8
LORD *u* all who fall..... Ps 145:14

UPPER ROOM
shut the doors of the *u* ..... Judg 3:23
carried him to the *u* ..... 1 Kin 17:19
the lattice of his *u* ..... 2 Kin 1:2
let us make a small *u* ..... 2 Kin 4:10
And in his *u* ..... Dan 6:10
show you a large *u* ..... Mark 14:15
they went up into the *u* ..... Acts 1:13
they laid her in an *u* ..... Acts 9:37
many lamps in the *u* ..... Acts 20:8

UPRIGHT
righteous and *u* is He ..... Deut 32:4
man was blameless and *u* .... Job 1:1
*u* man, one who fears God .... Job 1:8
where were the *u* ..... Job 4:7
Good and *u* is the LORD ..... Ps 25:8
*u* shall have dominion ..... Ps 49:14
declare that the LORD is *u* ... Ps 92:15

*u* will be blessed ..... Ps 112:2
*u* there arises light ..... Ps 112:4
For the *u* will dwell in the .. Prov 2:21
is strength for the *u* ..... Prov 10:29
*u* will guide them ..... Prov 11:3
*u* will deliver them ..... Prov 11:6
*u* will flourish ..... Prov 14:11
*u* is His delight ..... Prov 15:8
of the *u* is a highway ..... Prov 15:19
Whoever causes the *u* to .. Prov 28:10
that God made man *u* ..... Eccl 7:29
and there is no one *u* ..... Mic 7:2
his soul is not *u* ..... Hab 2:4

UPRIGHT IN HEART
God, Who saves the *u* ..... Ps 7:10
shoot secretly at the *u* ..... Ps 11:2
shout for joy, all you *u* ..... Ps 32:11
righteousness to the *u* ..... Ps 36:10
all the *u* shall glory ..... Ps 64:10
all the *u* will follow it ..... Ps 94:15
gladness for the *u* ..... Ps 97:11

UPRIGHTLY
He who walks *u*, and works .. Ps 15:2
from those who walk *u* ..... Ps 84:11
shield to those who walk *u* .. Prov 2:7
understanding walks *u* .... Prov 15:21
good to him who walks *u* .... Mic 2:7

UPRIGHTNESS
to show man His *u* ..... Job 33:23
praise You with *u* of heart ... Ps 119:7
me in the land of *u* ..... Ps 143:10
of *u* to walk in the ways ... Prov 2:13
walks in his *u* fears the .... Prov 14:2
princes for their *u* ..... Prov 17:26
of the just is *u* ..... Is 26:7
land of *u* he will deal ..... Is 26:10

UPROAR
so that the city is in an *u* .. 1 Kin 1:45
be an *u* of the people ..... Mark 14:2
After the *u* had ceased, ..... Acts 20:1

UPROOT
He will *u* Israel from ..... 1 Kin 14:15
then I will *u* ..... 2 Chr 7:20
*u* you from the land ..... Ps 52:5
*u* the wheat with ..... Matt 13:29

UPROOTED
LORD *u* them from their ... Deut 29:28
my hope He has *u* like a .... Job 19:10
unfaithful will be *u* from ... Prov 2:22

UPWARD
prevailed fifteen cubits *u* .... Gen 7:20
trouble, as the sparks fly *u* ... Job 5:7
winds *u* for the wise ..... Prov 15:24
downward, and bear fruit *u* .. Is 37:31
my eyes fail from looking *u* .. Is 38:14

UR OF THE CHALDEANS
City of Abram's early life, Gen 11:28–31; 15:7
Located in Mesopotamia by Stephen, Acts 7:2, 4

URGE
I *u* you to take heart, ..... Acts 27:22
I *u* you, imitate ..... 1 Cor 4:16
Therefore I *u* you to ..... 2 Cor 2:8
I *u* you to become like me ... Gal 4:12
I *u* you in the sight of ..... 1 Tim 6:13

URGED
the angels *u* Lot to hurry, .. Gen 19:15
His disciples *u* Him ..... John 4:31
I strongly *u* him to ..... 1 Cor 16:12

URIAH
Hittite; one of David's warriors, 2 Sam 23:39
Husband of Bathsheba; condemned to death by David, 2 Sam 11:1–27

URIJAH
High priest in Ahaz's time, 2 Kin 16:10–16
—— Prophet in Jeremiah's time, Jer 26:20–23

URIM
of judgment of *U* ..... Ex 28:30
the judgment of the *U* .... Num 27:21
Thummim and Your *U* ..... Deut 33:8
could consult with the *U* ... Ezra 2:63
could consult with the *U* .... Neh 7:65

US
"God with *u* ..... Matt 1:23
who is not against *u* ..... Mark 9:40
If God is for *u* ..... Rom 8:31
They went out from *u* .... 1 John 2:19

USE
who spitefully *u* you ..... Matt 5:44
leaving the natural *u* ..... Rom 1:27
*u* this world as not ..... 1 Cor 7:31
*u* liberty as an ..... Gal 5:13
*u* a little wine ..... 1 Tim 5:23
reason of *u* have their ..... Heb 5:14

USEFUL
Is it *u* for any work ..... Ezek 15:4
*u* for the Master ..... 2 Tim 2:21
you, for he is *u* to me for .. 2 Tim 4:11

USELESS
all of them are *u* ..... Is 44:9
are unprofitable and *u* ..... Titus 3:9
one's religion is *u* ..... James 1:26

USES
if one *u* it lawfully ..... 1 Tim 1:8

USING
*u* no figure of speech ..... John 16:29
perish with the *u* ..... Col 2:22
*u* liberty as a ..... 1 Pet 2:16

USURY
Take no *u* or ..... Lev 25:36
exacting *u* from his brother .. Neh 5:7
put out his money at *u* ..... Ps 15:5

UTTER
*u* words from their heart .... Job 8:10
nor my tongue *u* deceit ..... Job 27:4
*u* pure knowledge ..... Job 33:3
*u* dark sayings of old ..... Ps 78:2
My lips shall *u* praise ..... Ps 119:171
a false witness will *u* lies ... Prov 14:5
heart will *u* perverse ..... Prov 23:33
let not your heart *u* ..... Eccl 5:2
I will *u* My judgments ..... Jer 1:16
lawful for a man to *u* ..... 2 Cor 12:4

UTTERANCE
the Spirit gave them *u* ..... Acts 2:4
*u* may be given to me ..... Eph 6:19

UTTERED
The deep *u* its voice ..... Hab 3:10
which cannot be *u* ..... Rom 8:26
the seven thunders *u* ..... Rev 10:4

UTTERLY
that I will *u* blot out the ..... Ex 17:14
they *u* destroyed all that ... Josh 6:21
lands by *u* destroying .... 2 Kin 19:11
he shall not be *u* cast down .. Ps 37:24
Oh, do not forsake me *u* ..... Ps 119:8
it would be *u* despised ..... Song 8:7
You have *u* rejected ..... Lam 5:22
*u* destroyed from among ... Acts 3:23
she will be *u* burned with ... Rev 18:8

UTTERMOST
upon them to the *u* ..... 1 Thess 2:16
*u* those who come ..... Heb 7:25

UTTERS
Day unto day *u* speech ..... Ps 19:2
*u* His voice from ..... Amos 1:2
and the great man *u* ..... Mic 7:3

UZZAH
Son of Abinadab, struck down for touching the ark of the covenant, 2 Sam 6:3–11

UZZIAH
King of Judah, called Azariah, 2 Kin 14:21; 15:1–7
Reigns righteously, 2 Chr 26:1–15
Usurps priestly function; stricken with leprosy, 2 Chr 26:16–21
Life of, written by Isaiah, 2 Chr 26:22, 23

VAGABOND
*v* you shall be on the ..... Gen 4:12

VAIN
of the LORD your God in *v* .... Ex 20:7
of the LORD your God in *v* .. Deut 5:11
the people plot a *v* ..... Ps 2:1
they labor in *v* who build it .. Ps 127:1
*v* life which he passes ..... Eccl 6:12
'I have labored in *v* ..... Is 49:4
And in *v* they worship Me .. Matt 15:9
And in *v* they worship Me, .. Mark 7:7
you believed in *v* ..... 1 Cor 15:2
labor is not in *v* in the .... 1 Cor 15:58
law, then Christ died in *v* .... Gal 2:21
run in *v* or labored in *v* ..... Phil 2:16

VALIANT
Only be *v* for me ..... 1 Sam 18:17
They are not *v* for the ..... Jer 9:3
*v* men swept away ..... Jer 46:15

VALIANTLY
while Israel does *v* ..... Num 24:18
God we will do *v* ..... Ps 60:12
of the LORD does *v* ..... Ps 118:15

VALLEY
in the *V* of Megiddo ..... 2 Chr 35:22
I walk through the *v* ..... Ps 23:4
pass through the *V* ..... Ps 84:6
the verdure of the *v* ..... Song 6:11
*v* shall be exalted ..... Is 40:4
in the midst of the *v* ..... Ezek 37:1
in the *v* of decision ..... Joel 3:14
*v* shall be filled ..... Luke 3:5

VALLEYS
He is not God of the *v* .... 1 Kin 20:28
and the lily of the *v* ..... Song 2:1
the *v* will split like wax ..... Mic 1:4

VALOR
a mighty man of *v* ..... 1 Sam 16:18

VALUE
does not know its *v* ..... Job 28:13
of more *v* than they ..... Matt 6:26
you are of more *v* than .... Matt 10:31
Of how much more *v* ..... Matt 12:12
you are of more *v* than .... Luke 12:7
Of how much more *v* ..... Luke 12:24
they counted up the *v* ..... Acts 19:19
but are of no *v* against the .. Col 2:23

VALUED
It cannot be *v* in the ..... Job 28:16
is *v* by what others say ... Prov 27:21

VANISH
when it is hot, they *v* ..... Job 6:17
For the heavens will *v* ..... Is 51:6
knowledge, it will *v* ..... 1 Cor 13:8
old is ready to *v* away ..... Heb 8:13

VANISHED
Has their wisdom *v* ..... Jer 49:7
and He *v* from their ..... Luke 24:31

VANITY
of vanities, all is *v* ..... Eccl 1:2
This also is *v* and grasping .. Eccl 6:9
iniquity with cords of *v* ..... Is 5:18

VANQUISH
God will *v* him, not man ... Job 32:13

VAPOR
best state is but *v* ..... Ps 39:5

surely every man is *v* ..... Ps 39:11
It is even a *v* that ..... James 4:14

VARIATION
whom there is no *v* ..... James 1:17

VARIETIES
*v* of tongues ..... 1 Cor 12:28

VARIOUS
glistening stones of *v* ..... 1 Chr 29:2
earthquakes in *v* places .... Matt 24:7
were sick with *v* diseases .. Mark 1:34
sins, led away by *v* lusts ... 2 Tim 3:6
God, who at *v* times and in .. Heb 1:1
when you fall into *v* trials .. James 1:2

VASHTI
Queen of Ahasuerus, deposed and divorced, Esth 1:9–22

VEGETABLES
and let them give us *v* ..... Dan 1:12
is weak eats only *v* ..... Rom 14:2

VEHEMENT
of fire, a most *v* ..... Song 8:6

VEIL
she took a *v* and covered .. Gen 24:65
The *v* shall be a divider for .. Ex 26:33
he put a *v* on his face ..... Ex 34:33
temples behind your *v* ..... Song 6:7
*v* of the temple was ..... Matt 27:51
Moses, who put a *v* ..... 2 Cor 3:13
because the *v* is taken ..... 2 Cor 3:14
the *v* is taken away ..... 2 Cor 3:16
Presence behind the *v* ..... Heb 6:19

VEILED
Give them a *v* heart ..... Lam 3:65
it is *v* to those who are ..... 2 Cor 4:3

VEILS
*v* herself by the flocks of .... Song 1:7
I will also tear off your *v* .. Ezek 13:21

VENGEANCE
You shall not take *v* ..... Lev 19:18
*V* is Mine ..... Deut 32:35
spare in the day of *v* ..... Prov 6:34
it is the day of the LORD's *v* ... Is 34:8
God will come with *v* ..... Is 35:4
on the garments of *v* ..... Is 59:17
and the day of *v* of our God ... Is 61:2
let me see Your *v* ..... Jer 11:20
for it is the *v* of the LORD ... Jer 50:15
are the days of *v* ..... Luke 21:22
written, "*V* is Mine ..... Rom 12:19
flaming fire taking *v* ..... 2 Thess 1:8
who said, "*V* is Mine ..... Heb 10:30
suffering the *v* ..... Jude 7

VENOM
It becomes cobra *v* ..... Job 20:14

VESSEL
like a potter's *v* ..... Ps 2:9
*v* that he made of clay ..... Jer 18:4
like a precious *v* ..... Jer 25:34
been emptied from *v* ..... Jer 48:11
for he is a chosen *v* ..... Acts 9:15
lump to make one *v* ..... Rom 9:21
to possess his own *v* ..... 1 Thess 4:4
to the weaker *v* ..... 1 Pet 3:7

VESSELS
longsuffering the *v* ..... Rom 9:22
treasure in earthen *v* ..... 2 Cor 4:7
like the potter's *v* ..... Rev 2:27

VEXED
grieved, and I was *v* ..... Ps 73:21

VICE
as a cloak for *v* ..... 1 Pet 2:16

VICTIM
and plucked the *v* ..... Job 29:17

VICTORY
brought about a great *v* .. 2 Sam 23:12
is swallowed up in *v* ..... 1 Cor 15:54
Hades, where is your *v* ... 1 Cor 15:55
who gives us the *v* ..... 1 Cor 15:57
*v* that has overcome ..... 1 John 5:4
have the *v* over the beast ... Rev 15:2

VIEW
"Go, *v* the land ..... Josh 2:1

VIGILANT
in prayer, being *v* ..... Col 4:2
Be sober, be *v* ..... 1 Pet 5:8

VIGOR
nor his natural *v* ..... Deut 34:7

VILE
sons made themselves *v* .. 1 Sam 3:13
"Behold, I am *v* ..... *Job 40:4*
them up to *v* passions ..... Rom 1:26

VILLAGES
of Megiddo and its *v* ..... Judg 1:27
they may go into the *v* .... Matt 14:15
many *v* of the Samaritans .. Acts 8:25

VINDICATE
*V* me, O LORD, for I have ..... Ps 26:1
*V* me, O LORD my God, ..... Ps 35:24
*V* me, O God, And plead ..... Ps 43:1
And *v* me by Your strength ... Ps 54:1

VINDICATED
know that I shall be *v* ..... Job 13:18

VINDICATES
indeed this *v* you before ... Gen 20:16

VINDICATION
Let my *v* come from ..... Ps 17:2

VINE
in my dream a *v* was ..... Gen 40:9
to the choice *v* ..... Gen 49:11
their *v* is of the *v* ..... Deut 32:32
You have brought a *v* ..... Ps 80:8
planted you a noble *v* ..... Jer 2:21
as a *v* the remnant of Israel ... Jer 6:9
grapes shall be on the *v* ..... Jer 8:13
Israel empties his *v* ..... Hos 10:1
shall sit under his *v* ..... Mic 4:4
the *v* shall give its fruit, .... Zech 8:12
of this fruit of the *v* ..... Matt 26:29
of the fruit of the *v* ..... Mark 14:25
"I am the true *v* ..... John 15:1
unless it abides in the *v* .... John 15:4
I am the *v*, you are the ..... John 15:5

VINEDRESSER
and My Father is the *v* ..... John 15:1

VINEDRESSERS
he leased it to *v* and ..... Matt 21:33
leased it to *v* and went .... Mark 12:1
a vineyard, leased it to *v* ... Luke 20:9

VINEGAR
they gave me *v* to drink ..... Ps 69:21
As *v* to the teeth and ..... Prov 10:26
weather, and like *v* ..... Prov 25:20

VINES
foxes that spoil the *v* ..... Song 2:15
nor fruit be on the *v* ..... Hab 3:17

VINEYARD
and the best of his own *v* .... Ex 22:5
shall not glean your *v* ..... Lev 19:10
field nor prune your *v* ..... Lev 25:4
*v* which Your right ..... Ps 80:15
For the *v* of the LORD of ..... Is 5:7
laborers for his *v* ..... Matt 20:1
go, work today in my *v* ... Matt 21:28
owner of the *v* comes ..... Matt 21:40
A man planted a *v* and .... Mark 12:1
certain man planted a *v* .... Luke 20:9
Who plants a *v* and ..... 1 Cor 9:7

VINEYARDS
which you did not dig, *v* ... Deut 6:11
in the *v* there will be no ..... Is 16:10
wine, a land of bread and *v* .. Is 36:17
nothing, and gave them *v* ... Jer 39:10
they shall plant *v* and ..... Amos 9:14

VIOLENCE
was filled with *v* ..... Gen 6:11
You save me from *v* ..... 2 Sam 22:3
the one who loves *v* ..... Ps 11:5
such as breathe out *v* ..... Ps 27:12
from oppression and *v* ..... Ps 72:14
*v* covers the ..... Prov 10:6
The *v* of the wicked will ... Prov 21:7
He had done no *v* ..... Is 53:9
and *v* in the land ..... Jer 51:46
filled the land with *v* ..... Ezek 8:17
LORD, 'Who store up *v* .... Amos 3:10
cause the seat of *v* ..... Amos 6:3
For *v* against your ..... Obad 10
way and from the *v* ..... Jon 3:8
rich men are full of *v* ..... Mic 6:12
For plundering and *v* ..... Hab 1:3
have done *v* to the law ..... Zeph 3:4
one's garment with *v* ..... Mal 2:16
of heaven suffers *v* ..... Matt 11:12

VIOLENT
me from the *v* man ..... Ps 18:48
let evil hunt the *v* ..... Ps 140:11
A *v* man entices his ..... Prov 16:29
violence, and the *v* ..... Matt 11:12
haters of God, *v* ..... Rom 1:30
given to wine, not *v* ..... 1 Tim 3:3

VIOLENTLY
The earth is *v* broken, the .... Is 24:19
It will fall *v* on the head of .. Jer 23:19
herd ran *v* down the ..... Mark 5:13

VIPER
and stings like a *v* ..... Prov 23:32
will come forth a *v* ..... Is 14:29
which is crushed a *v* ..... Is 59:5

VIPERS
*See* BROOD OF VIPERS

VIRGIN
*v* shall conceive ..... Is 7:14
O you oppressed *v* ..... Is 23:12
*v* daughter of my ..... Jer 14:17
the *v* daughter of Judah .... Lam 1:15
you, O *v* daughter of Zion .. Lam 2:13
The *v* of Israel has ..... Amos 5:2
"Behold, the *v* shall ..... Matt 1:23
if a *v* marries, she has ..... 1 Cor 7:28
between a wife and a *v* .... 1 Cor 7:34
you as a chaste *v* ..... 2 Cor 11:2

VIRGINITY
take a wife in her *v* ..... Lev 21:13
and bewail my *v* ..... Judg 11:37

VIRGINS
*v* who took their lamps ..... Matt 25:1
Now concerning *v*; I ..... 1 Cor 7:25
women, for they are *v* ..... Rev 14:4

VIRTUE
if there is any *v* ..... Phil 4:8
us by glory and *v* ..... 2 Pet 1:3
to your faith *v* ..... 2 Pet 1:5

VIRTUOUS
that you are a *v* woman .... Ruth 3:11
Who can find a *v* wife .... Prov 31:10

VISAGE
*v* was marred more than ..... Is 52:14

VISIBLE
that are on earth, *v* ..... Col 1:16
of things which are *v* ..... Heb 11:3

VISION
came to Abram in a *v* ..... Gen 15:1
chased away like a *v* ..... Job 20:8
Then You spoke in a *v* ..... Ps 89:19
the Valley of *V* ..... Is 22:1
a dream of a night *v* ..... Is 29:7
her prophets find no *v* ..... Lam 2:9
the fulfillment of every *v* .. Ezek 12:23
*v* which I saw by the ..... Ezek 43:3

have night without *v* . . . . . Mic 3:6
they had also seen a *v* . . . . Luke 24:23
in a *v* he has seen a man . . . Acts 9:12
in a trance I saw a *v* . . . . . Acts 11:5
*v* appeared to Paul in . . . . . Acts 16:9
to the heavenly *v* . . . . . Acts 26:19

VISIONS
thoughts from the *v* . . . . . Job 4:13
opened and I saw *v* of God . . Ezek 1:1
These were the *v* of my . . . . . Dan 4:10
young men shall see *v* . . . . . Joel 2:28
young men shall see *v* . . . . . Acts 2:17
I will come to *v* . . . . . 2 Cor 12:1

VISIT
but God will surely *v* . . . . . Gen 50:24
in the day when I *v* . . . . . Ex 32:34
*v* the earth and water . . . . . Ps 65:9
Oh, *v* me with Your . . . . . Ps 106:4
and you did not *v* Me . . . . . Matt 25:43
*v* orphans and widows . . . . James 1:27

VISITATION
the time of your *v* . . . . . Luke 19:44
God in the day of *v* . . . . . 1 Pet 2:12

VISITED
he will not be *v* . . . . . Prov 19:23
many days you will be *v* . . . Ezek 38:8
I was sick and you *v* Me . . Matt 25:36
Israel, for He has *v* . . . . . Luke 1:68
"God has *v* His people . . . . . Luke 7:16
how God at the first *v* . . . . . Acts 15:14

VISITING
*v* the iniquity of the fathers . . Ex 20:5

VISITOR
am a foreigner and a *v* . . . . . Gen 23:4

VITALITY
*v* was turned into the . . . . . Ps 32:4

VOICE
"I heard Your *v* . . . . . Gen 3:10
God heard the *v* of the . . . . Gen 21:17
you have obeyed My *v* . . . . Gen 22:18
only obey my *v*, and go, . . . Gen 27:13
*v* is Jacob's *v* . . . . . Gen 27:22
I should obey His *v* . . . . . Ex 5:2
God answered him by *v* . . . . . Ex 19:19
your God and obey His *v* . . . Deut 4:30
obey the *v* of the LORD . . . . Deut 30:10
wept with a loud *v* . . . . . 2 Sam 15:23
heard the *v* of Elijah . . . . . 1 Kin 17:22
fire a still small *v* . . . . . 1 Kin 19:12
and my flute to the *v* . . . . . Job 30:31
you thunder with a *v* . . . . . Job 40:9
cried to the LORD with my *v* . . . Ps 3:4
with the *v* of thanksgiving . . . . Ps 26:7
the *v* of my supplications . . . . . Ps 28:6
He uttered His *v* . . . . . Ps 46:6
Hear my *v*, O God, in my . . . . . Ps 64:1
He sends out His *v* . . . . . Ps 68:33
cried out to God with my *v* . . . Ps 77:1
have lifted up their *v* . . . . . Ps 93:3
if you will hear His *v* . . . . . Ps 95:7
word, heeding the *v* . . . . . Ps 103:20
for your *v* is sweet . . . . . Song 2:14
their *v* shall be heard as far . . . Is 15:4
The *v* of one crying in . . . . . Is 40:3
the *v* of weeping shall . . . . . Is 65:19
A *v* from the temple . . . . . Is 66:6
the *v* of the LORD our God . . . Jer 3:25
that does not obey the *v* of . . . Jer 7:28
*v* was heard in Ramah . . . . . Jer 31:15
the *v* of joy and . . . . . Jer 33:11
I heard a *v* of One . . . . . Ezek 1:28
who has a pleasant *v* . . . . . Ezek 33:32
like the *v* of a multitude . . . . Dan 10:6
with the *v* of thanksgiving . . . . Jon 2:9
*v* was heard in Ramah . . . . . Matt 2:18
"The *v* of one crying . . . . . Matt 3:3
And suddenly a *v* . . . . . Matt 3:17
will anyone hear His *v* . . . . Matt 12:19
and suddenly a *v* . . . . . Matt 17:5
cried out with a loud *v* . . . . Matt 27:46
a loud *v* glorified God, . . . . Luke 17:15
hear the *v* of the Son of . . . . John 5:25
for they know his *v* . . . . . John 10:4
*v* did not come because . . . John 12:30
the truth hears My *v* . . . . . John 18:37
the *v* of an archangel . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
whose *v* then shook the . . . Heb 12:26
glory when such a *v* . . . . . 2 Pet 1:17
If anyone hears My *v* . . . . . Rev 3:20
I heard a *v* from heaven, . . . . Rev 14:2

VOICE OF THE LORD
diligently heed the *v* . . . . . Ex 15:26
if we hear the *v* . . . . . Deut 5:25
they did not obey the *v* . . . . . Josh 5:6
as in obeying the *v* . . . . . 1 Sam 15:22
you did not obey the *v* . . . 1 Sam 28:18
*v* is over the waters . . . . . Ps 29:3
did not heed the *v* . . . . . Ps 106:25
Also I heard the *v* . . . . . Is 6:8
*v*, who fully repays . . . . . Is 66:6
they did not obey the *v* . . . . . Jer 43:7
We have not obeyed the *v* . . Dan 9:10
people, obeyed the *v* . . . . . Hag 1:12
diligently obey the *v* . . . . . Zech 6:15
the *v* came to him . . . . . Acts 7:31

VOICES
God of Israel with *v* . . . . . 2 Chr 20:19
shall lift up their *v* . . . . . Is 52:8
demanding with loud *v* . . . Luke 23:23
And there were loud *v* . . . . . Rev 11:15

VOID
was without form, and *v* . . . . . Gen 1:2
they are a nation *v* . . . . . Deut 32:28
the LORD had made a *v*. . . . Judg 21:15
regarded Your law as *v* . . . Ps 119:126
it shall not return to Me *v* . . . . Is 55:11
Do we then make *v* . . . . . Rom 3:31
heirs, faith is made *v* . . . . . Rom 4:14
make my boasting *v* . . . . . 1 Cor 9:15

VOLUME
in the *v* of the book . . . . . Heb 10:7

VOLUNTEERS
Your people shall be *v* . . . . . Ps 110:3

VOMIT
lest the land *v* . . . . . Lev 18:28
dog returns to his own *v* . . Prov 26:11
man staggers in his *v* . . . . . Is 19:14
returns to his own *v* . . . . . 2 Pet 2:22
cold nor hot, I will *v* . . . . . Rev 3:16

VOW
Then Jacob made a *v* . . . . . Gen 28:20
to take the *v* of a Nazirite . . . Num 6:2
he carried out his *v* . . . . . Judg 11:39
*v* shall be performed . . . . . Ps 65:1
When you make a *v* . . . . . Eccl 5:4
not to *v* than to *v* . . . . . Eccl 5:5
for he had taken a *v* . . . . . Acts 18:18
men who have taken a *v* . . Acts 21:23

VOW TO THE LORD
So Israel made a *v* . . . . . Num 21:2
Or if a woman makes a *v* . . Num 30:3
When you make a *v* . . . . . Deut 23:21
And Jephthah made a *v* . . . Judg 11:30
yes, they will make a *v* . . . . . Is 19:21

VOWED
If she *v* in her husband's . . Num 30:10
*v* to the Mighty One of . . . . . Ps 132:2
Pay what you have *v* . . . . . Eccl 5:4
I will pay what I have *v* . . . . . Jon 2:9

VOWS
*v* to the LORD the offering . . Num 6:21
you will pay your *v* . . . . . Job 22:27
I will pay My *v* . . . . . Ps 22:25
*V* made to You are . . . . . Ps 56:12
Make *v* to the LORD . . . . . Ps 76:11
today I have paid my *v* . . . . . Prov 7:14
to reconsider his *v* . . . . . Prov 20:25
And what, son of my *v* . . . . . Prov 31:2
to the LORD and took *v* . . . . . Jon 1:16

WAFERS
like *w* made with honey . . . . Ex 16:31

WAGE
those who exploit *w* . . . . . Mal 3:5
*w* the good warfare . . . . . 1 Tim 1:18

WAGES
I will give you your *w* . . . . . Ex 2:9
the *w* of the wicked . . . . . Prov 10:16
the transgressor his *w* . . . . Prov 26:10
*w* will be troubled . . . . . Is 19:10
and he who earns *w* . . . . . Hag 1:6
to you, give me my *w* . . . . . Zech 11:12
and give them their *w* . . . . . Matt 20:8
be content with your *w* . . . . Luke 3:14
is worthy of his *w* . . . . . Luke 10:7
him who works, the *w* . . . . . Rom 4:4
For the *w* of sin is . . . . . Rom 6:23
is worthy of his *w* . . . . . 1 Tim 5:18
Indeed the *w* of the . . . . . James 5:4
and will receive the *w* of . . . 2 Pet 2:13

WAIL
streets everyone will *w* . . . . . Is 15:3
everyone shall *w* . . . . . Is 16:7
My heart shall *w* . . . . . Jer 48:36
"Son of man, *w* . . . . . Ezek 32:18

WAILING
*w* is heard from Zion . . . . . Jer 9:19
shall be *w* in all streets . . . Amos 5:16
of heart and bitter *w* . . . . . Ezek 27:31
There will be *w* . . . . . Matt 13:42
cried out, weeping and *w* . . Rev 18:19

WAIST
than my father's *w* . . . . . 1 Kin 12:10
Your *w* is a heap of wheat . . Song 7:2
put it around your *w* . . . . . Jer 13:1
the appearance of His *w* . . . Ezek 1:27
*w* was girded with gold . . . . . Dan 10:5
Let your *w* be girded . . . . . Luke 12:35
girded your *w* with truth . . . . Eph 6:14

WAIT
if he did not lie in *w* . . . . . Ex 21:13
would you *w* for them till . . Ruth 1:13
*w* until you have . . . . . 1 Sam 1:23
hard service I will *w* . . . . . Job 14:14
If I *w* for the grave . . . . . Job 17:13
*w* patiently for Him . . . . . Ps 37:7
my eyes fail while I *w* . . . . . Ps 69:3
These all *w* for You . . . . . Ps 104:27
let us lie in *w* to shed . . . . . Prov 1:11
And I will *w* on the . . . . . Is 8:17
the LORD will *w* . . . . . Is 30:18
not be ashamed who *w* . . . . . Is 49:23
*w* quietly for the . . . . . Lam 3:26
I will *w* for the God . . . . . Mic 7:7
Though it tarries, *w* for it . . . . Hab 2:3
be like men who *w* . . . . . Luke 12:36
but to *w* for the Promise . . . . . Acts 1:4
see, we eagerly *w* . . . . . Rom 8:25
*w* for one another . . . . . 1 Cor 11:33
the Spirit eagerly *w* . . . . . Gal 5:5
we also eagerly *w* . . . . . Phil 3:20
and to *w* for His Son . . . . 1 Thess 1:10
To those who eagerly *w* . . . . Heb 9:28

WAIT ON THE LORD
*W*, be of good courage . . . . . Ps 27:14
But those who *w* . . . . . Ps 37:9
*W*, and keep His way . . . . . Ps 37:34
And I will *w* . . . . . Is 8:17
*w* shall renew their . . . . . Is 40:31

WAITED
*w* for your salvation . . . . . Gen 49:18
and when I *w* for light . . . . . Job 30:26
*w* patiently for the . . . . . Ps 40:1
we have *w* for Him . . . . . Is 25:9

And the people *w* ..... Luke 1:21
day you have *w* and ..... Acts 27:33
for he *w* for the city ..... Heb 11:10
Divine longsuffering *w* ..... 1 Pet 3:20

WAITING
*w* at the posts of my ..... Prov 8:34
who was himself *w* for ... Mark 15:43
*w* for the Consolation ..... Luke 2:25
who himself was also *w* .. Luke 23:51
ourselves, eagerly *w* ..... Rom 8:23
*w* for the revelation ..... 1 Cor 1:7
from that time *w* ..... Heb 10:13

WAITS
of the adulterer *w* ..... Job 24:15
my soul silently *w* ..... Ps 62:1
My soul *w* for the Lord ..... Ps 130:6
for the one who *w* ..... Is 64:4
the creation eagerly *w* ..... Rom 8:19

WAKE
us, that whether we *w* ... 1 Thess 5:10

WALK
*w* before Me and be ..... Gen 17:1
in which they must *w* ..... Ex 18:20
You shall *w* in all ..... Deut 5:33
Yea, though I *w* ..... Ps 23:4
*W* about Zion ..... Ps 48:12
that Israel would *w* ..... Ps 81:13
I will *w* within my ..... Ps 101:2
I will *w* before the ..... Ps 116:9
Though I *w* in the ..... Ps 138:7
*W* prudently when you ..... Eccl 5:1
*w* in the ways of your ..... Eccl 11:9
come and let us *w* ..... Is 2:5
"This is the way, *w* ..... Is 30:21
be weary, they shall *w* ..... Is 40:31
*w* in the light of your ..... Is 50:11
people, who *w* in a way ..... Is 65:2
commit adultery and *w* ..... Jer 23:14
the righteous *w* ..... Hos 14:9
*w* humbly with your God ..... Mic 6:8
take up your bed and *w* ..... John 5:8
*W* while you have the .... John 12:35
so we also should *w* ..... Rom 6:4
Let us *w* properly ..... Rom 13:13
For we *w* by faith ..... 2 Cor 5:7
*W* in the Spirit ..... Gal 5:16
that we should *w* ..... Eph 2:10
And *w* in love ..... Eph 5:2
*W* as children of light ..... Eph 5:8
attained, let us *w* ..... Phil 3:16
note those who so *w* ..... Phil 3:17
that you may *w* worthy ..... Col 1:10
Jesus the Lord, so *w* ..... Col 2:6
us how you ought to *w* ... 1 Thess 4:1
*w* just as He ..... 1 John 2:6
and they shall *w* ..... Rev 3:4

WALKED
Enoch *w* with God ..... Gen 5:22
by His light I *w* ..... Job 29:3
The people who *w* ..... Is 9:2
He *w* with Me in peace ..... Mal 2:6
Jesus no longer *w* ..... John 11:54
*w* according to the ..... 2 Cor 10:2
in which you once *w* ..... Eph 2:2
to walk just as He *w* ..... 1 John 2:6

WALKING
of the LORD God *w* ..... Gen 3:8
see four men loose, *w* ..... Dan 3:25
before God, *w* in all ..... Luke 1:6
they saw Jesus *w* ..... John 6:19
And *w* in the fear of ..... Acts 9:31
you are no longer *w* ..... Rom 14:15
not *w* in craftiness ..... 2 Cor 4:2
of your children *w* ..... 2 John 4

WALKS
the LORD your God *w* ..... Deut 23:14
is the man who *w* ..... Ps 1:1
He who *w* uprightly ..... Ps 15:2
He who *w* with ..... Prov 10:9
He who *w* with wise ..... Prov 13:20
*w* blamelessly will be ..... Prov 28:18
*w* wisely will be ..... Prov 28:26
Whoever *w* the road ..... Is 35:8
Who *w* in darkness and ..... Is 50:10
it is not in man who *w* ..... Jer 10:23
do good to him who *w* ..... Mic 2:7
If anyone *w* in the day ..... John 11:9
he who *w* in darkness .... John 12:35
adversary the devil *w* ..... 1 Pet 5:8
is in darkness and *w* ..... 1 John 2:11

WALL
then the *w* of the city ..... Josh 6:5
his face toward the *w* ..... 2 Kin 20:2
like a leaning *w* ..... Ps 62:3
and like a high *w* ..... Prov 18:11
If she is a *w* ..... Song 8:9
We grope for the *w* ..... Is 59:10
you, you whitewashed *w* ... Acts 23:3
a window in the *w* ..... 2 Cor 11:33
down the middle *w* ..... Eph 2:14
Now the *w* of the city ..... Rev 21:14

WALLS
broken down, without *w* .. Prov 25:28
salvation for *w* ..... Is 26:1
you shall call your *w* ..... Is 60:18
By faith the *w* of ..... Heb 11:30

WANDER
and makes them *w* ..... Job 12:24
ones cry to God, and *w* .... Job 38:41
Indeed, I would *w* ..... Ps 55:7
Oh, let me not *w* ..... Ps 119:10
they have loved to *w* ..... Jer 14:10

WANDERED
*w* blind in the streets ..... Lam 4:14
My sheep *w* through ..... Ezek 34:6
They *w* in deserts and ..... Heb 11:38

WANDERERS
And they shall be *w* ..... Hos 9:17

WANDERING
learn to be idle, *w* ..... 1 Tim 5:13
*w* stars for whom is ..... Jude 13

WANDERS
He *w* about for bread ..... Job 15:23
Like a bird that *w* ..... Prov 27:8
if anyone among you *w* ... James 5:19

WANT
I shall not *w* ..... Ps 23:1
he began to be in *w* ..... Luke 15:14

WANTING
balances, and found *w* ..... Dan 5:27

WANTON
necks and *w* eyes ..... Is 3:16
have begun to grow *w* .... 1 Tim 5:11

WAR
"There is a noise of *w* ..... Ex 32:17
the LORD for the *w* ..... Num 32:20
my hands to make *w* .... 2 Sam 22:35
day of battle and *w* ..... Job 38:23
*w* may rise against ..... Ps 27:3
speak, they are for *w* ..... Ps 120:7
by wise counsel wage *w* .. Prov 20:18
will wage your own *w* ..... Prov 24:6
shall they learn *w* ..... Is 2:4
from the distress of *w* ..... Is 21:15
we shall see no *w* ..... Jer 42:14
same horn was making *w* .. Dan 7:21
men returned from *w* ..... Mic 2:8
king, going to make *w* .... Luke 14:31
Who ever goes to *w* ..... 1 Cor 9:7
for pleasure that *w* ..... James 4:1
You fight and *w* ..... James 4:2
fleshly lusts which *w* ..... 1 Pet 2:11
*w* broke out in heaven ..... Rev 12:7
He judges and makes *w* .... Rev 19:11

WARFARE
to her, that her *w* ..... Is 40:2
*w* are not carnal ..... 2 Cor 10:4
may wage the good *w* ..... 1 Tim 1:18
*w* entangles ..... 2 Tim 2:4

WARM
but he could not get *w* ..... 1 Kin 1:1
of the child became *w* ..... 2 Kin 4:34
they will keep *w* ..... Eccl 4:11
but no one is *w* ..... Hag 1:6

WARMED
*w* himself at the fire ..... Mark 14:54
Depart in peace, be *w* .... James 2:16

WARMING
when she saw Peter *w* ... Mark 14:67

WARMS
*w* them in the dust ..... Job 39:14
He even *w* himself and ..... Is 44:16

WARN
*w* the people, lest they ..... Ex 19:21
*w* the wicked from his ..... Ezek 3:18
*w* everyone night ..... Acts 20:31
beloved children I *w* ..... 1 Cor 4:14
*w* those who are ..... 1 Thess 5:14

WARNED
"The man solemnly *w* ..... Gen 43:3
them Your servant is *w* ..... Ps 19:11
Then, being divinely *w* ..... Matt 2:12
Who *w* you to flee ..... Matt 3:7
Noah, being divinely *w* ..... Heb 11:7

WARNING
he who takes *w* will save .. Ezek 33:5
*w* every man and ..... Col 1:28

WARPED
such a person is *w* ..... Titus 3:11

WARRING
*w* against the law of ..... Rom 7:23

WARRIOR
He runs at me like a *w* ..... Job 16:14

WARS
He makes *w* cease to ..... Ps 46:9
And you will hear of *w* ..... Matt 24:6
Where do *w* and fights .... James 4:1

WASH
*w* myself with snow ..... Job 9:30
I will *w* my hands in ..... Ps 26:6
*W* me thoroughly ..... Ps 51:2
he shall *w* his feet in ..... Ps 58:10
"*W* yourselves ..... Is 1:16
O Jerusalem, *w* your ..... Jer 4:14
head and *w* your face ..... Matt 6:17
For they do not *w* ..... Matt 15:2
not eat unless they *w* ..... Mark 7:3
*w* His feet with her ..... Luke 7:38
said to him, "Go, *w* ..... John 9:7
*w* the disciples' ..... John 13:5
"You shall never *w* ..... John 13:8
*w* one another's ..... John 13:14
*w* away your sins ..... Acts 22:16

WASHED
and *w* my hands in ..... Ps 73:13
When the Lord has *w* ..... Is 4:4
cut, nor were you *w* ..... Ezek 16:4
*w* his hands before the .... Matt 27:24
My feet, but she has *w* ..... Luke 7:44
So when He had *w* ..... John 13:12
*w* their stripes ..... Acts 16:33
But you were *w* ..... 1 Cor 6:11
if she has *w* the ..... 1 Tim 5:10
Him who loved us and *w* ..... Rev 1:5
*w* their robes and made ..... Rev 7:14

WASHING
have come up from the *w* ... Song 4:2
hold, like the *w* of cups ..... Mark 7:4
cleanse her with the *w* ..... Eph 5:26
us, through the *w* ..... Titus 3:5

WASHINGS
and drinks, various *w* ..... Heb 9:10

WASTE
who are left shall *w* ..... Lev 26:39
the cities are laid *w* ..... Is 6:11
empty and makes it *w* ..... Is 24:1
*w* the mountains ..... Is 42:15
"Why this *w* ..... Matt 26:8

WASTED
The field is *w* ..... Joel 1:10
this fragrant oil *w* ..... Mark 14:4
*w* his possessions ..... Luke 15:13

WASTELAND
*w* shall be glad ..... Is 35:1

WASTES
His flesh *w* away from ..... Job 33:21
My eye *w* away because of .... Ps 6:7
cities shall be perpetual *w* .. Jer 49:13

WASTING
*w* and destruction are ..... Is 59:7
that this man was *w* ..... Luke 16:1

WATCH
Therefore *w* yourselves ..... Deut 2:4
of them we set a *w* ..... Neh 4:9
my steps, but do not *w* ..... Job 14:16
is past, and like a *w* ..... Ps 90:4
keep *w* over the door ..... Ps 141:3
and all who *w* for ..... Is 29:20
*W* the road ..... Nah 2:1
*W* therefore, for you ..... Matt 24:42
"What! Could you not *w* .. Matt 26:40
*W* and pray, lest you ..... Matt 26:41
*W* therefore, for you do .. Mark 13:35
Could you not *w* one ..... Mark 14:37
*W* and pray, lest you ..... Mark 14:38
keeping *w* over their flock .. Luke 2:8
*W* therefore, and pray .... Luke 21:36
*W*, stand fast in the ..... 1 Cor 16:13
submissive, for they *w* ..... Heb 13:17

WATCHED
in the days when God *w* .... Job 29:2
*w* while a stone was cut .... Dan 2:34
come, he would have *w* ... Matt 24:43
Pharisees *w* Him closely .... Luke 6:7

WATCHER
I done to You, O *w* of men .. Job 7:20

WATCHES
*w* the righteous ..... Ps 37:32
LORD *w* over the strangers... Ps 146:9
She *w* over the ways of ... Prov 31:27
Blessed is he who *w* ..... Rev 16:15

WATCHFUL
But you be *w* in all ..... 2 Tim 4:5
be serious and *w* ..... 1 Pet 4:7
Be *w*, and strengthen the ..... Rev 3:2

WATCHING
who listens to me, *w* ..... Prov 8:34
the flock, who were *w* .... Zech 11:11
he comes, will find *w* ..... Luke 12:37

WATCHMAN
guards the city, the *w* ..... Ps 127:1
*W*, what of the night ..... Is 21:11
I have made you a *w* ..... Ezek 3:17
the day of your *w* ..... Mic 7:4

WATCHMEN
*w* who go about the ..... Song 3:3
*w* shall lift up their ..... Is 52:8
His *w* are blind ..... Is 56:10
I have set *w* on your ..... Is 62:6
Also, I set *w* over you ..... Jer 6:17
strong, set up the *w* ..... Jer 51:12

WATER
Eden to *w* the garden ..... Gen 2:10
Unstable as *w* ..... Gen 49:4
your bread and your *w* ..... Ex 23:25
of affliction and *w* ..... 1 Kin 22:27
*w* disappears from the ..... Job 14:11
*w* wears away stones ..... Job 14:19
drinks iniquity like *w* ..... Job 15:16
not given the weary *w* ..... Job 22:7
He binds up the *w* ..... Job 26:8
I am poured out like *w* ..... Ps 22:14
where there is no *w* ..... Ps 63:1
they have shed like *w* ..... Ps 79:3
Drink *w* from your own .... Prov 5:15
"Stolen *w* is sweet ..... Prov 9:17
the whole supply of *w* ..... Is 3:1
and needy seek *w* ..... Is 41:17
For I will pour *w* ..... Is 44:3
silence and given us *w* ..... Jer 8:14
eye overflows with *w* ..... Lam 1:16
will be as weak as *w* ..... Ezek 7:17
*w* the land with the ..... Ezek 32:6
you gave Me no *w* ..... Luke 7:44
there was much *w* ..... John 3:23
given you living *w* ..... John 4:10
rivers of living *w* ..... John 7:38
blood and *w* came out .... John 19:34
"Can anyone forbid *w* .... Acts 10:47
with the washing of *w* ..... Eph 5:26
can yield both salt *w* ..... James 3:12
were saved through *w* ..... 1 Pet 3:20
is He who came by *w* ..... 1 John 5:6
the Spirit, the *w* ..... 1 John 5:8
are clouds without *w* ..... Jude 12

WATER OF LIFE
*w* freely to him who ..... Rev 21:6
a pure river of *w* ..... Rev 22:1
let him take the *w* ..... Rev 22:17

WATERED
*w* the whole face ..... Gen 2:6
that it was well *w* ..... Gen 13:10
I planted, Apollos *w* ..... 1 Cor 3:6

WATERPOTS
"Fill four *w* with water ... 1 Kin 18:33
"Fill the *w* with water ..... John 2:7

WATERS
and struck the *w* ..... Ex 7:20
If He withholds the *w* ..... Job 12:15
me beside the still *w* ..... Ps 23:2
though its *w* roar and ..... Ps 46:3
*w* have come up to my ..... Ps 69:1
then the *w* would have ..... Ps 124:4
rich, and he who *w* ..... Prov 11:25
Who has bound the *w* ..... Prov 30:4
your bread upon the *w* ..... Eccl 11:1
a well of living *w* ..... Song 4:15
*w* cannot quench love ..... Song 8:7
of the LORD as the *w* ..... Is 11:9
*w* will fail from the ..... Is 19:5
because I give *w* ..... Is 43:20
have sworn that the *w* ..... Is 54:9
thirsts, come to the *w* ..... Is 55:1
fountain of living *w* ..... Jer 2:13
*w* flowed over my head .... Lam 3:54
the sound of many *w* ..... Ezek 43:2
*w* surrounded me ..... Jon 2:5
shall be that living *w* ..... Zech 14:8
often, in perils of *w* ..... 2 Cor 11:26
living fountains of *w* ..... Rev 7:17
*w* became wormwood ..... Rev 8:11

WAVE
you shall *w* them as a *w* .... Ex 29:24
*w* offering before the LORD .. Lev 7:30
the priest shall *w* them .... Num 6:20
Its fruit shall *w* ..... Ps 72:16
is like a *w* of the sea ..... James 1:6

WAVER
He did not *w* at the ..... Rom 4:20

WAVERING
of our hope without *w* ..... Heb 10:23

WAVES
and here your proud *w* ..... Job 38:11
all Your *w* and billows ..... Ps 42:7
the noise of their *w* ..... Ps 65:7
the multitude of its *w* ..... Jer 51:42
was covered with the *w* .... Matt 8:24
sea, tossed by the *w* ..... Matt 14:24
raging *w* of the sea ..... Jude 13

WAX
My heart is like *w* ..... Ps 22:14
*w* melts before the ..... Ps 68:2
mountains melt like *w* ..... Ps 97:5

WAY
and show them the *w* ..... Ex 18:20
day I am going the *w* ..... Josh 23:14
and the right *w* ..... 1 Sam 12:23
As for God, His *w* ..... 2 Sam 22:31
to a man whose *w* ..... Job 3:23
But He knows the *w* ..... Job 23:10
"Where is the *w* ..... Job 38:19
the LORD knows the *w* ..... Ps 1:6
you perish in the *w* ..... Ps 2:12
Teach me Your *w* ..... Ps 27:11
This is the *w* of those ..... Ps 49:13
*w* may be known on ..... Ps 67:2
Your *w* was in the sea ..... Ps 77:19
where there is no *w* ..... Ps 107:40
I have chosen the *w* ..... Ps 119:30
I hate every false *w* ..... Ps 119:104
in the *w* everlasting ..... Ps 139:24
and preserves the *w* ..... Prov 2:8
The *w* of the wicked is ..... Prov 4:19
instruction are the *w* ..... Prov 6:23
*w* that seems right ..... Prov 14:12
not know what is the *w* ..... Eccl 11:5
of terrors in the *w* ..... Eccl 12:5
The *w* of the just is ..... Is 26:7
"This is the *w* ..... Is 30:21
LORD, who makes a *w* ..... Is 43:16
wicked forsake his *w* ..... Is 55:7
O LORD, I know the *w* ..... Jer 10:23
one heart and one *w* ..... Jer 32:39
Israel, is it not My *w* ..... Ezek 18:25
*w* which is not fair ..... Ezek 33:17
and pervert the *w* ..... Amos 2:7
the LORD has His *w* ..... Nah 1:3
he will prepare the *w* ..... Mal 3:1
and broad is the *w* ..... Matt 7:13
and difficult is the *w* ..... Matt 7:14
will prepare Your *w* ..... Matt 11:10
and teach the *w* ..... Matt 22:16
and the *w* you know ..... John 14:4
to him, "I am the *w* ..... John 14:6
proclaim to us the *w* ..... Acts 16:17
explained to him the *w* .... Acts 18:26
you a more excellent *w* ... 1 Cor 12:31
*w* which He consecrated ... Heb 10:20
forsaken the right *w* ..... 2 Pet 2:15
to have known the *w* ..... 2 Pet 2:21
have gone in the *w* ..... Jude 11

WAY OF THE LORD
that they keep the *w* ..... Gen 18:19
did not walk in the *w* .... 2 Kin 21:22
*w* is strength for the ..... Prov 10:29
Prepare the *w*, make ..... Is 40:3
for they do not know the *w* .... Jer 5:4
"The *w* is not fair ..... Ezek 18:25
Prepare the *w*, make His .... Matt 3:3
Prepare the *w*, make His ... Mark 1:3
Prepare the *w*, make His .... Luke 3:4
Make straight the *w* ..... John 1:23
instructed in the *w* ..... Acts 18:25

WAYS
for all His *w* are ..... Deut 32:4
they do not know its *w* ..... Job 24:13
is the first of the *w* ..... Job 40:19
Show me Your *w* ..... Ps 25:4
transgressors Your *w* ..... Ps 51:13
would walk in My *w* ..... Ps 81:13
*w* were directed ..... Ps 119:5
I thought about my *w* ..... Ps 119:59
righteous in all His *w* ..... Ps 145:17
For the *w* of man are ..... Prov 5:21
*w* please the LORD ..... Prov 16:7
He will teach us His *w* ..... Is 2:3
nor are your *w* ..... Is 55:8
"Stand in the *w* ..... Jer 6:16

"Amend your *w* ..... Jer 7:3
and examine our *w* ..... Lam 3:40
and owns all your *w* ..... Dan 5:23
*w* are everlasting ..... Hab 3:6
misery are in their *w* ..... Rom 3:16
judgments and His *w* ..... Rom 11:33
unstable in all his *w* ..... James 1:8
their destructive *w* ..... 2 Pet 2:2
and true are Your *w* ..... Rev 15:3

WEAK
then I shall become *w* ..... Judg 16:7
And I am *w* today ..... 2 Sam 3:39
me, O LORD, for I am *w* ..... Ps 6:2
gives power to the *w* ..... Is 40:29
knee will be as *w* ..... Ezek 7:17
let the *w* say ..... Joel 3:10
not your hands be *w* ..... Zeph 3:16
but the flesh is *w* ..... Matt 26:41
And not being *w* ..... Rom 4:19
Receive one who is *w* ..... Rom 14:1
God has chosen the *w* ..... 1 Cor 1:27
We are *w*, but you are ..... 1 Cor 4:10
to the *w* I became as *w* ..... 1 Cor 9:22
this reason many are *w* ..... 1 Cor 11:30
For when I am *w* ..... 2 Cor 12:10

WEAKENED
*w* my strength in the ..... Ps 102:23
the ground, you who *w* ..... Is 14:12

WEAKENS
*w* the hands of the men ..... Jer 38:4

WEAKER
house of Saul grew *w* ..... 2 Sam 3:1
the wife, as to the *w* ..... 1 Pet 3:7

WEAKNESS
than men, and the *w* ..... 1 Cor 1:25
I was with you in *w* ..... 1 Cor 2:3
It is sown in *w* ..... 1 Cor 15:43
is also subject to *w* ..... Heb 5:2
*w* were made strong ..... Heb 11:34

WEAKNESSES
also helps in our *w* ..... Rom 8:26
sympathize with our *w* ..... Heb 4:15

WEALTH
have gained me this *w* ..... Deut 8:17
a man of great *w* ..... Ruth 2:1
not asked riches or *w* ..... 2 Chr 1:11
who trust in their *w* ..... Ps 49:6
*W* and riches will be in his .. Ps 112:3
*w* is his strong city ..... Prov 10:15
*W* gained by dishonesty .. Prov 13:11
but the *w* of the sinner is .. Prov 13:22
The rich man's *w* is his ... Prov 18:11
*W* makes many friends .... Prov 19:4
love all the *w* of his house .. Song 8:7
may bring to you the *w* ..... Is 60:11
shall take away her *w* .... Ezek 29:19
sea became rich by her *w* .. Rev 18:19

WEALTHY
*w* nation that dwells ..... Jer 49:31
rich, have become *w* ..... Rev 3:17

WEANED
wait until you have *w* .... 1 Sam 1:23
*w* child shall put his ..... Is 11:8
Those just *w* from milk ..... Is 28:9

WEAPON
*w* formed against you ..... Is 54:17
with a deadly *w* ..... Ezek 9:1

WEAPONS
is better than *w* ..... Eccl 9:18
the LORD and His *w* ..... Is 13:5
For the *w* of our ..... 2 Cor 10:4

WEAR
garments did not *w* out ..... Deut 8:4
A woman shall not *w* ..... Deut 22:5
*w* an ephod before Me .... 1 Sam 2:28
but the just will *w* ..... Job 27:17
they will not *w* a robe of ... Zech 13:4
'What shall we *w* ..... Matt 6:31
those who *w* soft clothing .. Matt 11:8

WEARIED
you have *w* Me with ..... Is 43:24
You are *w* in the ..... Is 57:10
and they have *w* ..... Jer 12:5
You have *w* the LORD ..... Mal 2:17
therefore, being *w* ..... John 4:6

WEARINESS
say, 'Oh, what a *w* ..... Mal 1:13
in *w* and toil ..... 2 Cor 11:27

WEARING
child, *w* a linen ephod .... 1 Sam 2:18
David was *w* a linen ..... 2 Sam 6:14
*w* the crown of thorns ..... John 19:5
*w* gold, or putting on ..... 1 Pet 3:3

WEARISOME
and much study is *w* ..... Eccl 12:12

WEARS
As water *w* away stones ... Job 14:19

WEARY
to Isaac, "I am *w* ..... Gen 27:46
lest he become *w* ..... Prov 25:17
As cold water to a *w* ..... Prov 25:25
No one will be *w* ..... Is 5:27
you may cause the *w* ..... Is 28:12
shall run and not be *w* ..... Is 40:31
to him who is *w* ..... Is 50:4
I am *w* of holding it ..... Jer 6:11
*w* themselves to commit ..... Jer 9:5
I was *w* of holding it ..... Jer 20:9
continual coming she *w* .... Luke 18:5
And let us not grow *w* ..... Gal 6:9
do not grow *w* in ..... 2 Thess 3:13
lest you become *w* ..... Heb 12:3

WEATHER
a garment in cold *w* ..... Prov 25:20
'It will be fair *w* ..... Matt 16:2

WEAVE
You shall skillfully *w* the ... Ex 28:39
*w* the seven locks ..... Judg 16:13

WEAVER'S
spear was like a *w* ..... 1 Sam 17:7
are swifter than a *w* shuttle .. Job 7:6

WEDDING
were invited to the *w* ..... Matt 22:3
Come to the *w* ..... Matt 22:4
find, invite to the *w* ..... Matt 22:9
in with him to the *w* ..... Matt 25:10
day there was a *w* ..... John 2:1

WEEK
Fulfull her *w*, and we ..... Gen 29:27
with many for one *w* ..... Dan 9:27
the first day of the *w* ..... Matt 28:1
I fast twice a *w* ..... Luke 18:12
the first day of the *w* ..... Acts 20:7
the first day of the *w* ..... 1 Cor 16:2

WEEKS
*See* FEAST OF WEEKS
observe the Feast of *W* ..... Ex 34:22
*w* are determined ..... Dan 9:24
*w* Messiah shall be cut ..... Dan 9:26

WEEP
"Hannah, why do you *w* ... 1 Sam 1:8
a time to *w* ..... Eccl 3:4
you shall *w* no more ..... Is 30:19
it, my soul will *w* ..... Jer 13:17
*W* not for the dead ..... Jer 22:10
to the LORD, *w* between ..... Joel 2:17
this commotion and *w* ..... Mark 5:39
Blessed are you who *w* .... Luke 6:21
to her, "Do not *w* ..... Luke 7:13
and you did not *w* ..... Luke 7:32
of Jerusalem, do not *w* ... Luke 23:28
to the tomb to *w* there .... John 11:31
*w* with those who *w* ..... Rom 12:15
those who *w* as though .... 1 Cor 7:30

WEEPING
of Israel, who were *w* ..... Num 25:6
*w* as they went up ..... 2 Sam 15:30
the noise of the *w* ..... Ezra 3:13
face is flushed from *w* ..... Job 16:16
the voice of my *w* ..... Ps 6:8
my drink with *w* ..... Ps 102:9
of hosts called for *w* ..... Is 22:12
*w* shall no longer ..... Is 65:19
They shall come with *w* ..... Jer 31:9
*w* they shall come ..... Jer 50:4
were sitting there *w* ..... Ezek 8:14
with fasting, with *w* ..... Joel 2:12
with tears, with *w* ..... Mal 2:13
There will be *w* ..... Matt 8:12
outside by the tomb *w* .... John 20:11
why are you *w* ..... John 20:13
do you mean by *w* ..... Acts 21:13

WEIGH
You *w* out the violence ..... Ps 58:2
O Most Upright, You *w* ..... Is 26:7

WEIGHED
nor can silver be *w* ..... Job 28:15
*W* the mountains ..... Is 40:12
You have been *w* ..... Dan 5:27
lest your hearts be *w* ..... Luke 21:34

WEIGHS
eyes, but the LORD *w* ..... Prov 16:2
Where is he who *w* ..... Is 33:18

WEIGHT
a perfect and just *w* ..... Deut 25:15
a just *w* is His delight ..... Prov 11:1
and eternal *w* of glory ..... 2 Cor 4:17
us lay aside every *w* ..... Heb 12:1

WEIGHTIER
have neglected the *w* ..... Matt 23:23

WELFARE
does not seek the *w* ..... Jer 38:4

WELL
If you do *w* ..... Gen 4:7
that it may go *w* ..... Deut 4:40
you when you do *w* ..... Ps 49:18
daughters have done *w* ... Prov 31:29
know that it will be *w* ..... Eccl 8:12
wheel broken at the *w* ..... Eccl 12:6
that it shall be *w* ..... Is 3:10
"Those who are *w* ..... Matt 9:12
said to him, '*W* done ..... Matt 25:21
faith has made you *w* ..... Mark 5:34
Now Jacob's *w* was ..... John 4:6
the elders who rule *w* ..... 1 Tim 5:17

WELL-BEING
them, and their *w* ..... Ps 69:22
each one the other's *w* ... 1 Cor 10:24

WELL-BELOVED
sing to my *W* a song ..... Is 5:1

WELL KNOWN
we are *w* to God, and I .... 2 Cor 5:11
as unknown, and yet *w* ..... 2 Cor 6:9

WELLS
draw water from the *w* ..... Is 12:3
These are *w* without ..... 2 Pet 2:17

WELLSPRING
*w* of wisdom is a flowing .. Prov 18:4

WENT
They *w* out from us ..... 1 John 2:19

WEPT
away from them and *w* .... Gen 42:24
Joseph *w* when they ..... Gen 50:17
and behold, the baby *w* ..... Ex 2:6
voices and *w* bitterly ..... Judg 21:2
she *w* and did not ..... 1 Sam 1:7
*w* together, but David ... 1 Sam 20:41
*w* for the child while .... 2 Sam 12:21
and the man of God *w* ..... 2 Kin 8:11
And Hezekiah *w* bitterly .. 2 Kin 20:3
for the people *w* ..... Ezra 10:1

that I sat down and *w* ..... Neh 1:4
Have I not *w* for him ..... Job 30:25
I *w* and chastened my soul .. Ps 69:10
down, yea, we *w* ..... Ps 137:1
out and *w* bitterly ..... Matt 26:75
He saw the city and *w* .... Luke 19:41
Jesus *w* ..... John 11:35
as she *w* she stooped ..... John 20:11
So I *w* much ..... Rev 5:4

WEST
in the *w* are astonished .... Job 18:20
as the east is from the *w* ... Ps 103:12
of the LORD from the *w* ..... Is 59:19
male goat came from the *w* .. Dan 8:5
in two, from east to *w* ..... Zech 14:4
east and flashes to the *w* .. Matt 24:27
rising out of the *w* ..... Luke 12:54

WET
They are *w* with the ..... Job 24:8
his body was *w* with ..... Dan 4:33

WHEAT
with the finest of *w* ..... Ps 81:16
we may trade *w* ..... Amos 8:5
even sell the bad *w* ..... Amos 8:6
but gather the *w* ..... Matt 13:30
*w* falls into the ..... John 12:24
perhaps *w* or some ..... 1 Cor 15:37
oil, fine flour and *w* ..... Rev 18:13

WHEEL
brings the threshing *w* .... Prov 20:26
the fountain, or the *w* ..... Eccl 12:6
in the middle of a *w* ..... Ezek 1:16

WHEELS
off their chariot *w* ..... Ex 14:25
the rumbling of his *w* ..... Jer 47:3
appearance of the *w* ..... Ezek 1:16
noise of rattling *w* ..... Nah 3:2

WHERE
not knowing *w* he was ..... Heb 11:8

WHIP
A *w* for the horse ..... Prov 26:3
The noise of a *w* ..... Nah 3:2

WHIPS
chastised you with *w* ..... 1 Kin 12:11

WHIRLING
saw King David *w* ..... 1 Chr 15:29

WHIRLWIND
Elijah went up by a *w* ..... 2 Kin 2:11
Job out of the *w* ..... Job 38:1
them away as with a *w* ..... Ps 58:9
*w* will take them away ..... Is 40:24
*w* shall scatter them ..... Is 41:16
*w* shall be raised ..... Jer 25:32
has His way in the *w* ..... Nah 1:3

WHISPER
my ear received a *w* ..... Job 4:12
and wizards, who *w* ..... Is 8:19

WHISPERER
*w* separates the best ..... Prov 16:28

WHISPERERS
they are *w* ..... Rom 1:29

WHISPERINGS
backbitings, *w* ..... 2 Cor 12:20

WHISTLE
*w* for the fly that is in the ..... Is 7:18

WHITE
like *w* coriander seed ..... Ex 16:31
leprous, as *w* as snow .... Num 12:10
My beloved is *w* ..... Song 5:10
they shall be as *w* as snow .... Is 1:18
and make them *w* ..... Dan 11:35
be purified, made *w* ..... Dan 12:10
red, sorrel, and *w* ..... Zech 1:8
make one hair *w* or black .. Matt 5:36
his clothing as *w* as snow .. Matt 28:3
shining, exceedingly *w* ..... Mark 9:3
for they are already *w* ..... John 4:35
saw two angels in *w* ..... John 20:12
by them in *w* apparel ..... Acts 1:10
and hair were *w* like wool .. Rev 1:14
walk with Me in *w* ..... Rev 3:4
clothed in *w* garments ..... Rev 3:5
behold, a *w* horse ..... Rev 6:2
and made them *w* ..... Rev 7:14
Then I saw a great *w* ..... Rev 20:11

WHITE AS SNOW
became leprous, as *w* ..... Num 12:10
presence leprous, as *w* .... 2 Kin 5:27
they shall be as *w* ..... Is 1:18
His garment was *w* ..... Dan 7:9
his clothing as *w* ..... Matt 28:3
white like wool, as *w* ..... Rev 1:14

WHITEN
launderer on earth can *w* ... Mark 9:3

WHITER
and I shall be *w* than snow ... Ps 51:7

WHITEWASHED
you are like *w* tombs ..... Matt 23:27
strike you, you *w* wall ..... Acts 23:3

WHOLE
the face of the *w* earth ..... Gen 11:4
Is not the *w* land before .... Gen 13:9
*w* house of Israel, bewail .... Lev 10:6
shall build with *w* stones ... Deut 27:6
down for about a *w* day ... Josh 10:13
let the *w* earth be filled ..... Ps 72:19
Who seek Him with the *w* ... Ps 119:2
my *w* heart I have sought .. Ps 119:10
observe it with my *w* ..... Ps 119:34
You with my *w* heart ..... Ps 138:1
the *w* earth is full of His ..... Is 6:3
to Me with her *w* heart ..... Jer 3:10
The *w* earth will rejoice ... Ezek 35:14
on the *w* house of Israel .. Ezek 39:25
than for your *w* body to .... Matt 5:29
your *w* body will be full .... Matt 6:22
if he gains the *w* world ... Matt 16:26
if he gains the *w* world .... Mark 8:36
if he gains the *w* world .... Luke 9:25
the *w* body will be full .... Luke 11:36
the *w* creation groans ..... Rom 8:22
*w* body were an eye ..... 1 Cor 12:17
a debtor to keep the *w* law ... Gal 5:3
on the *w* armor of God ..... Eph 6:11
may your *w* spirit, soul .. 1 Thess 5:23
also to bridle the *w* body .. James 3:2
that it defiles the *w* body .. James 3:6
who deceives the *w* world ... Rev 12:9

WHOLESOME
*w* tongue is a tree ..... Prov 15:4
not consent to *w* words ..... 1 Tim 6:3

WHOLLY
*w* followed the LORD ..... Deut 1:36
I will not leave you *w* ..... Jer 46:28

WICKED
were exceedingly *w* ..... Gen 13:13
the righteous with the *w* ... Gen 18:25
For I will not justify the *w* .... Ex 23:7
a *w* thought in your heart .. Deut 15:9
from every *w* thing ..... Deut 23:9
and condemn the *w* ..... Deut 25:1
*w* shall be silent ..... 1 Sam 2:9
proceeds from the *w* .... 1 Sam 24:13
was *w* in the sight of the ... 1 Chr 2:3
turn from their *w* ways .... 2 Chr 7:14
Should you help the *w* .... 2 Chr 19:2
turn from their *w* works .... Neh 9:35
on the counsel of the *w* ..... Job 10:3
You know that I am not *w* .. Job 10:7
*w* man writhes with pain ... Job 15:20
triumphing of the *w* is ..... Job 20:5
Why do the *w* live and ..... Job 21:7
*w* are reserved for the ..... Job 21:30
to nobles, 'You are *w* ..... Job 34:18
of the *w* come to an end ..... Ps 7:9
with the *w* every day ..... Ps 7:11
You have destroyed the *w* ..... Ps 9:5
*w* is snared in the ..... Ps 9:16
*w* shall be turned ..... Ps 9:17
do the *w* renounce God ..... Ps 10:13
*w* bend their bow ..... Ps 11:2
*w* He will rain coals ..... Ps 11:6
the *w* who oppress me ..... Ps 17:9
Evil shall slay the *w* ..... Ps 34:21
*w* shall be no more ..... Ps 37:10
The *w* watches the ..... Ps 37:32
But to the *w* God says ..... Ps 50:16
So let the *w* perish at the ..... Ps 68:2
of the *w* I will also cut off ... Ps 75:10
how long will the *w* ..... Ps 94:3
nothing *w* before my eyes ... Ps 101:3
and the *w* be no more ..... Ps 104:35
of the *w* shall perish ..... Ps 112:10
is far from the *w* ..... Ps 119:155
if there is any *w* ..... Ps 139:24
the way of the *w* He turns ... Ps 146:9
*w* will be cut off from ..... Prov 2:22
The way of the *w* is like .... Prov 4:19
heart that devises *w* plans .. Prov 6:18
he who rebukes a *w* man .... Prov 9:7
the wages of the *w* to sin .. Prov 10:16
of the *w* will perish ..... Prov 10:28
*w* will fall by his own ..... Prov 11:5
*w* man does deceptive .... Prov 11:18
*w* will not go ..... Prov 11:21
expectation of the *w* is .... Prov 11:23
words of the *w* are, "Lie ... Prov 12:6
mercies of the *w* are ..... Prov 12:10
*w* covet the catch of evil .. Prov 12:12
The way of the *w* is an ..... Prov 15:9
thoughts of the *w* are an .. Prov 15:26
LORD is far from the *w* .... Prov 15:29
He who says to the *w* ..... Prov 24:24
*w* flee when no one ..... Prov 28:1
the righteous and the *w* .... Eccl 3:17
Do not be overly *w* ..... Eccl 7:17
not be well with the *w* ..... Eccl 8:13
Woe to the *w*! It shall be ill ... Is 3:11
*w* forsake his way ..... Is 55:7
But the *w* are like the ..... Is 57:20
the way of the *w* prosper .... Jer 12:1
from the hand of the *w* ..... Jer 15:21
and desperately *w* ..... Jer 17:9
if a *w* man turns from .... Ezek 18:21
a *w* man turns away ..... Ezek 18:27
if you warn the *w* to turn .. Ezek 33:9
when the *w* turns from ... Ezek 33:19
*w* shall do wickedly ..... Dan 12:10
at all acquit the *w* ..... Nah 1:3
the righteous and the *w* ..... Mal 3:18
You shall trample the *w* ..... Mal 4:3
with this *w* generation .... Matt 12:45
separate the *w* from ..... Matt 13:49
A *w* and adulterous ..... Matt 16:4
fiery darts of the *w* one ..... Eph 6:16
have overcome the *w* .... 1 John 2:14
*w* one does not touch ..... 1 John 5:18
the sway of the *w* ..... 1 John 5:19

WICKEDLY
brethren, do not do so *w* .... Gen 19:7
beg you, do not act so *w* .. Judg 19:23
and I have done *w* ..... 2 Sam 24:17
Will you speak *w* ..... Job 13:7
God will never do *w* ..... Job 34:12
iniquity, we have done *w* .... Ps 106:6
Those who do *w* ..... Dan 11:32
yes, all who do *w* ..... Mal 4:1

WICKEDNESS
LORD saw that the *w* ..... Gen 6:5
can I do this great *w* ..... Gen 39:9
the land become full of *w* .. Lev 19:29
may be no *w* among ..... Lev 20:14
'*W* proceeds from the .... 1 Sam 24:13
*w* oppress them ..... 2 Sam 7:10
if *w* is found in him, he .... 1 Kin 1:52
do *w* in the sight of the .. 1 Kin 21:25

He sees *w* also ..... Job 11:11
Is not your *w* great ..... Job 22:5
be it from God to do *w* ..... Job 34:10
Oh, let the *w* of the ..... Ps 7:9
righteousness and hate *w* ..... Ps 45:7
alive into hell, for *w* ..... Ps 55:15
in the tents of *w* ..... Ps 84:10
I will not know *w* ..... Ps 101:4
eat the bread of *w* ..... Prov 4:17
*w* is an abomination ..... Prov 8:7
*w* overthrows the sinner ... Prov 13:6
*w* will not deliver ..... Eccl 8:8
*w* burns as the ..... Is 9:18
have trusted in your *w* ..... Is 47:10
*w* will correct you ..... Jer 2:19
wash your heart from *w* ..... Jer 4:14
wells up with her *w* ..... Jer 6:7
man repented of his *w* ..... Jer 8:6
the *w* of your fathers ..... Jer 44:9
not turn from his *w* ..... Ezek 3:19
You have plowed *w* ..... Hos 10:13
because of your great *w* ... Hos 10:15
and cannot look on *w* ..... Hab 1:13
for those who do *w* ..... Mal 3:15
thefts, covetousness, *w* .... Mark 7:22
is full of greed and *w* ..... Luke 11:39
sexual immorality, *w* ..... Rom 1:29
spiritual hosts of *w* ..... Eph 6:12
and overflow of *w* ..... James 1:21

## WIDE

shall open your hand *w* .... Deut 15:8
opened their mouth *w* ..... Job 29:23
*w* his lips shall have ..... Prov 13:3
will build myself a *w* ..... Jer 22:14
*w* is the gate and ..... Matt 7:13
to you, our heart is *w* ..... 2 Cor 6:11

## WIDOW

A *w* or a divorced woman .. Lev 21:14
*w* who are among you .... Deut 16:11
does no good for the *w* .... Job 24:21
They slay the *w* ..... Ps 94:6
and his wife a *w* ..... Ps 109:9
the fatherless and *w* ..... Ps 146:9
plead for the *w* ..... Is 1:17
How like a *w* is she ..... Lam 1:1
Then one poor *w* ..... Mark 12:42
*w* putting in two mites ..... Luke 21:2
*w* has children or ..... 1 Tim 5:4
Do not let a *w* under ..... 1 Tim 5:9
sit as queen, and am no *w* .. Rev 18:7

## WIDOW'S

and I caused the *w* ..... Job 29:13

## WIDOWS

a defender of *w* ..... Ps 68:5
and let your *w* trust ..... Jer 49:11
*w* were neglected ..... Acts 6:1
Honor *w* who are really *w* .. 1 Tim 5:3
that the younger *w* ..... 1 Tim 5:14
to visit orphans and *w* .... James 1:27

## WIDOWS'

you devour *w* houses ..... Matt 23:14

## WIDTH

all the saints what is the *w* .. Eph 3:18

## WIFE

and be joined to his *w* ..... Gen 2:24
his *w* looked back ..... Gen 19:26
covet your neighbor's *w* .... Ex 20:17
becomes jealous of his *w* .. Num 5:14
Manoah and his *w* ..... Judg 13:19
gives a *w* to Benjamin .... Judg 21:18
*w* of Uriah the Hittite ..... 2 Sam 11:3
his *w* said to him, "Do ..... Job 2:9
Your *w* shall be like a ..... Ps 128:3
an excellent *w* is the ..... Prov 12:4
*w* finds a good thing ..... Prov 18:22
but a prudent *w* ..... Prov 19:14
can find a virtuous *w* ..... Prov 31:10
*w* whom you love all ..... Eccl 9:9
like a youthful *w* ..... Is 54:6
"Go, take yourself a *w* ..... Hos 1:2
for a *w* he tended sheep ... Hos 12:12
with the *w* of his ..... Mal 2:15
take to you Mary your *w* ... Matt 1:20
or *w* or children or lands .. Matt 19:29
divorces his *w* ..... Mark 10:11
my *w* is well advanced in .. Luke 1:18
'I have married a *w* ..... Luke 14:20
Remember Lot's *w* ..... Luke 17:32
all seven had her as *w* .... Luke 20:33
*w* the affection due her ..... 1 Cor 7:3
so love his own *w* ..... Eph 5:33
the husband of one *w* ..... 1 Tim 3:2
the husband of one *w* ..... Titus 1:6
giving honor to the *w* ..... 1 Pet 3:7
bride, the Lamb's *w* ..... Rev 21:9

## WILD

He shall be a *w* man ..... Gen 16:12
*w* donkeys quench their .... Ps 104:11
it brought forth *w* grapes ..... Is 5:2
locusts and *w* honey ..... Matt 3:4
olive tree which is *w* ..... Rom 11:24

## WILDERNESS

wasteland, a howling *w* ... Deut 32:10
*w* yields food for them ..... Job 24:5
coming out of the *w* ..... Song 3:6
made the world as a *w* ..... Is 14:17
I will make the *w* ..... Is 41:18
Let the *w* and its ..... Is 42:11
Have I been a *w* ..... Jer 2:31
of one crying in the *w* ..... Matt 3:3
the serpent in the *w* ..... John 3:14
congregation in the *w* ..... Acts 7:38

## WILES

to stand against the *w* ..... Eph 6:11

## WILL

it of your own free *w* ..... Lev 22:29
I delight to do Your *w* ..... Ps 40:8
Teach me to do Your *w* .... Ps 143:10
*w* be done on earth as ..... Matt 6:10
but he who does the *w* ..... Matt 7:21
whoever does the *w* of .... Matt 12:50
of the two did the *w* ..... Matt 21:31
I drink it, Your *w* be ..... Matt 26:42
Your *w* be done on earth .. Luke 11:2
or do according to his *w* .. Luke 12:47
nevertheless not My *w* .... Luke 22:42
flesh, nor of the *w* ..... John 1:13
*w* of Him who sent Me ..... John 4:34
I do not seek My own *w* ... John 5:30
not to do My own *w* ..... John 6:38
This is the *w* ..... John 6:39
wills to do His *w* ..... John 7:17
you should know His *w* ... Acts 22:14
*w* is present with me ..... Rom 7:18
good pleasure of His *w* ..... Eph 1:5
what the *w* of the Lord is ... Eph 5:17
works in you both to *w* ..... Phil 2:13
the knowledge of His *w* ..... Col 1:9
according to His own *w* ..... Heb 2:4
come to do Your *w* ..... Heb 10:9
good work to do His *w* .... Heb 13:21

## WILL BE SAVED

you *w* from your enemies .. Num 10:9
walks blamelessly *w* ..... Prov 28:18
In those days Judah *w* ..... Jer 33:16
endures to the end *w* ..... Matt 10:22
and is baptized *w* ..... Mark 16:16
enters by Me, he *w* ..... John 10:9
all your household *w* ..... Acts 11:14
Jesus Christ, and you *w* ... Acts 16:31
the sea, the remnant *w* ..... Rom 9:27
from the dead, you *w* ..... Rom 10:9
And so all Israel *w* ..... Rom 11:26
but he himself *w* ..... 1 Cor 3:15
she *w* in childbearing ..... 1 Tim 2:15

## WILL OF GOD

For whoever does the *w* ... Mark 3:35
saints according to the *w* .. Rom 8:27
acceptable and perfect *w* ... Rom 12:2
with joy by the *w* ..... Rom 15:32
doing the *w* from the heart ... Eph 6:6
complete in all the *w* ..... Col 4:12
For this is the *w* ..... 1 Thess 4:3
*w* in Christ Jesus for .... 1 Thess 5:18
you have done the *w* ..... Heb 10:36
*w*, that by doing good ..... 1 Pet 2:15
*w*, to suffer for doing ..... 1 Pet 3:17
of men, but for the *w* ..... 1 Pet 4:2
suffer according to the *w* .. 1 Pet 4:19
but he who does the *w* ... 1 John 2:17

## WILLFULLY

For if we sin *w* ..... Heb 10:26
For this they *w* ..... 2 Pet 3:5

## WILLING

is of a *w* heart ..... Ex 35:5
then is *w* to consecrate .... 1 Chr 29:5
If you are *w* and ..... Is 1:19
him, saying, "I am *w* ..... Matt 8:3
The spirit indeed is *w* ..... Matt 26:41
"If You are *w*, You can .... Mark 1:40
The spirit indeed is *w* .... Mark 14:38
"Lord, if You are *w* ..... Luke 5:12
she is *w* to live with him .. 1 Cor 7:12
if there is first a *w* ..... 2 Cor 8:12
*w* that any should ..... 2 Pet 3:9

## WILLINGLY

gives it *w* with his heart ..... Ex 25:2
when the people *w* offer .... Judg 5:2
*w* offered himself to the .. 2 Chr 17:16
blessed all the men who *w* .. Neh 11:2
to futility, not *w* ..... Rom 8:20
For if I do this *w* ..... 1 Cor 9:17
by compulsion but *w* ..... 1 Pet 5:2

## WILLINGNESS

for I know your *w* ..... 2 Cor 9:2

## WILLOWS

our harps upon the *w* ..... Ps 137:2

## WILLS

to whom the Son *w* ..... Matt 11:27
it is not of him who *w* ..... Rom 9:16
say, "If the Lord *w* ..... James 4:15

## WIN

*w* one proselyte ..... Matt 23:15
to all, that I might *w* ..... 1 Cor 9:19

## WIND

LORD was not in the *w* .... 1 Kin 19:11
*w* carries him away ..... Job 27:21
the chaff which the *w* ..... Ps 1:4
He causes His *w* ..... Ps 147:18
will inherit the *w* ..... Prov 11:29
He who observes the *w* ..... Eccl 11:4
is the way of the *w* ..... Eccl 11:5
Awake, O north *w* ..... Song 4:16
the prophets become *w* ..... Jer 5:13
He brings the *w* ..... Jer 51:16
Ephraim feeds on the *w* .... Hos 12:1
and creates the *w* ..... Amos 4:13
A reed shaken by the *w* .... Matt 11:7
And the *w* ceased and ..... Mark 4:39
and rebuked the *w* ..... Luke 8:24
The *w* blows where ..... John 3:8
of a rushing mighty *w* ..... Acts 2:2
about with every *w* ..... Eph 4:14

## WINDOW

Noah opened the *w* ..... Gen 8:6
by a rope through the *w* .... Josh 2:15
the scarlet cord in the *w* .... Josh 2:21
down through a *w* ..... 1 Sam 19:12
in a *w* sat a certain young .. Acts 20:9
through a *w* in the wall .. 2 Cor 11:33

## WINDOWS

looking through the *w* ..... Song 2:9
has come through our *w* ..... Jer 9:21
upper room, with his *w* ..... Dan 6:10
not open for you the *w* ..... Mal 3:10

## WINDS

from the four *w* ..... Ezek 37:9

be, that even the *w* ..... Matt 8:27
holding the four *w* ..... Rev 7:1

WINDSTORM
And a great *w* arose ..... Mark 4:37

WINE
Noah awoke from his *w* .... Gen 9:24
Do not drink *w* or ..... Lev 10:9
Nazirite may drink *w* ..... Num 6:20
drink *w* or similar drink ... Judg 13:4
I have drunk neither *w* ... 1 Sam 1:15
*w* for those who are ..... 2 Sam 16:2
king was merry with *w* ..... Esth 1:10
drinking *w* in their oldest ... Job 1:13
drink the *w* of confusion ..... Ps 60:3
*w* that makes glad ..... Ps 104:15
*W* is a mocker ..... Prov 20:1
Do not look on the *w* ..... Prov 23:31
*w* makes merry ..... Eccl 10:19
love is better than *w* ..... Song 1:2
*w* goes down smoothly ..... Song 7:9
*w* inflames them ..... Is 5:11
are drunk, but not with *w* ..... Is 29:9
Yes, come, buy *w* ..... Is 55:1
Take this *w* cup of fury ..... Jer 25:15
We will drink no *w*, for ..... Jer 35:6
new *w* into old wineskins .. Matt 9:17
they gave Him sour *w* .... Matt 27:34
*w* nor strong drink ..... Luke 1:15
pouring on oil and *w* ..... Luke 10:34
when they ran out of *w* ..... John 2:3
"They are full of new *w* .... Acts 2:13
do not be drunk with *w* ..... Eph 5:18
given to *w*, nor violent ..... 1 Tim 3:3
but use a little *w* ..... 1 Tim 5:23
not given to much *w* ..... Titus 2:3
not harm the oil and the *w* ... Rev 6:6
the *w* of the wrath of her ... Rev 14:8
her the cup of the *w* ..... Rev 16:19

WINEBIBBER
'Look, a glutton and a *w* ... Luke 7:34

WINEBIBBERS
Do not mix with *w* ..... Prov 23:20

WINEPRESS
"I have trodden the *w* ..... Is 63:3
for the *w* is full ..... Joel 3:13
into the great *w* ..... Rev 14:19
Himself treads the *w* ..... Rev 19:15

WINESKIN
I have become like a *w* ..... Ps 119:83

WINESKINS
new wine into old *w* ..... Matt 9:17

WING
maidservant under your *w* .. Ruth 3:9
One *w* of the cherub ..... 1 Kin 6:24
so I spread My *w* ..... Ezek 16:8

WINGS
I bore you on eagles' *w* ..... Ex 19:4
*w* you have come ..... Ruth 2:12
the shadow of Your *w* ..... Ps 17:8
He flew upon the *w* ..... Ps 18:10
the shadow of Your *w* ..... Ps 36:7
*w* I will make my refuge ..... Ps 57:1
If I take the *w* ..... Ps 139:9
each one had six *w* ..... Is 6:2
up with *w* like eagles ..... Is 40:31
a lion, and had eagle's *w* .... Dan 7:4
with healing in His *w* ..... Mal 4:2
her chicks under her *w* ... Matt 23:37
each having six *w* ..... Rev 4:8
woman was given two *w* ... Rev 12:14

WINNOW
You shall *w* them ..... Is 41:16

WINNOWING
His *w* fan is in His hand ... Luke 3:17

WINS
*w* souls is wise ..... Prov 11:30

WINTER
have made summer and *w* ... Ps 74:17
For lo, the *w* is past ..... Song 2:11
*w* it shall occur ..... Zech 14:8
flight may not be in *w* .... Matt 24:20

WIPE
the Lord GOD will *w* ..... Is 25:8
*w* them with the towel ..... John 13:5
*w* away every tear ..... Rev 21:4

WIPED
reproach will not be *w* ..... Prov 6:33
*w* them with the hair of .... Luke 7:38
*w* out the handwriting ..... Col 2:14

WIPES
eats and *w* her mouth ..... Prov 30:20

WISDOM
for this is your *w* ..... Deut 4:6
God gave Solomon *w* ..... 1 Kin 4:29
*w* will die with you ..... Job 12:2
where can *w* be found ..... Job 28:12
fear of the Lord, that is *w* .. Job 28:28
Who has put *w* in the ..... Job 38:36
of the righteous speaks *w* ... Ps 37:30
will make me to know *w* ..... Ps 51:6
is the beginning of *w* ..... Ps 111:10
but fools despise *w* and ..... Prov 1:7
For the LORD gives *w* ..... Prov 2:6
is the man who finds *w* .... Prov 3:13
Get *w*! Get understanding! .. Prov 4:5
*W* is the principal ..... Prov 4:7
is the beginning of *w* ..... Prov 9:10
*W* rests in the heart ..... Prov 14:33
to get *w* than gold ..... Prov 16:16
*W* is in the sight of him ... Prov 17:24
*w* loves his own soul ..... Prov 19:8
*W* is too lofty for a ..... Prov 24:7
*w* is much grief ..... Eccl 1:18
gives *w* and knowledge ..... Eccl 2:26
*W* is better than ..... Eccl 9:16
*W* is better than weapons ... Eccl 9:18
He gives *w* to the wise ..... Dan 2:21
*w* is justified by her ..... Matt 11:19
Jesus increased in *w* ..... Luke 2:52
the *w* of God also ..... Luke 11:49
riches both of the *w* ..... Rom 11:33
the gospel, not with *w* ..... 1 Cor 1:17
Greeks seek after *w* ..... 1 Cor 1:22
For the *w* of this world .... 1 Cor 3:19
not with fleshly *w* ..... 2 Cor 1:12
now the manifold *w* ..... Eph 3:10
all the treasures of *w* ..... Col 2:3
Walk in *w* toward those ..... Col 4:5
If any of you lacks *w* ..... James 1:5
power and riches and *w* .... Rev 5:12
and glory and *w* ..... Rev 7:12

WISE
great nation is a *w* ..... Deut 4:6
He catches the *w* ..... Job 5:13
God is *w* in heart and ..... Job 9:4
not find one *w* man ..... Job 17:10
men are not always *w* ..... Job 32:9
when will you be *w* ..... Ps 94:8
*w* will observe these ..... Ps 107:43
Do not be *w* in your ..... Prov 3:7
The *w* in heart will ..... Prov 10:8
*W* people store up ..... Prov 10:14
he who wins souls is *w* ... Prov 11:30
*w* son heeds his father's .... Prov 13:1
The *w* woman builds her ... Prov 14:1
*w* man fears and departs .. Prov 14:16
The *w* in heart will be .... Prov 16:21
folly, lest he be *w* ..... Prov 26:5
*w* men turn away wrath .... Prov 29:8
they are exceedingly *w* ... Prov 30:24
The words of the *w* ..... Eccl 12:11
They are *w* to do evil ..... Jer 4:22
is *w*? Let him understand ... Hos 14:9
Therefore be *w* as ..... Matt 10:16
five of them were *w* ..... Matt 25:2
barbarians, both to *w* ..... Rom 1:14
to God, alone *w* ..... Rom 16:27
Where is the *w* ..... 1 Cor 1:20
sake, but you are *w* ..... 1 Cor 4:10
not as fools but as *w* ..... Eph 5:15
to God who alone is *w* .... 1 Tim 1:17
are able to make you *w* ... 2 Tim 3:15

WISE MAN
select a discerning and *w* .. Gen 41:33
*w* answer with empty ..... Job 15:2
I shall not find one *w* ..... Job 17:10
A *w* will hear and ..... Prov 1:5
rebuke a *w*, and he will ..... Prov 9:8
*w* fears and departs ..... Prov 14:16
*w* will appease it ..... Prov 16:14
*w* holds them back ..... Prov 29:11
what more has the *w* ..... Eccl 6:8
found in it a poor *w* ..... Eccl 9:15
Let not the *w* glory ..... Jer 9:23
*w* who built his house ..... Matt 7:24
that there is not a *w* ..... 1 Cor 6:5

WISE MEN
Egypt and all its *w* ..... Gen 41:8
Pharaoh also called the *w* .... Ex 7:11
the king said to the *w* ..... Esth 1:13
For he sees *w* die ..... Ps 49:10
Where are your *w* ..... Is 19:12
the wisdom of their *w* ..... Is 29:14
all the *w* of the nations ..... Jer 10:7
to destroy all the *w* ..... Dan 2:12
all the *w* of Babylon ..... Dan 2:48
Now all the king's *w* ..... Dan 5:8
*w* from the East came ..... Matt 2:1
secretly called the *w* ..... Matt 2:7
he was deceived by the *w* .. Matt 2:16
prophets, *w*, and scribes .. Matt 23:34
I speak as to *w* ..... 1 Cor 10:15

WISELY
I will behave *w* ..... Ps 101:2
who heeds the word *w* .... Prov 16:20
you do not inquire *w* ..... Eccl 7:10
saw that he answered *w* .. Mark 12:34

WISER
he was *w* than all men .... 1 Kin 4:31
*w* than the birds ..... Job 35:11
*w* than my enemies ..... Ps 119:98
of God is *w* than men ..... 1 Cor 1:25

WISH
for me to do what I *w* ..... Matt 20:15
*w* it were already ..... Luke 12:49
where you do not *w* ..... John 21:18
For I *w* that all men were ... 1 Cor 7:7
I could *w* you were cold or .. Rev 3:15

WISHED
Then he *w* death for ..... Jon 4:8
him whatever they *w* ..... Mark 9:13

WISHES
turns it wherever He *w* .... Prov 21:1
wind blows where it *w* ..... John 3:8

WITCHCRAFT
is as the sin of *w* ..... 1 Sam 15:23

WITH ALL YOUR HEART
if you seek Him *w* ..... Deut 4:29
love the Lord your God *w* ... Deut 6:5
the Lord your God *w* ..... Deut 10:12
and to serve Him *w* ..... Josh 22:5
but serve the Lord *w* .... 1 Sam 12:20
Trust in the Lord *w* ..... Prov 3:5
you search for Me *w* ..... Jer 29:13
Lord, "Turn to me *w* ..... Joel 2:12
Be glad and rejoice *w* ..... Zeph 3:14
the Lord your God *w* ..... Matt 22:37
the Lord your God *w* ..... Mark 12:30
the Lord your God *w* ..... Luke 10:27
"If you believe *w* ..... Acts 8:37

WITH CHILD
you are *w*, and you shall .. Gen 16:11
daughters of Lot were *w* ... Gen 19:36
she is *w* by harlotry." So .. Gen 38:24
fight, and hurt a woman *w* .. Ex 21:22
David, and said, "I am *w* .. 2 Sam 11:5

womb of her who is *w* ..... Eccl 11:5
As a woman *w* is in pain ..... Is 26:17
who have not travailed *w!* .... Is 54:1
a man is ever in labor *w* ..... Jer 30:6
women *w* ripped open ..... Hos 13:16
found *w* of the Holy Spirit .. Matt 1:18
a virgin shall be *w* ..... Matt 1:23
betrothed wife, who was *w* .. Luke 2:5
being *w*, she cried out ..... Rev 12:2

WITH ONE ACCORD
words of the prophets *w* .. 1 Kin 22:13
the Lord, to serve Him *w* ... Zeph 3:9
*w* began to make ..... Luke 14:18
continued *w* in prayer ..... Acts 1:14
with *w* in one place ..... Acts 2:1
So continuing daily *w* ..... Acts 2:46
their voice to God *w* ..... Acts 4:24
*w* in Solomon's Porch ..... Acts 5:12
multitudes *w* heeded ..... Acts 8:6
being assembled *w* ..... Acts 15:25

WITHDRAW
God will not *w* His ..... Job 9:13
He does not *w* His eyes ..... Job 36:7
From such *w* yourself ..... 1 Tim 6:5

WITHER
also shall not *w* ..... Ps 1:3
*w* as the green ..... Ps 37:2
leaves will not *w* ..... Ezek 47:12
How did the fig tree *w* .... Matt 21:20

WITHERED
behold, seven heads, *w* .... Gen 41:23
stricken and *w* like grass .... Ps 102:4
surely joy has *w* away ..... Joel 1:12
the plant that it *w* ..... Jon 4:7
man who had a *w* hand ... Matt 12:10
had no root they *w* away ... Matt 13:6
the fig tree *w* away ..... Matt 21:19
out as a branch and is *w* ... John 15:6

WITHERS
The grass *w* ..... Is 40:7
burning heat than it *w* .... James 1:11
The grass *w* ..... 1 Pet 1:24

WITHHELD
and your sins have *w* ..... Jer 5:25

WITHHOLD
*w* Your tender mercies ..... Ps 40:11
good thing will He *w* ..... Ps 84:11
Do not *w* good from ..... Prov 3:27
your cloak, do not *w* ..... Luke 6:29

WITHOUT
having no hope and *w* ..... Eph 2:12
pray *w* ceasing ..... 1 Thess 5:17
*w* controversy ..... 1 Tim 3:16
*w* works is dead ..... James 2:26

WITHSTAND
no one is able to *w* You ... 2 Chr 20:6
no animal could *w* him ..... Dan 8:4
was I that I could *w* ..... Acts 11:17
you may be able to *w* ..... Eph 6:13

WITHSTOOD
Persia *w* me twenty-one ... Dan 10:13
I *w* him to his face ..... Gal 2:11

WITNESS
*See* BEAR WITNESS; FALSE WITNESS
see, God is *w* between ..... Gen 31:50
Surely even now my *w* ..... Job 16:19
like the faithful *w* ..... Ps 89:37
*w* does not lie ..... Prov 14:5
have given him as a *w* ..... Is 55:4
a true and faithful *w* ..... Jer 42:5
I will be a swift *w* ..... Mal 3:5
all the world as a *w* ..... Matt 24:14
This man came for a *w* ..... John 1:7
do not receive Our *w* ..... John 3:11
"If I bear *w* of ..... John 5:31
is another who bears *w* .... John 5:32
But I have a greater *w* ..... John 5:36
who was bearing *w* ..... Acts 14:3
For you will be His *w* ..... Acts 22:15
For God is my *w* ..... Phil 1:8
are three who bear *w* ..... 1 John 5:7
If we receive the *w* ..... 1 John 5:9
who bore *w* to the word ..... Rev 1:2
Christ, the faithful *w* ..... Rev 1:5
beheaded for their *w* ..... Rev 20:4

WITNESSED
is revealed, being *w* ..... Rom 3:21
*w* the good confession .... 1 Tim 6:13

WITNESSES
of two or three *w* ..... Deut 17:6
for Myself faithful *w* ..... Is 8:2
"You are My *w* ..... Is 43:10
the presence of many *w* ... 1 Tim 6:12
the Holy Spirit also *w* ..... Heb 10:15
so great a cloud of *w* ..... Heb 12:1
give power to my two *w* .... Rev 11:3

WIVES
two *w*, one loved ..... Deut 21:15
he had seven hundred *w* .. 1 Kin 11:3
daughters as *w* for ..... Ezra 9:2
you to divorce your *w* ..... Matt 19:8
*W*, submit to your own ..... Eph 5:22
Husbands, love your *w* ..... Eph 5:25
Husbands, love your *w* ..... Col 3:19
*w* must be reverent ..... 1 Tim 3:11
by the conduct of their *w* .... 1 Pet 3:1

WIZARDS
who are mediums and *w* ..... Is 8:19

WOE
*W* is me, that I dwell in ..... Ps 120:5
Who has *w*? ..... Prov 23:29
*W* to the wicked ..... Is 3:11
*W* to those who call evil ..... Is 5:20
*W* to you, O Jerusalem ..... Jer 13:27
"*W* to the bloody city ..... Ezek 24:9
'*W* to him who increases .... Hab 2:6
"*W* to you, Chorazin ..... Matt 11:21
*w* to that man by whom .... Matt 18:7
But *w* to you, scribes ..... Matt 23:13
But *w* to those who are .. Mark 13:17
*W* to you who are full ..... Luke 6:25
*w* is me if I do not ..... 1 Cor 9:16
*W*, *w*, *w* to the inhabitants .. Rev 8:13
One *w* is past ..... Rev 9:12

WOLF
The *w* and the lamb ..... Is 65:25
the sheep, sees the *w* ..... John 10:12

WOLVES
they are ravenous *w* ..... Matt 7:15
out as lambs among *w* ..... Luke 10:3
savage *w* will come in .... Acts 20:29

WOMAN
she shall be called *W* ..... Gen 2:23
every *w* shall ask of her ..... Ex 3:22
A widow or a divorced *w* .. Lev 21:14
stand the *w* before the ..... Num 5:18
*w* shall not wear anything .. Deut 22:5
the *w* took the two men ..... Josh 2:4
that you are a virtuous *w* .. Ruth 3:11
keep you from the evil *w* ... Prov 6:24
adultery with a *w* lacks .... Prov 6:32
A foolish *w* is clamorous ... Prov 9:13
A gracious *w* retains ..... Prov 11:16
*w* builds her house ..... Prov 14:1
*w* who fears the LORD ..... Prov 31:30
Can a *w* forget her nursing .. Is 49:15
*w* shall encompass a ..... Jer 31:22
whoever looks at a *w* ..... Matt 5:28
a *w* of Canaan came ..... Matt 15:22
"O *w*, great is your faith .. Matt 15:28
if a *w* divorces ..... Mark 10:12
*w* came having an ..... Mark 14:3
"Do you see this *w* ..... Luke 7:44
Then the *w* of Samaria ..... John 4:9
brought to Him a *w* ..... John 8:3
"*W*, behold your ..... John 19:26
*w* was full of good ..... Acts 9:36
Jewish *w* who believed ..... Acts 16:1
natural use of the *w* ..... Rom 1:27
a man not to touch a *w* ..... 1 Cor 7:1
the head of *w* is man ..... 1 Cor 11:3
For if a *w* is not covered ... 1 Cor 11:6
*w* is the glory of man ..... 1 Cor 11:7
but *w* from man ..... 1 Cor 11:8
but *w* for the man ..... 1 Cor 11:9
this reason the *w* ought .. 1 Cor 11:10
His Son, born of a *w* ..... Gal 4:4
Let a *w* learn in ..... 1 Tim 2:11
I do not permit a *w* ..... 1 Tim 2:12
*w* being deceived ..... 1 Tim 2:14
you allow that *w* Jezebel .... Rev 2:20
*w* clothed with the sun ..... Rev 12:1
the earth helped the *w* ..... Rev 12:16
And I saw a *w* sitting on a .. Rev 17:3
the *w* whom you saw is .... Rev 17:18

WOMB
nations are in your *w* ..... Gen 25:23
LORD had closed her *w* ..... 1 Sam 1:5
took Me out of the *w* ..... Ps 22:9
formed you from the *w* ..... Is 44:2
called Me from the *w* ..... Is 49:1
in the *w* I knew you ..... Jer 1:5
is the fruit of your *w* ..... Luke 1:42
"Blessed is the *w* ..... Luke 11:27

WOMEN
the Hebrew *w* are not ..... Ex 1:19
All the *w* who were gifted ... Ex 35:25
ten *w* shall bake your ..... Lev 26:26
blessed is she among *w* .... Judg 5:24
loved many foreign *w* ..... 1 Kin 11:1
pagan *w* caused ..... Neh 13:26
among Your honorable *w* .... Ps 45:9
O fairest among *w* ..... Song 1:8
*w* rule over them ..... Is 3:12
new wine the young *w* ..... Zech 9:17
thousand men, besides *w* .. Matt 14:21
thousand men, besides *w* .. Matt 15:38
*w* will be grinding ..... Matt 24:41
*w* who followed Jesus .... Matt 27:55
are you among *w* ..... Luke 1:28
it just as the *w* had said .. Luke 24:24
devout and prominent *w* .. Acts 13:50
not a few of the leading *w* .. Acts 17:4
*w* keep silent in the ..... 1 Cor 14:34
the *w* adorn themselves .... 1 Tim 2:9
which is proper for *w* ..... 1 Tim 2:10
admonish the young *w* ..... Titus 2:4
times, the holy *w* ..... 1 Pet 3:5
not defiled with *w* ..... Rev 14:4

WONDER
gives you a sign or a *w* .... Deut 13:1
I have become as a *w* ..... Ps 71:7
marvelous work and a *w* ..... Is 29:14
they were filled with *w* ..... Acts 3:10

WONDERFUL
name, seeing it is *w* ..... Judg 13:18
Your love to me was *w* ... 2 Sam 1:26
things too *w* for me ..... Job 42:3
Your *w* works Which You .... Ps 40:5
He has made His *w* works ... Ps 111:4
Your testimonies are *w* ... Ps 119:129
things which are too *w* .... Prov 30:18
name will be called *W* ..... Is 9:6
of hosts, who is *w* ..... Is 28:29
all His *w* works ..... Jer 21:2
and scribes saw the *w* .... Matt 21:15
our own tongues the *w* ..... Acts 2:11

WONDERFULLY
fearfully and *w* made ..... Ps 139:14

WONDERS
*See* SIGNS AND WONDERS
*w* which I will do ..... Ex 3:20
LORD will do *w* among you .. Josh 3:5
are the God who does *w* .... Ps 77:14
Shall Your *w* be known ..... Ps 88:12
heavens will praise Your *w* ... Ps 89:5
who alone does great *w* ..... Ps 136:4

Egypt with signs and *w* . . . . . Jer 32:21
and how mighty His *w* . . . . . Dan 4:3
He works signs and *w* . . . . . Dan 6:27
"And I will show *w* . . . . . Joel 2:30
and done many *w* . . . . . Matt 7:22
*w* were done among . . . . . Acts 5:12
*w* God had worked . . . . . Acts 15:12
signs, and lying *w* . . . . . 2 Thess 2:9
both with signs and *w* . . . . . Heb 2:4

WONDROUS
the *w* works of God . . . . . Job 37:14
and tell of all Your *w* . . . . . Ps 26:7
I declare Your *w* works . . . . . Ps 71:17
*w* works declare that . . . . . Ps 75:1
*w* works in the land of . . . . . Ps 106:22
for they are a *w* . . . . . Zech 3:8

WONDROUSLY
God, who has dealt *w* . . . . . Joel 2:26

WOOD
precious stones, *w* . . . . . 1 Cor 3:12

WOODCUTTERS
but let them be *w* . . . . . Josh 9:21

WOODEN IMAGE
any tree, as a *w* . . . . . Deut 16:21
cut down the *w* . . . . . Judg 6:25
And Ahab made a *w* . . . . . 1 Kin 16:33
a *w* and worshiped . . . . . 2 Kin 17:16
cut down the *w* . . . . . 2 Kin 18:4
and burned the *w* . . . . . 2 Kin 23:15

WOODEN IMAGES
cut down their *w* . . . . . Ex 34:13
burn their *w* with fire . . . . . Deut 12:3
they have made their *w* . . 1 Kin 14:15
*w* on every high hill . . . . . 2 Kin 17:10
you have removed the *w* . . 2 Chr 19:3
served *w* and idols . . . . . 2 Chr 24:18
the altars and the *w* . . . . . 2 Chr 34:7
*w* nor the incense altars . . . . . Is 17:8
*w* and incense altars . . . . . Is 27:9
*w* by the green trees . . . . . Jer 17:2
I will pluck your *w* . . . . . Mic 5:14

WOOL
She seeks *w* and flax . . . . . Prov 31:13
they shall be as *w* . . . . . Is 1:18
head was like pure *w* . . . . . Dan 7:9
hair were white like *w* . . . . . Rev 1:14

WORD
*See* ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD
*w* that proceeds . . . . . Deut 8:3
*w* is very near you . . . . . Deut 30:14
*w* of the LORD is proven . . . . . Ps 18:30
For the *w* of the LORD is . . . . . Ps 33:4
*w* I have hidden . . . . . Ps 119:11
*w* has given me life . . . . . Ps 119:50
*w* is a lamp to my feet . . . . Ps 119:105
*w* makes it glad . . . . . Prov 12:25
a harsh *w* stirs up anger . . . Prov 15:1
*w* spoken in due season . . . Prov 15:23
He who heeds the *w* . . . . . Prov 16:20
*w* fitly spoken is . . . . . Prov 25:11
The LORD sent a *w* . . . . . Is 9:8
the *w* of our God . . . . . Is 40:8
*w* has gone out of My . . . . . Is 45:23
*w* be that goes forth . . . . . Is 55:11
But His *w* was in my . . . . . Jer 20:9
*w* will be his oracle . . . . . Jer 23:36
*w* which I speak will . . . . . Ezek 12:28
But only speak a *w* . . . . . Matt 8:8
for every idle *w* . . . . . Matt 12:36
mighty in deed and *w* . . . . Luke 24:19
beginning was the *W* . . . . . John 1:1
*W* became flesh and . . . . . John 1:14
if anyone keeps My *w* . . . . . John 8:51
*w* which you hear is . . . . . John 14:24
Your *w* is truth . . . . . John 17:17
and glorified the *w* . . . . . Acts 13:48
to one is given the *w* . . . . . 1 Cor 12:8
of water by the *w* . . . . . Eph 5:26
holding fast the *w* . . . . . Phil 2:16
Let the *w* of Christ . . . . . Col 3:16
come to you in *w* only . . . . 1 Thess 1:5
in every good *w* . . . . . 2 Thess 2:17
by the *w* of His power . . . . . Heb 1:3
*w* which they heard did . . . . . Heb 4:2
the implanted *w* . . . . . James 1:21
does not stumble in *w* . . . . . James 3:2
that by the *w* of God . . . . . 2 Pet 3:5
whoever keeps His *w* . . . . . 1 John 2:5
let us not love in *w* . . . . . 1 John 3:18
the Father, the *W* . . . . . 1 John 5:7

WORD OF GOD
announce to you the *w* . . . . 1 Sam 9:27
*w* came to Nathan . . . . . 1 Chr 17:3
Every *w* is pure . . . . . Prov 30:5
the *w* of no effect . . . . . Mark 7:13
the *w* came to John . . . . . Luke 3:2
alone, but by every *w* . . . . . Luke 4:4
about Him to hear the *w* . . . . Luke 5:1
The seed is the *w* . . . . . Luke 8:11
who hear the *w* and do it . . Luke 8:21
spoke the *w* with boldness . . Acts 4:31
leave the *w* and serve . . . . . Acts 6:2
then the *w* spread . . . . . Acts 6:7
had also received the *w* . . . . Acts 11:1
necessary that the *w* . . . . . Acts 13:46
that the *w* has taken no . . . . . Rom 9:6
and hearing by the *w* . . . . . Rom 10:17
*w* come originally . . . . . 1 Cor 14:36
peddling the *w* . . . . . 2 Cor 2:17
the *w* deceitfully . . . . . 2 Cor 4:2
Spirit, which is the *w* . . . . . Eph 6:17
sanctified by the *w* . . . . . 1 Tim 4:5
*w* is not chained . . . . . 2 Tim 2:9
*w* is living and powerful . . . . Heb 4:12
were framed by the *w* . . . . . Heb 11:3
through the *w* . . . . . 1 Pet 1:23
*w* abides in you . . . . . 1 John 2:14
who bore witness to the *w* . . . Rev 1:2
had been slain for the *w* . . . . . Rev 6:9
His name is called The *W* . . Rev 19:13
to Jesus and for the *w* . . . . . Rev 20:4

WORD OF TRUTH
And take not the *w* . . . . . Ps 119:43
by the *w*, by the power . . . . . 2 Cor 6:7
after you heard the *w* . . . . . Eph 1:13
rightly dividing the *w* . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15
us forth by the *w* . . . . . James 1:18

WORDS
I waited for your *w* . . . . . Job 32:11
his *w* are without wisdom . . Job 34:35
Give ear to my *w* . . . . . Ps 5:1
Let the *w* of my mouth . . . . . Ps 19:14
How sweet are Your *w* . . . . Ps 119:103
I will make my *w* known . . . Prov 1:23
pay attention to the *w* . . . . . Prov 7:24
hear the *w* of the wise . . . . Prov 22:17
The *w* of the wise are . . . . . Eccl 12:11
And I have put My *w* . . . . . Is 51:16
Take *w* with you . . . . . Hos 14:2
Do not My *w* do good to . . . . . Mic 2:7
pass away, but My *w* . . . . . Matt 24:35
at the gracious *w* . . . . . Luke 4:22
*w* that I speak to you . . . . . John 6:63
You have the *w* of . . . . . John 6:68
My *w* abide in you, you . . . . John 15:7
And remember the *w* . . . . . Acts 20:35
not with wisdom of *w* . . . . . 1 Cor 1:17
those who hear the *w* . . . . . Rev 1:3
is he who keeps the *w* . . . . . Rev 22:7
keep the *w* of this book . . . . . Rev 22:9

WORK
day God ended His *w* . . . . . Gen 2:2
Moses finished the *w* . . . . . Ex 40:33
people had a mind to *w* . . . . . Neh 4:6
You shall desire the *w* . . . . . Job 14:15
for they are all the *w* . . . . . Job 34:19
the *w* of Your fingers . . . . . Ps 8:3
I hate the *w* of those . . . . . Ps 101:3
the heavens are the *w* . . . . . Ps 102:25
Man goes out to his *w* . . . . . Ps 104:23
*w* is honorable and . . . . . Ps 111:3
man does deceptive *w* . . . . Prov 11:18
then I saw all the *w* . . . . . Eccl 8:17
for there is no *w* . . . . . Eccl 9:10
God will bring every *w* . . . . Eccl 12:14
that He may do His *w* . . . . . Is 28:21
and all we are the *w* . . . . . Is 64:8
him nothing for his *w* . . . . . Jer 22:13
and mighty in *w* . . . . . Jer 32:19
For I will *w* a *w* . . . . . Hab 1:5
and said, 'Son, go, *w* . . . . . Matt 21:28
could do no mighty *w* . . . . . Mark 6:5
we do, that we may *w* . . . . . John 6:28
"This is the *w* of God . . . . . John 6:29
I must *w* the works . . . . . John 9:4
*w* which You have given . . . John 17:4
know that all things *w* . . . . . Rom 8:28
He will finish the *w* . . . . . Rom 9:28
*w* is no longer *w* . . . . . Rom 11:6
Do not destroy the *w* . . . . . Rom 14:20
*w* will become manifest . . . 1 Cor 3:13
Are you not my *w* . . . . . 1 Cor 9:1
abounding in the *w* . . . . . 1 Cor 15:58
without ceasing your *w* . . . 1 Thess 1:3
good word and *w* . . . . . 2 Thess 2:17
If anyone will not *w* . . . . . 2 Thess 3:10
but a doer of the *w* . . . . . James 1:25

WORKED
with one hand they *w* . . . . . Neh 4:17
and wonders God had *w* . . Acts 15:12
which He *w* in Christ . . . . . Eph 1:20

WORKER
*w* is worthy of his . . . . . Matt 10:10
Timothy, my fellow *w* . . . . . Rom 16:21
*w* who does not need . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15

WORKERS
You hate all *w* of . . . . . Ps 5:5
we are God's fellow *w* . . . . . 1 Cor 3:9
dogs, beware of evil *w* . . . . . Phil 3:2

WORKERS OF INIQUITY
in company with the *w* . . . . . Job 34:8
You hate all *w* . . . . . Ps 5:5
Depart from me, all you *w* . . . . . Ps 6:8
nor be envious of the *w* . . . . . Ps 37:1
Deliver me from the *w* . . . . . Ps 59:2
when all the *w* flourish . . . . . Ps 92:7
from the traps of the *w* . . . . . Ps 141:9
will come to the *w* . . . . . Prov 10:29
from Me, all you *w* . . . . . Luke 13:27

WORKING
everywhere, the Lord *w* . . Mark 16:20
My Father has been *w* . . . . . John 5:17
according to the *w* . . . . . Eph 1:19
through faith in the *w* . . . . . Col 2:12
manner, not *w* at all . . . . . 2 Thess 3:11

WORKMANSHIP
For we are His *w* . . . . . Eph 2:10

WORKS
*See* GOOD WORKS
the wondrous *w* of God . . . . Job 37:14
are Your wonderful *w* . . . . . Ps 40:5
Come and see the *w* . . . . . Ps 66:5
how great are Your *w* . . . . . Ps 92:5
manifold are Your *w* . . . . . Ps 104:24
The *w* of the LORD are. . . . . Ps 111:2
*w* shall praise You . . . . . Ps 145:10
and let her own *w* . . . . . Prov 31:31
"For I know their *w* . . . . . Is 66:18
of whose *w* are truth . . . . . Dan 4:37
show Him greater *w* . . . . . John 5:20
*w* that I do in My . . . . . John 10:25
*w* that I do he will do . . . . . John 14:12
*w* righteousness . . . . . Acts 10:35
might stand, not of *w* . . . . . Rom 9:11
let us cast off the *w* . . . . . Rom 13:12
is the same God who *w* . . . . 1 Cor 12:6
Now the *w* of the flesh . . . . . Gal 5:19

the spirit who now *w* ..... Eph 2:2
not of *w*, lest anyone ..... Eph 2:9
with the unfruitful *w* ..... Eph 5:11
for it is God who *w* ..... Phil 2:13
*w* they deny Him ..... Titus 1:16
zealous for good *w* ..... Titus 2:14
repentance from dead *w* ..... Heb 6:1
but does not have *w* ..... James 2:14
also justified by *w* ..... James 2:25
He might destroy the *w* .... 1 John 3:8
"I know your *w* ..... Rev 2:2
their *w* follow them ..... Rev 14:13
according to their *w* ..... Rev 20:12

WORKS OF THE LAW
as it were, by the *w* ..... Rom 9:32
not justified by the *w* ..... Gal 2:16
the Spirit by the *w* ..... Gal 3:2
does He do it by the *w* ..... Gal 3:5
*w* are under the curse ..... Gal 3:10

WORLD
*See* IN THE WORLD; OF THE WORLD; OF THIS WORLD
He shall judge the *w* ..... Ps 9:8
For the *w* is Mine ..... Ps 50:12
*w* is established ..... Ps 93:1
The field is the *w* ..... Matt 13:38
*w* are more shrewd ..... Luke 16:8
He was in the *w* ..... John 1:10
For God so loved the *w* .... John 3:16
His Son into the *w* ..... John 3:17
the Savior of the *w* ..... John 4:42
*w* cannot hate you ..... John 7:7
You are of this *w* ..... John 8:23
Look, the *w* has gone ..... John 12:19
*w* will see Me no more .... John 14:19
"If the *w* hates you ..... John 15:18
If you were of the *w* ..... John 15:19
I have overcome the *w* .... John 16:33
do not pray for the *w* ..... John 17:9
*w* has not known You ..... John 17:25
*w* may become guilty ..... Rom 3:19
be conformed to this *w* .... Rom 12:2
things of the *w* ..... 1 Cor 1:27
*w* is foolishness ..... 1 Cor 3:19
*w* has been crucified ..... Gal 6:14
without God in the *w* ..... Eph 2:12
loved this present *w* ..... 2 Tim 4:10
He has not put the *w* ..... Heb 2:5
unspotted from the *w* ..... James 1:27
*w* is enmity with God ..... James 4:4
Do not love the *w* ..... 1 John 2:15
all that is in the *w* ..... 1 John 2:16
*w* is passing away ..... 1 John 2:17
*w* does not know us ..... 1 John 3:1
They are of the *w* ..... 1 John 4:5
so are we in this *w* ..... 1 John 4:17
And all the *w* marveled ..... Rev 13:3

WORLDS
also He made the *w* ..... Heb 1:2

WORM
*w* should feed sweetly ..... Job 24:20
But I am a *w* ..... Ps 22:6
"Fear not, you *w* ..... Is 41:14
their *w* does not die ..... Is 66:24
*w* does not die and the .... Mark 9:44

WORMS
flesh is caked with *w* ..... Job 7:5
you, and *w* cover you ..... Is 14:11
And he was eaten by *w* ... Acts 12:23

WORMWOOD
end she is bitter as *w* ..... Prov 5:4
who turn justice to *w* ..... Amos 5:7
of the star is *W* ..... Rev 8:11

WORRIED
Martha, you are *w* ..... Luke 10:41

WORRY
to you, do not *w* ..... Matt 6:25
Therefore do not *w* ..... Matt 6:31

WORRYING
by *w* can add one cubit .... Matt 6:27

WORSE
*w* than their fathers ..... Jer 7:26

WORSHIP
I will go yonder and *w* ..... Gen 22:5
shall not *w* the LORD ..... Deut 12:31
*w* the LORD in the ..... 1 Chr 16:29
He is your Lord, *w* ..... Ps 45:11
Oh come, let us *w* ..... Ps 95:6
and have come to *w* Him .... Matt 2:2
will fall down and *w* ..... Matt 4:9
"You shall *w* the LORD ..... Matt 4:10
And in vain they *w* ..... Matt 15:9
*w* what you do not know .. John 4:22
true worshipers will *w* ..... John 4:23
the One whom you *w* ..... Acts 17:23
*w* the God of my ..... Acts 24:14
false humility and *w* ..... Col 2:18
the angels of God *w* ..... Heb 1:6
make them come and *w* ..... Rev 3:9
*w* Him who lives ..... Rev 4:10
*w* Him who made ..... Rev 14:7

WORSHIPED
*w* the LORD, and blessed ... Gen 24:48
*w* it and sacrificed to it ..... Ex 32:8
*w* the LORD their God ..... Neh 9:3
fell to the ground and *w* .... Job 1:20
*w* the works of their own .... Jer 1:16
leper came and *w* Him ..... Matt 8:2
she came and *w* Him ..... Matt 15:25
they saw Him, they *w* ..... Matt 28:17
*w* Him, and returned ..... Luke 24:52
Our fathers *w* ..... John 4:20
down at his feet and *w* .... Acts 10:25
of God for the lie, and *w* ... Rom 1:25
*w* Him who lives ..... Rev 5:14
on their faces and *w* ..... Rev 11:16
*w* God who sat on the ..... Rev 19:4

WORSHIPER
if anyone is a *w* ..... John 9:31

WORSHIPERS
destroying the *w* of Baal .. 2 Kin 10:19
the true *w* will worship .... John 4:23
with the Gentile *w* ..... Acts 17:17

WORTH
and make my speech *w* .... Job 24:25
of the wicked is *w* ..... Prov 10:20
her *w* is far above rubies .. Prov 31:10

WORTHLESS
looking at *w* things ..... Ps 119:37
A *w* person, a wicked ..... Prov 6:12
Indeed they are all *w* ..... Is 41:29
wooden idol is a *w* doctrine .. Jer 10:8

WORTHLESSNESS
long will you love *w* ..... Ps 4:2

WORTHY
I am not *w* of the ..... Gen 32:10
LORD, who is *w* to be ..... 2 Sam 22:4
who is *w* to be praised ..... Ps 18:3
sandals I am not *w* ..... Matt 3:11
inquire who in it is *w* ..... Matt 10:11
more than Me is not *w* .... Matt 10:37
invited were not *w* ..... Matt 22:8
I am not *w* to stoop down .. Mark 1:7
and I am no longer *w* ..... Luke 15:19
strap I am not *w* to loose .. John 1:27
feet I am not *w* to loose ... Acts 13:25
present time are not *w* ..... Rom 8:18
apostles, who am not *w* ... 1 Cor 15:9
to walk *w* of the calling ..... Eph 4:1
*w* of the gospel of Christ .... Phil 1:27
may walk *w* of the Lord ..... Col 1:10
*w* of God who calls ..... 1 Thess 2:12
*w* of the kingdom of ..... 2 Thess 1:5
count you *w* of this ..... 2 Thess 1:11
"The laborer is *w* ..... 1 Tim 5:18
the world was not *w* ..... Heb 11:38
in a manner *w* of God ..... 3 John 6
white, for they are *w* ..... Rev 3:4
"You are *w*, O Lord ..... Rev 4:11
Who is *w* to open the scroll .. Rev 5:2
"*W* is the Lamb who ..... Rev 5:12

WOUND
I *w* and I heal ..... Deut 32:39
My *w* is incurable ..... Job 34:6
But God will *w* the ..... Ps 68:21
and my *w* incurable ..... Jer 15:18
and *w* their weak ..... 1 Cor 8:12
and his deadly *w* ..... Rev 13:3

WOUNDED
and my heart is *w* ..... Ps 109:22
They struck me, they *w* ..... Song 5:7
and *w* the serpent ..... Is 51:9
But He was *w* for our ..... Is 53:5
there remained only *w* ..... Jer 37:10
with which I was *w* ..... Zech 13:6
*w* him, and departed ..... Luke 10:30
house naked and *w* ..... Acts 19:16
to the beast who was *w* .... Rev 13:14

WOUNDING
killed a man for *w* ..... Gen 4:23

WOUNDS
He *w*, but His hands make .. Job 5:18
and binds up their *w* ..... Ps 147:3
Faithful are the *w* ..... Prov 27:6
For her *w* are incurable ..... Mic 1:9
and bandaged his *w* ..... Luke 10:34

WOVEN
Her clothing is *w* with gold .. Ps 45:13
*w* from the top in one ..... John 19:23

WRANGLINGS
useless *w* of men of ..... 1 Tim 6:5

WRAPPED
weeds were *w* around my .... Jon 2:5
he *w* it in a clean linen .... Matt 27:59
*w* Him in swaddling cloths .. Luke 2:7
his face was *w* with a ..... John 11:44

WRATH
*w* has gone out from ..... Num 16:46
provoked the LORD to *w* .... Deut 9:22
Had I not feared the *w* .... Deut 32:27
*w* kills a foolish ..... Job 5:2
speak to them in His *w* ..... Ps 2:5
living and burning *w* ..... Ps 58:9
Surely the *w* of man ..... Ps 76:10
Your fierce *w* has gone ..... Ps 88:16
Will Your *w* burn like ..... Ps 89:46
*w* we are terrified ..... Ps 90:7
So I swore in My *w* ..... Ps 95:11
in the day of His *w* ..... Ps 110:5
death is the king's *w* ..... Prov 16:14
The king's *w* is like ..... Prov 19:12
of great *w* will suffer ..... Prov 19:19
*w* is heavier than ..... Prov 27:3
*W* is cruel and anger a ..... Prov 27:4
*w* I will give him ..... Is 10:6
With a little *w* ..... Is 54:8
in My *w* I struck you ..... Is 60:10
I will pour out my *w* ..... Hos 5:10
*w* remember mercy ..... Hab 3:2
you to flee from the *w* ..... Matt 3:7
see life, but the *w* ..... John 3:36
For the *w* of God is ..... Rom 1:18
up for yourself *w* ..... Rom 2:5
the law brings about *w* ..... Rom 4:15
wanting to show His *w* ..... Rom 9:22
rather give place to *w* ..... Rom 12:19
not only because of *w* ..... Rom 13:5
outbursts of *w* ..... 2 Cor 12:20
nature children of *w* ..... Eph 2:3
sun go down on your *w* ..... Eph 4:26
Let all bitterness, *w* ..... Eph 4:31
delivers us from the *w* ... 1 Thess 1:10
*w* has come upon them .. 1 Thess 2:16
holy hands, without *w* ..... 1 Tim 2:8
So I swore in My *w* ..... Heb 3:11
not fearing the *w* ..... Heb 11:27

for the *w* of man does ....James 1:20
throne and from the *w* .....Rev 6:16
to you, having great *w* .....Rev 12:12
of the wine of the *w* .....Rev 14:8
winepress of the *w* .....Rev 14:19
for in them the *w* .....Rev 15:1
fierceness of His *w* .....Rev 16:19

## WRATH OF GOD

*w* abides on him .....John 3:36
*w* is revealed from .....Rom 1:18
*w* comes upon the sons of ....Eph 5:6
of the wine of the *w* .....Rev 14:10
great winepress of the *w* ...Rev 14:19
the *w* is complete .....Rev 15:1
the bowls of the *w* .....Rev 16:1

## WRATH OF THE LORD

*w* was aroused against ....Num 11:33
for great is the *w* .....2 Kin 22:13
*w* turned from him .....2 Chr 12:12
fierce *w* is upon you .....2 Chr 28:11
*w* fell upon Judah .....2 Chr 29:8
*w* did not come upon .....2 Chr 32:26
*w* arose against His .....2 Chr 36:16
*w* was kindled against .....Ps 106:40
*w* of hosts the land .....Is 9:19
*w* of hosts and in the day ....Is 13:13
in the day of the *w* .....Ezek 7:19

## WRATHFUL

*w* man stirs up strife .....Prov 15:18

## WRESTLE

For we do not *w* .....Eph 6:12

## WRESTLED

I have *w* with my sister .....Gen 30:8
a Man *w* with him until ....Gen 32:24

## WRETCHED

*w* man that I am .....Rom 7:24
know that you are *w* .....Rev 3:17

## WRETCHEDNESS

do not let me see my *w* ...Num 11:15

## WRINGING

*w* the nose produces .....Prov 30:33

## WRINKLE

not having spot or *w* .....Eph 5:27

## WRITE

I will *w* on these tablets .....Ex 34:1
"*W* these words .....Ex 34:27
*w* bitter things .....Job 13:26
*w* them on the tablet of .....Prov 3:3
*w* them on the tablet .....Prov 7:3
'*W* this man down as .....Jer 22:30
and *w* it on their hearts .....Jer 31:33
*w* them on their hearts .....Heb 8:10
their minds I will *w* .....Heb 10:16
*w* no new commandment ..1 John 2:7
a new commandment I *w* ..1 John 2:8
I had many things to *w* ....3 John 13
*W* the things which you .....Rev 1:19
*w* on him My new name ....Rev 3:12

## WRITER

is the pen of a ready *w* .....Ps 45:1

## WRITING

the *w* was the *w* .....Ex 32:16
read the *w* to the king .....Dan 5:17
And the *w* was: Jesus .....John 19:19

## WRITINGS

do not believe his *w* .....John 5:47

## WRITTEN

*See* AS IT IS WRITTEN; IT IS WRITTEN
which I have *w* .....Ex 24:12
tablets of stone, *w* .....Ex 31:18
tablets were *w* on both .....Ex 32:15
book which You have *w* ....Ex 32:32
*w* with the finger of God ...Deut 9:10
law that are *w* in this .....Deut 28:58
*w* in this Book of the .....Deut 29:21
as it is *w* in the Book of ....Josh 8:31
*w* in the Law of the .....1 Chr 16:40
scroll of the Book it is *w* .....Ps 40:7
be *w* with the righteous .....Ps 69:28
book they all were *w* .....Ps 139:16
Have I not *w* to you .....Prov 22:20
is found *w* in the book .....Dan 12:1
thus it is *w* by the prophet ...Matt 2:5
your names are *w* .....Luke 10:20
are *w* may be fulfilled ....Luke 21:22
"What I have *w* .....John 19:22
as it is *w*, "The just shall ...Rom 1:17
law *w* in their hearts .....Rom 2:15
it is *w*, "Vengeance is .....Rom 12:19
our epistle *w* in our hearts ..2 Cor 3:2
ministered by us, *w* .....2 Cor 3:3
for it is *w*, "Cursed is .....Gal 3:10
because it is *w*, "Be holy ...1 Pet 1:16
the stone a new name *w* ....Rev 2:17
names have not been *w* .....Rev 13:8
name *w* on their foreheads ..Rev 14:1
forehead a name was *w* .....Rev 17:5
the plagues that are *w* .....Rev 22:18

## WRONG

sinned, we have done *w* ...2 Chr 6:37
sin nor charge God with *w* ..Job 1:22
I cry out concerning *w* .....Job 19:7
not charge them with *w* ....Job 24:12
no one to do them *w* .....Ps 105:14
Do no *w* and do no .....Jer 22:3
I am doing you no *w* .....Matt 20:13
has done nothing *w* .....Luke 23:41
of them suffer *w* .....Acts 7:24
Jews I have done no *w* ....Acts 25:10
Forgive me this *w* .....2 Cor 12:13
But he who does *w* .....Col 3:25

## WRONGDOING

say if they found any *w* ...Acts 24:20

## WRONGED

give it to the one he has *w* ..Num 5:7
have seen how I am *w* .....Lam 3:59
then that God has *w* .....Job 19:6
We have *w* no one .....2 Cor 7:2
But if he has *w* .....Philem 18

## WRONGFULLY

hate me *w* have multiplied ..Ps 38:19
endures grief, suffering *w* ..1 Pet 2:19

## WRONGS

me *w* his own soul .....Prov 8:36

## WROTE

*w* on the tablets the words ..Ex 34:28
of the hand that *w* .....Dan 5:5
stooped down and *w* .....John 8:6

## WROUGHT

And skillfully *w* .....Ps 139:15

## YEAR

first month of the *y* .....Ex 12:2
That fiftieth *y* shall be a ....Lev 25:11
In this *Y* of Jubilee, each ..Lev 25:13
we eat in the seventh *y* ....Lev 25:20
In the *Y* of Jubilee .....Lev 27:24
crown the *y* with Your .....Ps 65:11
the acceptable *y* .....Is 61:2
be his until the *y* .....Ezek 46:17
to Jerusalem every *y* .....Luke 2:41
went alone once a *y* .....Heb 9:7
of sins every *y* .....Heb 10:3

## YEARS

and for days and *y* .....Gen 1:14
Are Your *y* like the .....Job 10:5
*y* should teach .....Job 32:7
I will remember the *y* .....Ps 77:10
For a thousand *y* .....Ps 90:4
lives are seventy *y* .....Ps 90:10
Your *y* are throughout .....Ps 102:24
*y* will have no end .....Ps 102:27
when He was twelve *y* .....Luke 2:42
are not yet fifty *y* .....John 8:57
*y* will not fail .....Heb 1:12
for a thousand *y* .....Rev 20:2
with Him a thousand *y* .....Rev 20:6

## YES

let your 'Y' be 'Y,' .....Matt 5:37
No, but in Him was *Y* .....2 Cor 1:19

## YESTERDAY

For we were born *y* .....Job 8:9
Are like *y* when it is past .....Ps 90:4
Jesus Christ is the same *y* ..Heb 13:8

## YIELD

the land will *y* its fruit .....Lev 25:19
*y* yourselves to the LORD ..2 Chr 30:8
That they may *y* a fruitful ..Ps 107:37
shall *y* her increase .....Ezek 34:27
But do not *y* to them .....Acts 23:21
gentle, willing to *y*, full ...James 3:17

## YIELDED

*y* to intense craving .....Num 11:4
*y* their bodies, that they ....Dan 3:28
good ground and *y* a crop ..Matt 13:8
voice, *y* up His spirit .....Matt 27:50
rich man *y* plentifully ....Luke 12:16

## YIELDS

the herb that *y* seed .....Gen 1:11
of the righteous *y* fruit ....Prov 12:12
it *y* the peaceable .....Heb 12:11

## YOKE

you shall break his *y* .....Gen 27:40
and He will put a *y* .....Deut 28:48
Your father made our *y* ....1 Kin 12:4
You have broken the *y* .....Is 9:4
a man to bear the *y* .....Lam 3:27
Take My *y* upon you .....Matt 11:29
as are under the *y* .....1 Tim 6:1

## YOKED

Do not be unequally *y* .....2 Cor 6:14

## YOU ARE THE CHRIST

answered and said, "*Y* ....Matt 16:16
God: Tell us if *Y* .....Matt 26:63
and said to Him, "*Y* .....Mark 8:29
crying out and saying, "*Y* ..Luke 4:41
If *Y*, tell us .....Luke 22:67
"If *Y*, save Yourself .....Luke 23:39
believe and know that *Y* ...John 6:69
If *Y*, tell us plainly .....John 10:24
Lord I believe that *Y* .....John 11:27

## YOUNG

His flesh shall be *y* .....Job 33:25
I have been *y* .....Ps 37:25
she may lay her *y* .....Ps 84:3
How can a *y* man cleanse ...Ps 119:9
The glory of *y* men is .....Prov 20:29
*y* ones shall lie .....Is 11:7
dream dreams, your *y* .....Joel 2:28
*y* man followed Him .....Mark 14:51
they admonish the *y* .....Titus 2:4
I write to you, *y* .....1 John 2:13

## YOUNGER

they mock at me, men *y* .....Job 30:1
*y* son gathered all .....Luke 15:13
let him be as the *y* .....Luke 22:26
*y* women as sisters .....1 Tim 5:2
Likewise you *y* people .....1 Pet 5:5

## YOURS

all that I have are *y* .....1 Kin 20:4
the battle is not *y* .....2 Chr 20:15
I am *Y*, save me .....Ps 119:94
*Y* is the kingdom .....Matt 6:13
Take what is *y* .....Matt 20:14
*y* is the kingdom .....Luke 6:20
And all Mine are *Y* .....John 17:10
For all things are *y* .....1 Cor 3:21
for I do not seek *y* .....2 Cor 12:14

YOUTH
for he was only a y ..... 1 Sam 17:42
the LORD from my y ..... 1 Kin 18:12
the sins of my y ..... Ps 25:7
the companion of her y .... Prov 2:17
with the wife of your y ..... Prov 5:18
in the days of your y ..... Eccl 11:9
and y are vanity ..... Eccl 11:10
in the days of your y ..... Eccl 12:1
the shame of your y ..... Is 54:4
speak, for I am a y ..... Jer 1:6
Do not say, 'I am a y,' for ..... Jer 1:7
the kindness of your y ..... Jer 2:2
the days of your y ..... Ezek 16:22
with the wife of his y ..... Mal 2:15
I have kept from my y .... Matt 19:20
I have kept from my y .... Mark 10:20
I have kept from my y .... Luke 18:21
the flower of her y ..... 1 Cor 7:36
no one despise your y ..... 1 Tim 4:12

YOUTHFUL
Flee also y lusts ..... 2 Tim 2:22

YOUTHS
perceived among the y ..... Prov 7:7
y shall faint and be ..... Is 40:30

ZACCHAEUS
Wealthy tax collector converted to Christ, Luke 19:1–10

ZACHARIAS
Father of John the Baptist, Luke 1:5–17

ZADOK
Co-priest with Abiathar; remains loyal to David, 2 Sam 15:24–29; 20:25
Rebuked by David, 2 Sam 19:11, 12
Does not follow Adonijah; anoints Solomon, 1 Kin 1:8–45
Takes Abiathar's place, 1 Kin 2:35

ZALMUNNA
Midianite king, Judg 8:4–21

ZAREPHATH
Town of Sidon where Elijah revives widow's son, 1 Kin 17:8–24; Luke 4:26

ZEAL
The z of the LORD of ..... 2 Kin 19:31
z has consumed me ..... Ps 119:139
He shall stir up His z ..... Is 42:13
have spoken it in My z .... Ezek 5:13
for Zion with great z ..... Zech 8:2
"Z for Your house has ..... John 2:17
that they have a z ..... Rom 10:2
z has stirred up the ..... 2 Cor 9:2

ZEALOUS
he was z for his God ..... Num 25:13
"I have been very z ..... 1 Kin 19:10
'I am z for Zion with ..... Zech 8:2
they are all z for the law .. Acts 21:20
since you are z ..... 1 Cor 14:12
But it is good to be z ..... Gal 4:18
z for good works ..... Titus 2:14
Therefore be z and repent .. Rev 3:19

ZEBAH
King of Midian killed by Gideon, Judg 8:4–28

ZEBEDEE
Galilean fisherman; father of James and John, Matt 4:21, 22

ZEBULUN
Sixth son of Jacob and Leah, Gen 30:19, 20
Prophecy concerning, Gen 49:13
—— Tribe of:
Numbered, Num 1:30, 31; 26:27
Territory assigned to, Josh 19:10–16
Joins Gideon in battle, Judg 6:34, 35
Some respond to Hezekiah's reforms, 2 Chr 30:10–18
Christ visits territory of, Matt 4:13–16

ZECHARIAH
King of Israel; last ruler of Jehu's dynasty, 2 Kin 15:8–12
—— Postexilic prophet and priest, Ezra 5:1; Zech 1:1, 7

ZEDEKIAH
Last king of Judah; uncle and successor of Jehoiachin; reigns wickedly, 2 Kin 24:17–19; 2 Chr 36:10
Rebels against Nebuchadnezzar, 2 Chr 36:11–13
Denounced by Jeremiah, Jer 34:1–22
Consults Jeremiah, Jer 37; 38
Captured and taken to Babylon, 2 Kin 25:1–7; Jer 39:1–7

ZELOPHEHAD
Manassite whose five daughters secure female rights, Num 27:1–7

ZEPHANIAH
Author of Zephaniah, Zeph 1:1
—— Priest and friend of Jeremiah during Zedekiah's reign, Jer 21:1

ZERUBBABEL
Descendant of David, 1 Chr 3:1–19
Leader of Jewish exiles, Neh 7:6, 7; Hag 2:21–23
Rebuilds the temple, Ezra 3:1–10; Zech 4:1–14

ZIBA
Saul's servant, 2 Sam 9:9
Befriends David, 2 Sam 16:1–4
Accused of deception by Mephibosheth, 2 Sam 19:17–30

ZIKLAG
City on the border of Judah, Josh 15:1, 31
Held by David, 1 Sam 27:6
Overthrown by Amalekites, 1 Sam 30:1–31

ZILPAH
Leah's maid, Gen 29:24
Mother of Gad and Asher, Gen 30:9–13

ZIMRI
Simeonite prince slain by Phinehas, Num 25:6–14
—— King of Israel for seven days, 1 Kin 16:8–20

ZIN
Wilderness through which the Israelites passed, Num 20:1
Border between Judah and Edom, Josh 15:1–3

ZION
Literally, an area in Jerusalem; called the City of David, 2 Sam 5:6–9; 2 Chr 5:2
Used figuratively of God's kingdom, Ps 125:1; Heb 12:22; Rev 14:1
City of David, which is Z ... 1 Kin 8:1
City of David, which is Z ... 2 Chr 5:2
the LORD, who dwells in Z .... Ps 9:11
Is Mount Z on the sides of .... Ps 48:2
in Your good pleasure to Z .. Ps 51:18
God will save Z and build ... Ps 69:35
And of Z it will be said ..... Ps 87:5
the LORD shall build up Z .. Ps 102:16
the name of the LORD in Z .. Ps 102:21
back the captivity of Z ..... Ps 126:1
the LORD has chosen Z ..... Ps 132:13
when we remembered Z ..... Ps 137:1
Z shall be redeemed with ..... Is 1:27
For out of Z shall go forth ..... Is 2:3
My people, who dwell in Z ... Is 10:24
shout, O Inhabitant of Z ..... Is 12:6
hosts will reign on Mount Z .. Is 24:23
I lay in Z a stone for a ..... Is 28:16
down to fight for Mount Z .... Is 31:4
come to Z with singing ..... Is 35:10
virgin, the daughter of Z ..... Is 37:22
I will place salvation in Z .... Is 46:13
the LORD will comfort Z..... Is 51:3
come to Z with singing ..... Is 51:11
Redeemer will come to Z .... Is 59:20
Z of the Holy One of Israel .. Is 60:14
Arise, and let us go up to Z .. Jer 31:6
to be forgotten in Z ..... Lam 2:6
Blow the trumpet in Z ..... Joel 2:1
for the LORD dwells in Z .... Joel 3:21
on Mount Z there shall be ... Obad 17
For out of Z the law shall .... Mic 4:2
Sing, O daughter of Z ..... Zeph 3:14
LORD will gain comfort Z .. Zech 1:17
rejoice, O daughter of Z .... Zech 2:10
Fear not, daughter of Z ... John 12:15
in Z a stumbling stone ..... Rom 9:33
will come out of Z ..... Rom 11:26
Behold, I lay in Z a chief .... 1 Pet 2:6

ZIPPORAH
Daughter of Jethro; wife of Moses, Ex 18:1, 2

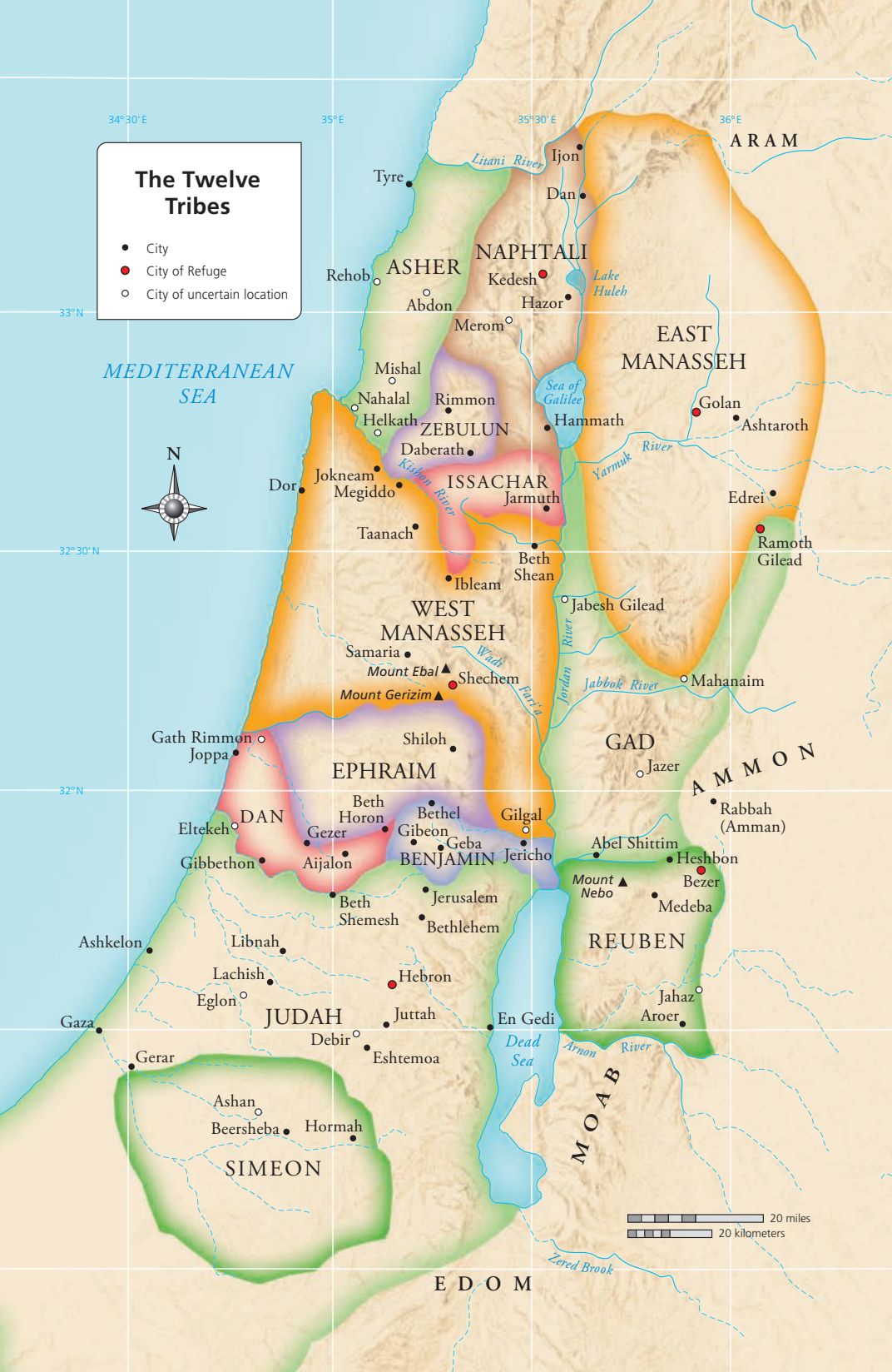
ZOAR
Ancient city of Canaan originally named Bela, Gen 14:2, 8
Spared destruction at Lot's request, Gen 19:20–23

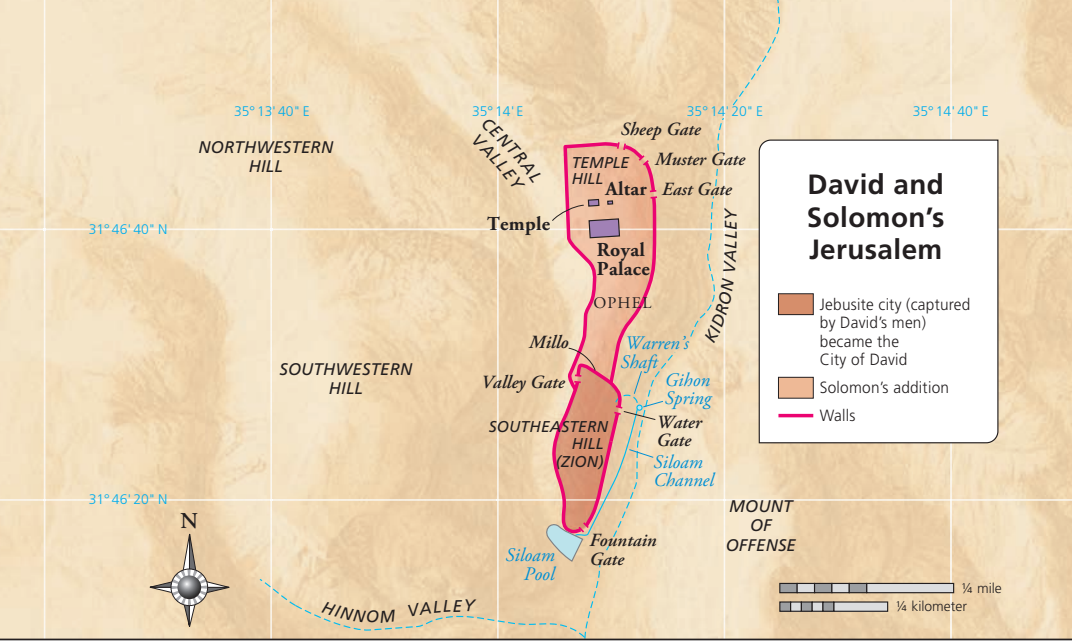
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Naamathite; friend of Job, Job 2:11

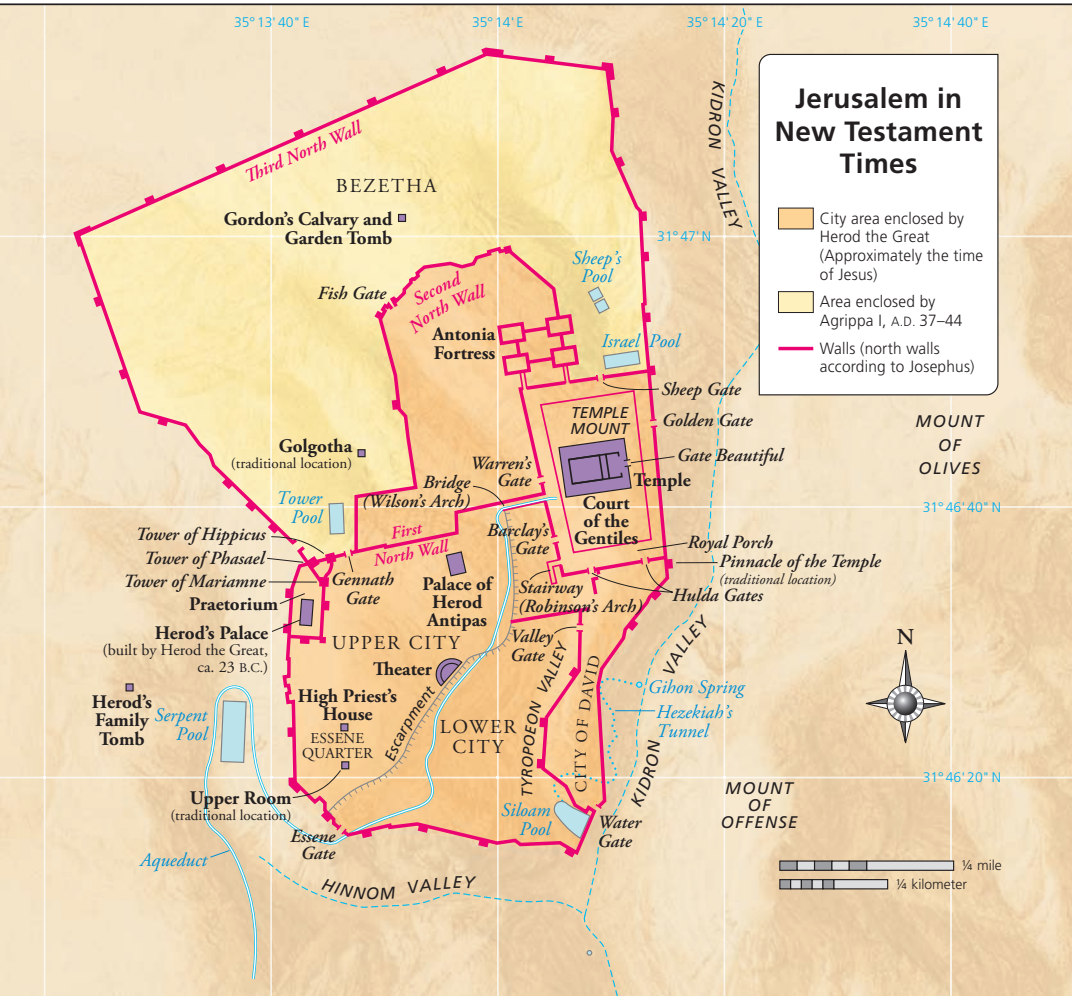

BLACK SEA
30°E
40°E
50°E
40°N
30°N
CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS
PONTUS MOUNTAINS
AEGEAN SEA
ANATOLIA
TURKEY
Hattusa
Halys R.
Kanesh
Lake Tuz
Mount Ararat
Araxes (Aras) R.
Lake Van
Lake Urmia
TAURUS MOUNTAINS
Carchemish
Balikh R.
Haran
Tigris River
Nineveh
ZAGROS MOUNTAINS
IRAN
Alalakh
Aleppo
Ebla
Crete
Ugarit
Cyprus
Hamath
SYRIA
Euphrates River
Asshur
MESOPOTAMIA
Tadmor
Mari
Diyala R.
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Byblos
LEBANON
Sidon
Damascus
Kirkhar R.
Agade
Babylon
IRAQ
Shechem
Bethel
Jordan R.
Rabbah (Amman)
ISRAEL
Jerusalem
Gaza
Hebron
SYRIAN DESERT
Gerar
Zoan (Tanis)
Dead Sea
Larsa
Ur
Beersheba
JORDAN
Kadesh Barnea
On (Heliopolis)
Noph (Memphis)
SINAI PENINSULA
Ezion Geber
EGYPT
PERSIAN GULF
N
AN-NAFUD
SAUDI ARABIA
RED SEA
Nile River
300 miles
300 kilometers
SAHARA
The World of the Patriarchs
Old Babylonian Empire, c. 1750 B.C.
Egyptian Empire, c. 1492 B.C.
Hittite Empire, c. 1350 B.C.
Abraham's route
City of uncertain location
EGYPT Modern name

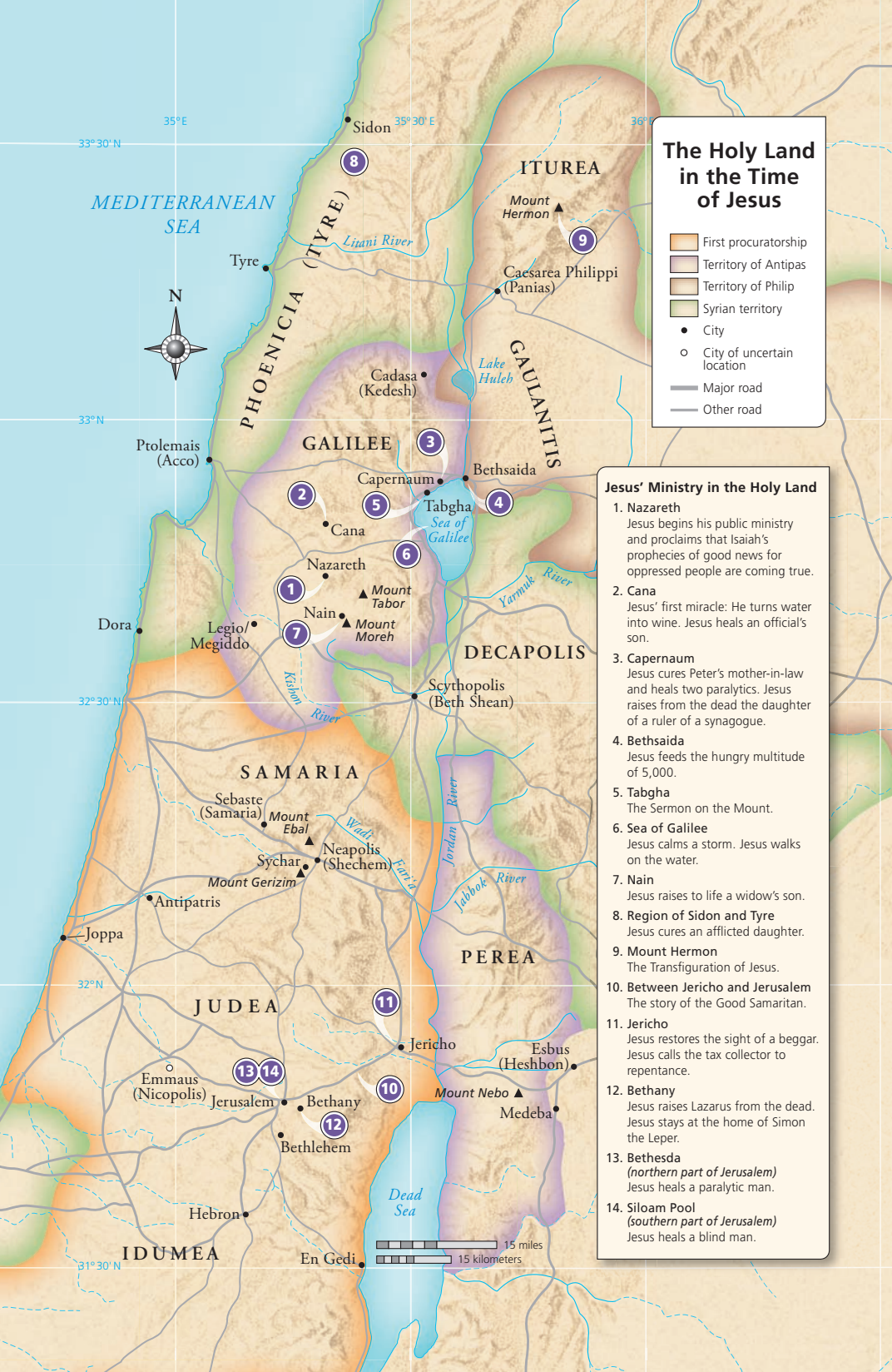

MEDITERRANEAN SEA
AMMON
32°E
34°E
36°E
Jordan River
Mount Nebo
CANAAN
Dead Sea
MOAB
Zoar
Sile
Raamses
GOSHEN
Succoth
Pithom
Lake Timsah
Great Bitter Lake
Little Bitter Lake
Kadesh Barnea
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Punon
EDOM
EGYPT
On (Heliopolis)
30°N
Noph (Memphis)
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
Ezion Geber
SINAI
Nile River
WILDERNESS OF SIN
Gulf of Suez
Gulf of Aqaba
MIDIAN
N
Rephidim
Mount Sinai (Jebel Musa)
28°N
RED SEA
The Exodus from Egypt
Traditional route
Alternate routes of Red Sea crossing
City
City of uncertain location
Mountain peak
50 miles
50 kilometers

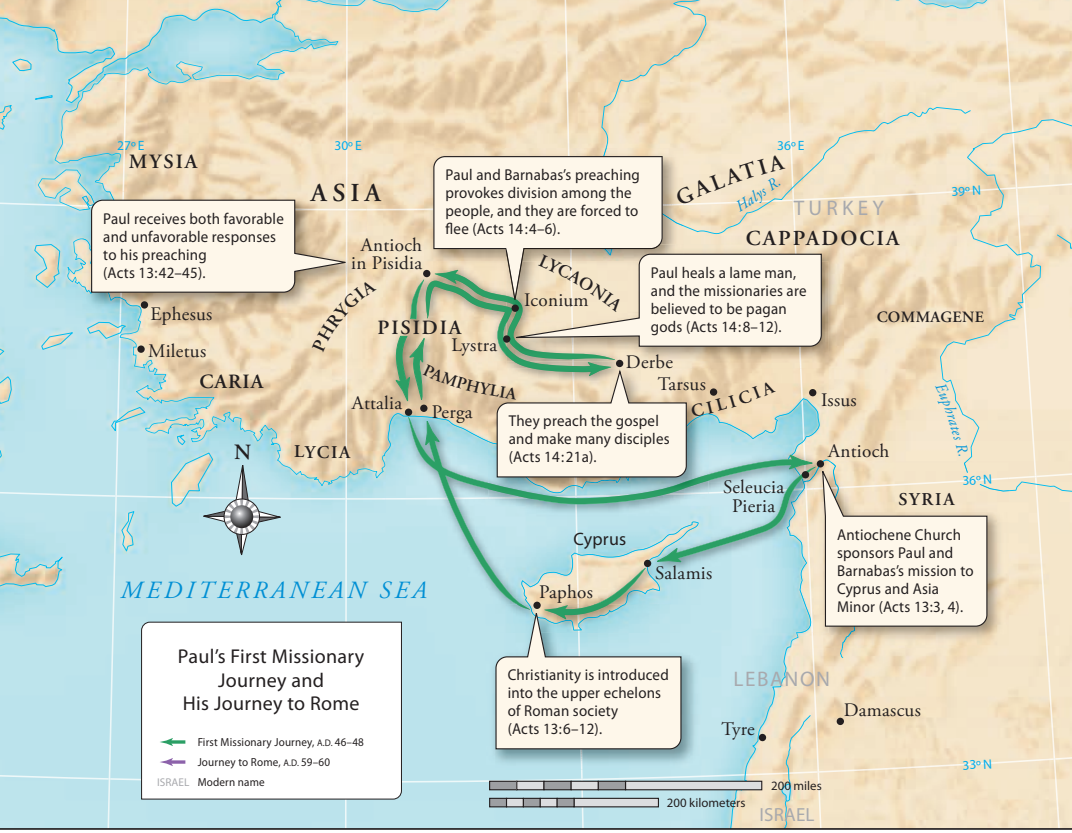

The Conquest of Canaan
City
City of uncertain location
Route from Kadesh Barnea
Advance through Canaan and beyond
Battle
City attacked
City burned
Unconquered city
35° E
35° 30' E
33° N
32° 30' N
32° N
31° 30' N
N
Tyre
Litani River
Dan
PHOENICIA
Achzib
Kedesh
Lake Huleh
Hazor
Merom
Beth Anath
Capernaum
Acco
Sea of Galilee
GALILEE
Achshaph
Yarmuk River
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Kishon River
Megiddo
Dor
Edrei
Ramoth Gilead
Taanach
Beth Shean
Dothan
Ibleam
SAMARIA
Jabesh Gilead
Jordan River
Samaria
Mount Ebal
Wadi Far'a
Jabbok River
Mahanaim
Mount Gerizim
Shechem
GILEAD
Shiloh
Jazer
AMMON
Bethel
Ai
Rabbath (Amman)
Gilgal
Gezer
Gibeon
Aijalon
Jericho
Abel Shittim
Heshbon
Ashdod
Ekron
Beth Shemesh
Jerusalem
Mount Nebo
Medeba
Jarmuth
Bethlehem
Gath
Libnah
Mareshah
Jahaz
Lachish
Eglon
Hebron
Aroer
Makkedah
Debir
En Gedi
Dead Sea
Arnon River
MOAB
Arad
Beersheba
Hormah
20 miles
20 kilometers
4. In a northern thrust, Joshua moves from Gilgal and pushes the Canaanites beyond Tyre. The city of Hazor is burned (Josh. 11).
2. Joshua takes Ai in his second attempt (Josh. 7–8).
3. Joshua makes peace with Gibeon, then moves through the valley of Aijalon and defeats the five Amorite kings (Josh. 9–10).
1. Upon crossing the Jordan, Joshua camps awhile at Gilgal, then moves to take Jericho (Josh. 1–6).
Although Joshua was successful militarily, this area lay beyond Israel's permanent control (Judg. 1:17–20).


The Twelve Tribes
City
City of Refuge
City of uncertain location
34°30' E
35° E
35°30' E
36° E
33° N
32°30' N
32° N
N
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
ARAM
Litani River
Tyre
Ijon
Dan
NAPHTALI
ASHER
Rehob
Kedesh
Lake Huleh
Abdon
Hazor
Merom
EAST MANASSEH
Mishal
Sea of Galilee
Golan
Nahalal
Rimmon
Helkath
ZEBULUN
Hammath
Ashtaroth
Daberath
Yarmuk River
Kishon River
Dor
Jokneam
Megiddo
ISSACHAR
Jarmuth
Edrei
Taanach
Ramoth Gilead
Beth Shean
Ibleam
Jabesh Gilead
WEST MANASSEH
Samaria
Wadi Far'a
Jordan River
Mount Ebal
Shechem
Jabbok River
Mahanaim
Mount Gerizim
Gath Rimmon
Joppa
Shiloh
GAD
EPHRAIM
Jazer
AMMON
Beth Horon
Bethel
Gilgal
Rabbah (Amman)
Eltekeh
DAN
Gezer
Gibeon
Geba
Abel Shittim
Heshbon
Gibbethon
Aijalon
BENJAMIN
Jericho
Mount Nebo
Bezer
Beth Shemesh
Jerusalem
Medeba
Bethlehem
Ashkelon
Libnah
REUBEN
Lachish
Hebron
Jahaz
Eglon
Gaza
JUDAH
Juttah
En Gedi
Aroer
Debir
Dead Sea
Arnon River
Gerar
Eshtemoa
MOAB
Ashan
Beersheba
Hormah
SIMEON
20 miles
20 kilometers
Zered Brook
EDOM


35° 13' 40" E
35° 14' E
35° 14' 20" E
35° 14' 40" E
NORTHWESTERN HILL
CENTRAL VALLEY
Sheep Gate
TEMPLE HILL
Muster Gate
Altar
East Gate
Temple
Royal Palace
OPHEL
KIDRON VALLEY
31° 46' 40" N
Millo
Warren's Shaft
SOUTHWESTERN HILL
Valley Gate
Gihon Spring
SOUTHEASTERN HILL (ZION)
Water Gate
Siloam Channel
31° 46' 20" N
MOUNT OF OFFENSE
N
Siloam Pool
Fountain Gate
HINNOM VALLEY
¼ mile
¼ kilometer
David and Solomon's Jerusalem
Jebusite city (captured by David's men) became the City of David
Solomon's addition
Walls


35° 13' 40" E
35° 14' E
35° 14' 20" E
35° 14' 40" E
Third North Wall
BEZETHA
KIDRON VALLEY
Gordon's Calvary and Garden Tomb
31° 47' N
Sheep's Pool
Fish Gate
Second North Wall
Antonia Fortress
Israel Pool
Sheep Gate
TEMPLE MOUNT
Golden Gate
MOUNT OF OLIVES
Golgotha (traditional location)
Warren's Gate
Gate Beautiful
Bridge (Wilson's Arch)
Temple
Tower Pool
Court of the Gentiles
31° 46' 40" N
Tower of Hippicus
First North Wall
Barclay's Gate
Royal Porch
Tower of Phasael
Pinnacle of the Temple (traditional location)
Tower of Mariamne
Gennath Gate
Palace of Herod Antipas
Hulda Gates
Praetorium
Stairway (Robinson's Arch)
Herod's Palace (built by Herod the Great, ca. 23 B.C.)
UPPER CITY
Valley Gate
Theater
Gihon Spring
Herod's Family Tomb
Serpent Pool
High Priest's House
Escarpment
LOWER CITY
TYROPOEON VALLEY
CITY OF DAVID
KIDRON VALLEY
Hezekiah's Tunnel
ESSENE QUARTER
31° 46' 20" N
Upper Room (traditional location)
Siloam Pool
Water Gate
MOUNT OF OFFENSE
Essene Gate
Aqueduct
HINNOM VALLEY
¼ mile
¼ kilometer
Jerusalem in New Testament Times
City area enclosed by Herod the Great (Approximately the time of Jesus)
Area enclosed by Agrippa I, A.D. 37–44
Walls (north walls according to Josephus)


The Holy Land in the Time of Jesus
First procuratorship
Territory of Antipas
Territory of Philip
Syrian territory
City
City of uncertain location
Major road
Other road
Jesus' Ministry in the Holy Land
1. Nazareth
Jesus begins his public ministry and proclaims that Isaiah's prophecies of good news for oppressed people are coming true.
2. Cana
Jesus' first miracle: He turns water into wine. Jesus heals an official's son.
3. Capernaum
Jesus cures Peter's mother-in-law and heals two paralytics. Jesus raises from the dead the daughter of a ruler of a synagogue.
4. Bethsaida
Jesus feeds the hungry multitude of 5,000.
5. Tabgha
The Sermon on the Mount.
6. Sea of Galilee
Jesus calms a storm. Jesus walks on the water.
7. Nain
Jesus raises to life a widow's son.
8. Region of Sidon and Tyre
Jesus cures an afflicted daughter.
9. Mount Hermon
The Transfiguration of Jesus.
10. Between Jericho and Jerusalem
The story of the Good Samaritan.
11. Jericho
Jesus restores the sight of a beggar. Jesus calls the tax collector to repentance.
12. Bethany
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus stays at the home of Simon the Leper.
13. Bethesda
(northern part of Jerusalem)
Jesus heals a paralytic man.
14. Siloam Pool
(southern part of Jerusalem)
Jesus heals a blind man.
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
PHOENICIA (TYRE)
ITUREA
GAULANITIS
GALILEE
SAMARIA
DECAPOLIS
PEREA
JUDEA
IDUMEA
Sidon
Tyre
Litani River
Mount Hermon
Caesarea Philippi (Panias)
Cadasa (Kedesh)
Lake Huleh
Ptolemais (Acco)
Capernaum
Bethsaida
Tabgha
Sea of Galilee
Cana
Nazareth
Mount Tabor
Nain
Mount Moreh
Dora
Legio/ Megiddo
Yarmuk River
Kishon River
Scythopolis (Beth Shean)
Sebaste (Samaria)
Mount Ebal
Wadi Far'a
Neapolis (Shechem)
Sychar
Mount Gerizim
Jordan River
Jabbok River
Antipatris
Joppa
Jericho
Esbus (Heshbon)
Emmaus (Nicopolis)
Jerusalem
Bethany
Mount Nebo
Medeba
Bethlehem
Dead Sea
Hebron
En Gedi
15 miles
15 kilometers
N
35° E
35° 30' E
36°
33° 30' N
33° N
32° 30' N
32° N
31° 30' N


MYSIA
ASIA
GALATIA
TURKEY
CAPPADOCIA
Halys R.
Paul and Barnabas's preaching provokes division among the people, and they are forced to flee (Acts 14:4–6).
Paul receives both favorable and unfavorable responses to his preaching (Acts 13:42–45).
Antioch in Pisidia
LYCAONIA
Iconium
Paul heals a lame man, and the missionaries are believed to be pagan gods (Acts 14:8–12).
Ephesus
PHRYGIA
PISIDIA
Lystra
COMMAGENE
Miletus
Derbe
CARIA
PAMPHYLIA
Tarsus
CILICIA
Issus
Euphrates R.
Attalia
Perga
They preach the gospel and make many disciples (Acts 14:21a).
N
LYCIA
Antioch
Seleucia Pieria
SYRIA
Antiochene Church sponsors Paul and Barnabas's mission to Cyprus and Asia Minor (Acts 13:3, 4).
Cyprus
Salamis
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Paphos
Paul's First Missionary Journey and His Journey to Rome
First Missionary Journey, A.D. 46–48
Journey to Rome, A.D. 59–60
ISRAEL Modern name
Christianity is introduced into the upper echelons of Roman society (Acts 13:6–12).
LEBANON
Damascus
Tyre
200 miles
200 kilometers
ISRAEL


ITALIA
Paul is under house arrest for two years. But he is able to preach the kingdom of God to those who visit (Acts 28:16; 28:30, 31).
Rome
Three Inns
Appii Forum
Puteoli
Paul takes courage from the fact that believers from Rome have come to greet him (Acts 28:15).
N
BLACK SEA
THRACE
Byzantium
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
TYRRHENIAN SEA
EPIRUS
GREECE
MYSIA
GALATIA
Halys R.
TURKEY
IONIAN SEA
AEGEAN SEA
ASIA
LYDIA
Ephesus
PHRYGIA
Antioch in Pisidia
LYCAONIA
CAPPADOCIA
Delphi
Sicily
Rhegium
PISIDIA
Iconium
COMMAGENE
Syracuse
Corinth
Athens
ACHAIA
Sparta
Miletus
CARIA
LYCIA
PAMPHYLIA
CILICIA
Tarsus
Issus
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Malta
Cnidus
Myra
Antioch
Crete
Phoenix
Salmone
Cyprus
SYRIA
Fair Havens
LEBANON
Tyre
Sidon
Damascus
The vessel runs aground on a reef, but everyone makes it to shore on Malta (Acts 27:41–44). Paul is bitten by a viper, and when he does not die, he is believed to be a god (Acts 28:3–6).
A tempestuous wind forces the vessel to be adrift for 14 days. (Acts 27:14–27). Paul serves as a Christian pastor to the crew during this crisis (Acts 27:33–38).
Paul appeals for a trial in Caesar's court and is promised that opportunity (Acts 25:10–12). He might have been freed had he not appealed (Acts 26:32). He is put aboard a vessel bound for the coast of Asia (Acts 27:2).
Caesarea
ISRAEL
Jerusalem
Jordan R.
Dead Sea
JUDEA
JORDAN
NABATEA
EGYPT
200 miles
200 kilometers